



42nd Annual Athens to Atlanta Road Skate

Dates: Sat.-Sun., October 19-20, 2024

87/38 mi. Start: The Classic Center, N. Thomas/E. Hancock, Athens GA

49 mi. Start: 2493 2nd. Ave., Dacula, GA

What is the Athens to Atlanta Event?

Athens to Atlanta is the oldest and most famous road skate in America. Starting in Athens, Georgia, participants skate through beautiful country roads and quiet suburbia before navigating city streets and triumphantly crossing the 87-mile finish line. This year, we will once again be finishing at David T. Howard Middle School.

The course is challenging and requires experienced skating ability, courage, and stamina. Skaters who may not be ready for the whole 87 miles may opt for the 38-mile event, which also starts in Athens and finishes in Dacula, or the 49-mile event, which starts in Dacula and ends in Atlanta. Both inline and quad skaters are welcome and anyone from 8 to 108 years old may enter.

Warm Up with a Fun 10K Before the Main Road Skate

Back for its third year, we are excited to announce the Athens to Atlanta Inline/Quad 10K, on Saturday, October 19, 2024! The purpose of this 10K skate is to celebrate fitness, fun, and family by creating an accessible outdoor inline/quad skating event, with emphasis on giving kids and newer skaters an outlet to participate in an outdoor skating event. Cost is \$35 pre-reg, \$45 day-of, or \$20 add-on for 38/49/87-mile skaters.

The event stages in Athens, GA on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at Oconee Heights Baptist Church (4180 Old Jefferson Rd., Athens, GA 30607), just a few miles away from downtown Athens. Skaters will start on Old Jefferson River Rd, traverse the 10K loop clockwise, and end on Old Jefferson Road in front of the church. The course boasts smooth, skateable roads. The course will be on low-traffic open roads, but the start/finish will be closed to traffic. Start time is 10:00 a.m. SHARP.

What's It Like?

A famous American tradition, Athens to Atlanta combines the beauty of northern Georgia, the friendliness of the skating community, and the rigors of distance skating. It is more than a road skate; it's the defining outdoor skating event in America.

Whether you elect the 10K, 38-, 49-, or 87-mile and skate on inline or quads, the Event allows you to skate for time, for the

challenge of finishing, or for the friendship of spending the day with people from all over the world. No matter what your goal, ALL participants skate to earn their highly coveted A2A finisher's mug!

The 49-mile skaters start at the 38-mile finish in Dacula, GA. Start time for the 49-mile event is 9:30 a.m., typically just after the first 38-mile finishers arrive! The course picks up where the 38-mile course left off, rolling along the 87-mile route.

The A2A course is highlighted by the transition from rural Georgia to quiet suburbs. The famous downhill at Silver Hill, where skaters can hit speeds above 45 m.p.h., precedes Checkpoint 5 at approximately 70 miles. Urban skating dominates the rest of the way as skaters pass through Atlanta's in-town neighborhoods on their way to the finish line at David T. Howard Middle School.

Open to Quad Skaters

Athens to Atlanta started as an all-quad event. Quad skaters have always been welcome and always will be. We recommend that you set up your quad skates for road skating with a rear brake for the down hills and softer road wheels. Contact A2A sponsor RollATL if you need help (www.rollatl.com).

Four Distance Options Available: 87, 49, or 38 miles, and the Saturday 10K

As described above, the 10K will run the day before on Saturday, October 19. On the main event day, Sunday, October 20th, you have three distance options. The 38-mile event starts in Athens and ends in the rural town of Dacula, GA, or you can choose to skate the full 87 mile route, which ends at David T. Howard Middle School in Atlanta. The 49-mile event starts in Dacula, GA and ends at David T. Howard Middle School.

For More Information

An information packet detailing the event, the course, activities, etc. will be made available to each registrant in Athens at the packet pickup. E-mail us with any remaining questions at registration@a2a.net, or visit us on the internet at www.a2a.net, or Facebook/Instagram: [@athens2atlanta](https://www.facebook.com/athens2atlanta).

