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Over 400 Runners Slated for Mesquite Marathon Saturday

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The Mesquite Marathon Saturday will begin on Highway 91 in Utah before winding through Arizona and ending at the CasaBlanca Event.

A giant bonus prize fund of \$5,000 provided by the Mesquite Resort Association is attracting huge interest for the third annual Mesquite Tri-State Marathon scheduled through three states Saturday, Nov. 19.

The prestigious marathon is expected to draw over 400 runners in one of Mesquite's most colorful events. The race includes a wide variety of terrain including long stretches and hilly areas creating a very challenging layout.

The marathon begins at 7 a.m. on Highway 91 in Utah. From there, the runners head south to Old Mill Road before crossing Mesquite Boulevard to Riverside Road. From there, the runners will turn on to Smokey Lane; cross

Pulsipher Road and finally ending inside the CasaBlanca Event center.

The Mesquite Police Department will monitor the event. Business owners and the drivers of automobiles should be cautious of the event which is expected to last about six hours.

The marathon course which was modified from previous years is certified by the Boston Marathon to meet guidelines which enable participants to qualify for the legendary East Coast event each year.

The Mesquite Marathon is part of the giant Victory of the Valleys schedule that also includes the Valley of Fire Marathon Sunday south of Mesquite.

Competitors are expected from California, Idaho, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Nevada, Massachusetts, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

The 2010 Mesquite Marathon was won by Salt Lake City's Fritz Van de Kamp who had a time of 2 hours, 33.27 minutes to earn first-place money of \$1,500.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the marathon runs should email race organizer Debra Bowling at mesquitemarathon@live.com.

Further information can also be found by visiting www.mesquitemarathon.com; or by calling Mesquite Gaming Sporting Event Manager Christian Adderson at 888-711-4653, ext. 51.