

## Fox Firecracker 5K

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### A NOTE FROM THE RACE DIRECTOR

"IT TAKES A VILLAGE!"

With less than a month before the gun goes off at the third annual FOX FIRECRACKER BADGER STATE GAMES 5k, this quote sums up what it means to pull off such a monumental event. A years worth of emails, phone conferences, meetings, ideas, committee reports, city council meetings, paperwork, writing checks, shutting down highways, cutting through red tape, gathering supplies, organizing details, designing posters and cool t-shirts, leafletting cars, baking pies, radio and TV spots, letter writing and more....all for one little race on the 4th of July. Or is it just a little race? A race that has brought a spark long missing from downtown Kaukauna, and has given a community something to call its own. A race parents can take their kids to and know that there will NOT be smoking or alcohol involved in a family event. A race elite athletes view as "challenging", and many newbies call their "first 5k." A race that has doubled in size and popularity the first 2 years. A race that has partnered with many area businesses for its very first HEALTH EXPO on July 3rd, and a race that is going global with its debut appearance on [FACEBOOK!](#) A race that, with the help of generous sponsors, brings in the UW Marching Band to perform and inspire. A race that encourages beginners and couch potatoes to get out and get active with weekly training runs beginning Wed June 16th, and a race that will have some dedicated MILITARY MOMS organizing our first Cookout on July 3rd to raise funds for a local veterans memorial. A race that helps a triclub bring in speakers and promote healthy lifestyles. A race that contributes annually to the creation of a childrens park in Kaukauna, and a race that has brought together countless committee members and volunteers working towards a common goal. I am proud to have been a part of this endeavor for the past 3 years, and I have said this many times before...we have the best race committee in the land. The FIRECRACKER would not exist without the impact each and every one of them has made. I urge you as well, to become a part of the FIRECRACKER. Not



because some lady is asking you to volunteer or bake some pies, but because you would like to be a part of an event that is bigger than each of us as individuals, and because you see the big picture of what this race means to us as individuals and a community. Maybe it is not just a little race after all?

Looking forward to another FANTASTIC July 4th,  
Kelly Jansen  
Race Director

to register for or to get more info on the FIREACRACKER go to [active.com](http://active.com) or download a pdf at [foxtriclub.com](http://foxtriclub.com)

to volunteer on July 3rd or 4th contact Mike at [michaelwickstrom@yahoo.com](mailto:michaelwickstrom@yahoo.com)

to help bake apple pies contact Lisa at [prochallenge7@yahoo.com](mailto:prochallenge7@yahoo.com)

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