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Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K Events Schedule & Media Credentials

*A Talented Field of Elite Athletes Get Ready to Lead the Way as 25,000 Chicago Area Runners
Welcome Spring with Annual St. Patrick's Day Tradition*

CHICAGO - The start of Chicago's spring running season will begin on Sunday March 25 when the 39th annual Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K kicks off at 8:30 a.m. in Grant Park. The classic road race is an annual tradition for runners looking to continue the St. Patrick's Day celebration with a green infused 8K run and two-mile walk through the heart of downtown.

Defending champion Stephen Sambu (Tucson, Ariz.) will headline this year's field, returning to the streets of Chicago on Sunday to go for a record breaking four consecutive victories. Sambu defended his Shamrock Shuffle 8K title in 2017 with a commanding performance, finishing in 22:47. The 2018 field also features local elite Kristen Heckert, Laura Thweatt (Boulder, Colo.), Andrew Colley (Lenoir, N.C.) and several standouts from Michigan powerhouse Hansons-Brooks Distance Project. The Deloitte Elite Club Competition will feature more than 50 teams from across the U.S. that will fight for the championship title and a \$20,000 prize purse.

Following in the footsteps of the elite athletes at the front of the field will be 25,000 Chicago area runners, including Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle executive race director Carey Pinkowski. He will be running the event for the first time since 1988 on behalf of the American Cancer Society. Three decades later, he is looking forward to participating with thousands of individuals eager to celebrate the opening of the Chicago outdoor running season.

In advance of the event, a two-day Packet Pick-up will take place at McCormick Place on Friday, March 23, and Saturday, March 24. Packet Pick-up is free and open to the public.

For ease, and to assist in the race's sustainable efforts, runners and spectators are encouraged to take public transportation throughout race weekend. For more information on public transportation [click here](#) and to view race day street closures visit shamrockshuffle.com/streetclosures.



- WHAT:** Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle
- WHERE:** Grant Park - Start line at Columbus & Monroe
- WHEN:** Sunday, March 25
- 8:30 a.m.
Wave 1 Start
- 9:00 a.m.
Wave 2 Start
- 9:30 a.m.
2 Mile Walk Start
- 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Post-Race Party in Grant Park featuring Sixteen Candles
- 2:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
After Party at Scout Waterhouse and Kitchen
- HOW:** Media credentials to cover the Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K can be requested [here](#). Credentials provide access to a start line media riser and finish line photo/video corral.
- Download the 2018 Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K media guide(.pdf) for additional race information.

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 39th 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, March 25, and will conclude with live music at the traditional Post-Race Party in Grant Park. In advance of the event, the two-day packet pickup will take place at McCormick Place on Friday, March 23 and Saturday, March 24. For more information about the event and how to get involved, go to www.shamrockshuffle.com.

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