2024 Athens to Atlanta Schedule

Friday, October 18: Friday Night Skate: Meet at 12th and Piedmont Road at 6:30 p.m. for a recreational skate. Return to Willy's Mexicana Grill at 9 p.m.. Helmets required, wrist protection and lights strongly recommended. The skate leaves at 7:00 p.m. SHARP.

Friday Night Bus to Athens: Leaves 12th and Piedmont Road after the Friday Night Skate. Reservations are required. Cost: \$40.00 (See www.a2a.net to reserve a seat.)

Saturday, October 19: 10K, Packet Pickup, Mandatory Meeting: The 10K stages in Athens at Oconee Heights Baptist Church (4180 Old Jefferson Rd., Athens, GA, 30607) starting at 8:30 a.m. 10K packet pickup & late 10K registration is open from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. The parking lot closes at 9:30 a.m.; event starts at 10:00 a.m. Awards are held directly after the event at 11:30 a.m. *No packet pickup for Sunday events are available at the 10K.*

Packet pickup and Late Registration for Sunday events (38/49/87 mi.) is from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Classic Center, Ligotti Room, in downtown Athens, in the Foundry Street back building. *No packet pickup will be available on Sunday morning.*

Mandatory Skaters & Drivers meeting for Sunday events (87/49/38 mi.): Meet at the Classic Center (Ligotti Room) at 6:00 p.m. Last minute route changes may be announced.

Sunday, October 20: The 87- and 38-mile skates start at 7:00 a.m. SHARP in front of the Classic Center (restrooms available inside). Do NOT arrive at 7:01 – we are already gone! The 49-mile skaters will start at 9:30 a.m. in Dacula, leaving from 2493 2nd. Ave.

The Baggage Truck will be at the Classic Center from 6:00 to 7:00 a.m. 38-mile skaters must mark their bags for the 38-mile finish. Any remaining bags at the end of the 38-mile event will be taken to David T. Howard Middle School. Any bags still not claimed by 4:30 p.m. will be at the Awards area from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Checkpoints will have water and fruit. If you have a special food/drink you want at different checkpoints, checkpoint boxes will be at the Expo on Saturday from 3-7 p.m. and in front of the Classic Center until 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Place your food items in a bag marked with your name and place it in the box marked with the checkpoint number where you want your bag to be. Checkpoints 1 and 2 are on the first 38 miles, checkpoint 3 is at the 38-mile finish, and checkpoints 4, 5, and 6 are on the remaining part of the course. It is your responsibility to retrieve your own items at these checkpoints.

Finish Line in Dacula: Skaters begin to arrive at 9:00 a.m. No bus transportation provided; plan your own arrangements. Finisher mugs are available at the finishing tent. You may also pick yours up in Atlanta at the awards ceremony; no awards are available in Dacula.

Finish Line in Atlanta: Skaters begin to arrive at 11:15 a.m. Finisher mugs are available at this point. Finish line is located at the bus pickup area at David T. Howard Middle School (551 John Wesley Dobbs Ave. NE). Nearby street parking is available and this site is Beltline accessible.

Awards Ceremony in Atlanta: Starting at 5:30 p.m. - at David T. Howard Middle School. There will be special awards for the first place men and women in the 87, 49, and 38-mile distances. Awards will be available by age division, men and women, for each distance.

Very Important Information

All skaters must wear the number assigned to them. If your number is not displayed, you may be asked to leave the course. Support vehicles must follow the driving directions in your packet and not drive on the course.

- All skaters must carry personal identification with them during all skate events.

- Helmets are required. Wrist protection is strongly recommended.
- **No** poles, roller-skis, motor-assistance, or pets.
- Back brakes are strongly recommended. You must be able to stop at stop signs and red lights.
- Police monitor most major intersections the entire route – this **does not mean** that they will always stop traffic for you. You must be prepared to stop.
- Event is rain or shine.
- Twilight occurs 17 minutes after the 87/38 start and sunrise occurs 43 minutes after; you may want to wear a headlamp.

