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THE FIRST SCENIC MARATHON TO TAKE PLACE AT MONUMENT VALLEY

Window Rock, AZ – The dates for the Monument Valley Marathon have been confirmed, registration is now open for runners across the nation. Navajo Parks and Recreation Department, producers of the Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park’s 50th Anniversary Celebration is intent on providing one of the most unique and scenic racecourses that most marathon runners would never have dreamed of running.

Beginning on Saturday May 17th and Sunday May 18th the Marathon will be kicking off the first of five series of events including a special *Good Morning Arizona LIVE* shoot at the Park itself, scheduled May 5th. Free to the public to attend.

The Marathon is broken into three circuits: the Half Marathon (13.1 miles, blue course), the 10K Relay (6.2 miles, orange course), and a 5K Fun Run & Walk (3.2 miles, white course). The starting lines for each course will be set up at scenically ideal locations within the park, all finish lines will end at the Monument Valley Primitive Campground.

Registered runners will be receiving a complementary participation package. For the Half Marathon participants, that will include a duffle bag, sports bottle and a light-weight runners jacket. Check-in will take place at the Marathon’s Expo located at the Park’s Primitive Campground. Every registered entry will receive a Monument Valley Marathon/50th Anniversary T-shirt.

Park staff and marathon facilitators emphasize that there will be no on-site registration for the fact that they are ordering a quantity of complementary packages that will be equivalent to the amount of entries.

Navajo Parks and Recreation Department hope to receive a successful turnout on the days of the Marathon. According to Martin Begaye, Sr. Programs and Projects Specialist for Navajo Parks and Recreation Department, this is the first marathon of its kind to take place at Monument Valley.

For more information contact Navajo Parks and Recreation Department, the Window Rock office (928) 871-6647

Registration forms are available at www.navajonationparks.org