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Town of Bluffton hosts first Lutzie 43 Road Race

In memory of the late Auburn University tight end Philip Lutzenkirchen, the Town of Bluffton, in partnership with the Lutzie 43 Foundation, will host a Road Race benefiting the Lutzie 43 Foundation

On August 3rd, the Town of Bluffton, in partnership with the Lutzie 43 Foundation, will host its first Lutzie 43 Road Race. The 5k course will run through the Bluffton Historic District starting at 7:30 a.m.

The Lutzie 43 Foundation started the Road Race in 2014, shortly after Philip Lutzenkirchen's passing. The race is hosted in Marietta, Georgia, Philip's hometown, but has grown over the past years to feature remote runs from everywhere in the country.

A portion of Bluffton runner registrations will go towards providing a Lutzie 43, PFL (Prepared for Life) Scholarship to one local Bluffton student.

The Road Race has grown to several cities over the past five years to include Chicago, Miami, San Diego, Bluffton, Indianapolis, Birmingham, Montgomery, Nashville and more. Runners not participating with a group can still take part in the run with their friends and family. All runners who register before July 23 will receive an official race shirt.

"This race is particularly significant for the foundation, as it was one of the first events we hosted after Philip's passing," said Mike Lutzenkirchen, father of the late Philip Lutzenkirchen and executive director of the Lutzie 43 Foundation. Bluffton Mayor Lisa Sulka says, "this race is another event that shows Bluffton is active in our partnership with the Lutzie 43 Foundation. It also shows everyone how serious Bluffton is in the fight against Distracted Driving."

To register please visit, <https://www.classy.org/event/2019-lutzie-43-road-race/e225823>.

It will cost \$21 for runners 21 years and younger. All others, the run will cost \$30. Early bird discounted registration ends July 4th.

LUTZIE 43 & THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON PARTNERSHIP: In April, the Lutzie 43 Foundation and the Town of Bluffton partnered to raise awareness and educate the public on the 43 Key Seconds Initiative started by the Lutzie 43 Foundation. It encourages all drivers to stop Distracted Driving by completing the 43 second driving safety checklist every time you enter a vehicle and before you turn the key. The checklist contains the simple tasks of making sure you have a CLEAR HEAD, CLEAR HANDS, CLEAR EYES AND CLICK IT.

ABOUT THE LUTZIE 43 FOUNDATION: The Lutzie 43 Foundation was established in loving memory of former Auburn football player Philip Lutzenkirchen, shortly after he lost his life in a car accident in 2014. In his memory, the foundation's 43 Key Seconds safe driving initiative aims to create the first nationally-recognized symbol for distracted and impaired driving awareness and prevention. The foundation's motto for youth is to "Live like Lutz, Love like Lutz, and Learn from Lutz," reflecting its desire to help others live out the many positive character attributes that Philip displayed while learning from the circumstances that led to his death. For more information, visit lutzie43.org.

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