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## **5K Dogwood Run to Take Place April 19**

**February 26, 2008** – The Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce and the Roadkill Running Club of Oak Ridge are pleased to announce plans for the first-ever Oak Ridge Dogwood 5K Run. The 5K race will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2008 in Oak Ridge. The race is a new Oak Ridge activity being held in conjunction with the 2008 Dogwood Arts Festival and will include a one-mile walk as part of the course.

Mark Harvey of The Cowperwood Company and Chairman of the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce stated, “Personally, I am happy the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce has partnered with the Roadkill Running Club, a new running organization in Oak Ridge, to organize the event. The course will offer participants a challenging run through one of Oak Ridge’s most attractive neighborhoods.”

Participants are encouraged to pre-register for the Oak Ridge Dogwood 5K Run. Registration forms are available on the Oak Ridge Chamber website ([www.orcc.org](http://www.orcc.org)), the Roadkill Running Club website ([www.roadkillrunningclub.com](http://www.roadkillrunningclub.com)) and the Chamber office. Registration prior to April 9 is \$15 per person. After April 9 the fee is \$20 per person. Checks should be made payable to the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce.

According to Zane Hagy of the Roadkill Running Club, “We are excited to bring this new event to Oak Ridge. The race will take runners through the Briarcliff subdivision and along the

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greenway near the neighborhood. We are in the process of filing paperwork to have the course certified by the United States Track and Field organization (USATF).”

On the day of the event, registration and check-in for the race will begin at 7:00 a.m. in the parking lot of the former Paragon Athletic Club, 699 Emory Valley Road. The pre-registration fee includes a limited-edition Dogwood Run t-shirt. Late and event day registrants will receive a shirt while supplies last.

First place prizes will be awarded to the overall first place winner for both males and females; Masters (40+) male and female; Grandmaster (50+) male and female. Additional prizes will be awarded to the following category winners: Athena, first place female; Clydesdale, first place male; Wheelchair, first place; and largest team, first place. The top three male and female finishers will also be honored in the following age categories: 14 and under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-69, 70-79 and 80 and over.

For more information or to register for the Dogwood Run, call the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce at 483-1321 or email Christy at [holt@orcc.org](mailto:holt@orcc.org). The Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce is a Four-Star Accredited Chamber of Commerce with approximately 700 members.

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