Private Vehicles are not allowed on the Athens to Atlanta route, so please do not ask. Maps and directions for alternate routes, which intersect the skate route at frequent intervals, will be available so drivers may meet their skaters along the route at each checkpoint. Drivers must obey all laws. Authorities will ticket drivers for traffic violations.

Temperatures are usually in the low 50's (F) at the start and rise to the lower 70's. Extremes have ranged from the mid 20's to the upper 80's. We skate RAIN or SHINE.

Volunteers are greatly appreciated! Families and friends - we can use your help on Sunday at our checkpoints and finish lines. To volunteer, please register on signpupgenius.com (follow the "Volunteers" link on www.a2a.net), or e-mail us at volunteers@a2a.net.

Travel and Accommodations

Getting to the Friday Night Skate: FNS leaves from 12th & Piedmont: 1086 Piedmont Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30309. Take MARTA to Midtown Station. The North/South line runs from the Airport to Midtown. 12th & Piedmont is 4 blocks east and 3 blocks north (corner of 12th and Piedmont Road).

Getting to Athens

Ridesharing can be arranged via our Facebook page or group. Links to these are available at www.a2a.net.

Friday Night Bus after the Social Skate, from Willy's Mexicana Grill (12th St. and Piedmont Road) - Cost: \$40.00, reserve at www.a2a.net.

Mega Bus: 435 W Peachtree Street NW (Civic Center MARTA station). Megabus.com reservations suggested.

Greyhound Bus: 232 Forsyth St. or at the Garnett MARTA Rail Stop North/South Line. Reservations suggested - (800) 231-2222.

Groome Transportation: Airport to Athens and back. Schedules can be found at: <http://athens.groometransportation.com/> Reservations required – (800) 896-9928.

Sunday Morning A2A Bus to Athens: Meet at David T. Howard Middle School - departs at 4:45 a.m. Reservations required. Cost: \$40.00, reserve at www.a2a.net on the Shop/Donate page.

Taxis: Atlanta: Checker Cab: (404) 351-1111
Athens: Your Cab Co: (706) 546-5844

Closest Hotels

Athens (ask for special A2A rates):

- Holiday Inn Express, 513 W. Broad St, 706-546-8122
- Spring Hill Suites, 220 S. Hull St., 706-850-2072 (no special rate for 2024)

Atlanta:

- The Starling Atlanta Midtown, 188 14th St., 404-892-6000
- Hampton Inn and Suites, Atlanta Midtown, 1231 W. Peachtree St., 404-685-3690
- Resident Inn by Marriott, Atlanta Midtown, 1365 Peachtree St., 404-745-1000
- Armore Hotel, 1302 W. Peachtree St. NW, 404-876-6100



OFFICIAL 2024 ATHENS TO ATLANTA ENTRY FORM
SUN., OCTOBER 20, 2024 (10K on OCT. 19)

(Quad Skaters Welcome)



Entry fee in the form of a check or money order should be made payable to GIRSA, Inc. Please mail completed form and fee to:

Athens to Atlanta
GIRSA, Inc.
P.O. Box 8155
Atlanta, GA 31106 (U.S.A.)

You can also register online at: www.active.com, search for "A2A". For more information, please visit www.a2a.net or call: +1 (404) 806-7251

Mail in applications must be postmarked by Friday, October 11, 2024. Late registration will be held at the Classic Center (Athens, GA) on Saturday, October 1st, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

No refunds after Friday, October 4, 2024.

Place 'X' in the correct box for all 3 groups of boxes:

Registration grid with categories: 38 miles, 49 miles, 87 miles, 10 K, Male, Female, Rec/Fit Inlines, Racing Inlines, Quad Skates

Table with 3 columns: Entry fee, 38/49/87 Miles, 10K. Rows include dates and fees for various periods.

