



## Wildwood Crest and DelMoSports host inaugural Crest Best Run Fest

The Borough of Wildwood Crest and DelMoSports will host the inaugural Crest Best Run Fest, the first major fall running festival in southern New Jersey, on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 6-7.

Presented by INSPIRA Health Network and in partnership with the Borough of Wildwood Crest and the Greater Wildwoods Tourism Improvement and Development Authority (GWITDA), the Crest Best Run Fest is a weekend filled with activities, including a kids' race and a 5K run on Saturday, and five-mile and 10-mile races on Sunday. Runners will enjoy breathtaking views of the award-winning beaches and ocean, scenic Sunset Lake and many other popular locations throughout Wildwood Crest (named the No. 1 Summer Hot Spot in the country in 2017 by TripAdvisor).

The kids race and the 5K run will be held exclusively in Wildwood Crest. The five-mile race will be run mostly in Wildwood Crest, with a small portion in the Diamond Beach section of Lower Township. Most of the 10-mile race will be held in Wildwood Crest, with small portions of the event traveling across the Wildwoods Boardwalk and through portions of Diamond Beach. All races will start and finish at beachfront Centennial Park, located at Fern Road and Ocean Avenue.

"Wildwood Crest is focusing on wellness initiatives and is happy to partner with DelMoSports. We are proud to host this new event and look forward to runners coming back year after year," said Wildwood Crest Mayor Don Cabrera.

"The course highlights many of our recreational parks and photo spots we have to offer. We thank our neighbors, Wildwood and Lower Township, for offering their assistance as well."

Saturday's 5K run is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m., with the kids race going off at noon. Sunday's five-mile race is scheduled for a 7:30 a.m. start and the 10-mile race is slated for a 7:45 a.m. start. Saturday's 5K race and Sunday's five- and 10-mile races will include various road closures and detours throughout Wildwood Crest and Diamond Beach. Most road closures will occur along Ocean Avenue and in the Rambler Road area, although other areas will also be affected. The Middle Thorofare Bridge will also be closed to vehicular traffic from 7:30 to approximately 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. Motorists should take caution.

DelMoSports, LLC is a boutique race company founded in 2004 by Wildwood Crest resident Steve Del Monte. The company hosts numerous elite destination events each year.

"Creating an event for my hometown of Wildwood Crest has always been a bucket list goal for me," Del Monte said. "Autumn in Cape May County is a beautiful time to enjoy this little patch of paradise here in the Crest. Join the 1,100+ runners and experience it for yourself," he continued.

For more information and to register, visit [www.delmosports.com](http://www.delmosports.com).