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The Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K Kicks Off the 2017 Chicago St. Patrick's Day Celebration With Early Registration Launch, Addition of Walk
Runners Who Register Early Will Save!

CHICAGO – Registration for the 2017 Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K opens today at 10 a.m. Central Time. The classic road race is an annual tradition for runners looking to continue the St. Patrick's Day celebration in Chicago with a green-infused fun run through the heart of downtown. And for the first time this year's event will feature a two-mile walk.

The 2017 event will be held on Sunday, April 2, and will welcome thousands of runners on a one-of-a-kind 8K (4.97 mile) course that weaves its way through Chicago's Loop, starting and finishing in Grant Park. Runners interested in participating in the run are encouraged to sign up early and save. Those who sign up during the first week of registration will receive a \$40 discounted entry fee. After September 20, the race entry fee will increase to \$45 and continue to increase until the race has reached its capacity. Runners can register online at shamrockshuffle.com.

"The Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K is an event that is a true reflection of the Chicago running community," said Executive Race Director Carey Pinkowski. "Each year, we see the excitement of individuals as they line up at the start line, ready to take on their first road race, tackle a new PR or find a healthy way to continue the St. Patrick's Day celebration with their family and friends. The celebration will be here before we know it – it's never too early to think green!"

An untimed two-mile walk marks a new addition to the 2017 event. Walkers will enjoy a scenic course along Chicago's lakefront, starting and finishing in the same location as the 8K run. The walk will be \$35, and registration will close once the event has reached its 1,500-person capacity. Individuals interested in participating in the walk can register at shamrockshuffle.com.

In its 38th year, the Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K continues to be a popular event for local fitness enthusiasts. What started as a small, local race is now a spring tradition and one of Chicago's iconic running celebrations. Its popularity and size is a tribute to the passion and spirit of the Chicago running community, with more than 90

percent of Shamrock Shuffle participants hailing from Chicago and the surrounding suburbs.

The Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K welcomes participants of all ability levels, from runners who are beginning their annual running and fitness regimen to seasoned veterans targeting the 40th anniversary of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon in the fall. The Shamrock Shuffle also hosts the popular Deloitte Team Competition at both the elite and non-elite levels. The end result is a fun-filled race experience that celebrates running and fitness in Chicago.

About the Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K

Long recognized as an annual rite of spring, a celebration of St. Patrick's Day and the kickoff to the outdoor running season in Chicago, the 38th annual Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K takes runners on a scenic tour of downtown Chicago, starting and finishing in Grant Park. The race will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 2, and will conclude with live music at the traditional Post-Race Party in Grant Park. In advance of the event, the two-day Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K Health & Fitness Expo will take place at McCormick Place on Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1, featuring more than 80 industry-related exhibitors. The Health & Fitness Expo is free and open to the public. For more information about the event and how to get involved, go to www.shamrockshuffle.com.

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