(MUST be age 13 or over to register for 49-Mile or 87-Mile events.)

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ ZIP/Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

T-Shirt Size (XS/S/M/L/XL/2X): _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age on event day: _____

Age Category: [] 12 & Under [] 13-17 [] 18-29 [] 30-39 [] 40-49 [] 50-59 [] 60-69 [] 70+

Referred by or Club/Team Affiliation: _____ Email: _____

[] I need free bus transportation from Athens to the 49 mile start in Dacula, GA.

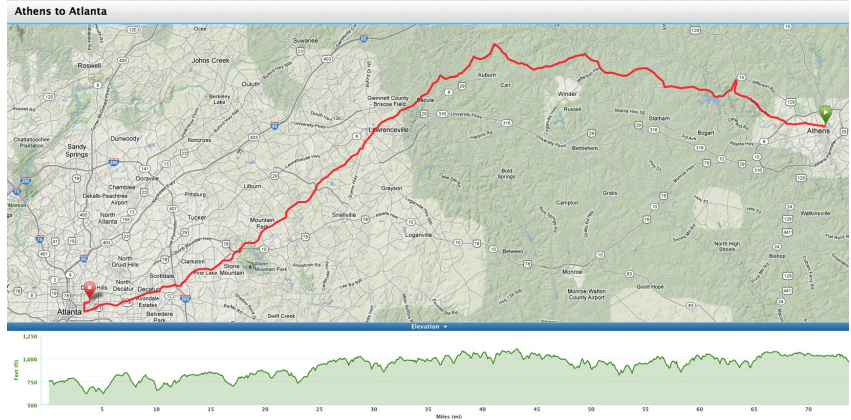
In case of emergency contact:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

WAIVER and RELEASE

I know that skating on open roads is a potentially hazardous activity. I know there will be traffic on the course route. I assume the risk of skating in traffic. I should not enter unless I am medically able and properly trained. I assume any and all risks associated with skating in this event including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, contact with vehicles, the effects of weather, including high heat and/or humidity, and the conditions or the roads, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Knowing these facts, and in consideration of your acceptance of my entry fee, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue, waive, release and discharge the "Athens to Atlanta Road Skating Marathon", the "Atlanta Peachtree Road Rollers", the "Georgia International Road Skating Association", organizers, and any organization associated with the event, and the local government and police, volunteers, and any and all sponsors including their agents, employees, assigns, or anyone acting on their behalf, from any and all claims or liability for death, personal injury or property damage of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of, or, in the course of my participation in this real event. This Waiver and Release extends to all claims of every kind or nature whatsoever, foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown. I understand that I must complete the 87 mile event within a 9 hour period, or the 49 mile event within a 7 hour period, or the 38 mile event within a 5 hour period, or the 10K event in 90 minutes, in order to receive support. I understand that I am required to wear a properly fastened helmet that meets all US CPSC bicycle or recreational roller skating helmet standards, to carry personal identification, and to obey the State of Georgia bicycle laws while skating in this event. I understand that I may be filmed or taped as part of the event and that my image, likeness, and voice may be broadcast, displayed, shown, projected, reproduced, or otherwise used by third parties. I authorize this filming, taping, and other use and understand that I have no right or interest in the resulting footage or in any program or other display utilizing such footage in any media whatsoever.

Signature of Participant _____ Date _____ Signature of Parent or Guardian (if participant is under 18) _____ Date _____



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Be there for the fun-filled Friday Night Skate, the Saturday Expo in Athens, and the main event – our world famous distance skate on Sunday! Our 87, 49, & 38 mile distance options are available, along with the returning 10K on Saturday!

Skate for time, skate to beat your old time, or skate for the challenge of completing the event with people from all over the world. Finishers earn their 42nd Annual finisher mug for their collection!



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