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Military Recreation: Last chance to join Joint Special Operations 10k run

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The website for the Special Operations Communicators Association contains a list of raves for the organization's annual Joint Special Operations 10k.

One comment succinctly sums the race up this way: "If it's not raining, cold and muddy, It's not the JSO 10k."

If that sounds like your kind of race, sign up pronto.

Registration for the 16th annual Joint Special Operations 10k Run/5k Walk closes today.

Racers have until midnight to preregister for the event, which is scheduled for a 10 a.m. start Nov. 10 at McKellar's Lodge on Fort Bragg.

Online registration is available through active.com by searching for the race name. The cost to participate is \$30.

Same-day registration will be available between 6 and 7:30 a.m, but it's advisable to register early to avoid a rush and guarantee a spot in the race.

The annual race is sponsored by the SOCA and is one of two annual fundraising events held by the organization, which also hosts a golf tournament each spring.

The JSO 10k is wildly popular, drawing a race record of 980 participants last year, according to the SOCA's website.

The field will be capped at 1,000 runners this year, so save a spot early.

You can avoid the lines for race packet pickup, as well, by taking advantage of early pickup Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. at Sports USA and Friday from noon to 3 p.m. at Dick's Sporting Goods on Skibo Road.

The 10k route is a USA Track and Field certified cross-country course, and participants can expect to run on sand, mud and rocks along the way.

The race is open to anyone - military or civilian - of any age, but pets are not allowed. Sturdy jogging strollers are OK, but street strollers won't cut it in the terrain. Children who are carried or in a stroller don't have to register.

Only 10k runners will be timed using electronic timing bibs. Walkers on the 5k route will not be timed.

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