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The Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K Celebrates Halfway to St. Patrick's Day With Launch of Registration

The First 8,000 Runners to Register Will Receive a Discounted Entry

CHICAGO – Registration for the 2016 Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K opens today at 1 p.m. Central Time. The classic road race is an annual tradition for runners looking to continue the essence of the St. Patrick's Day celebration with a fun run through the heart of Chicago. The 2016 race will be held on Sunday, April 3, and will welcome thousands runners on a one-of-a-kind course that weaves its way through Chicago's Loop, starting and finishing in Grant Park. The first 8,000 runners to sign up for the race will receive a \$40 discounted entry. Once the 8,000-runner limit is reached the registration fee will increase to \$50. Runners can register online at shamrockshuffle.com.

In its 37th year, the Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K continues to be a popular race for area runners. What started as a small local event is now one of Chicago's favorite running celebrations. Its popularity and size is a tribute to the enthusiasm and spirit of the city's 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 is truly a unique Chicago tradition," said Executive Race Director Carey Pinkowski. "We're excited to give runners a fun reason year after year to break their hibernation, lace up their running shoes and stay healthy and active following the St. Patrick's Day celebration."

The Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K welcomes participants of all ability levels who are beginning their annual running and fitness regimen, from runners participating in their first road race to those targeting 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 37th 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 3, 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, April 1, and Saturday, April 2, 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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