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## **NFS prepares for 2009 Apple Festival 4-Mile Footrace, 2-Mile Race Walk events**

(ERWIN, TENN. –DATE, 2009) Runners from across a five-state region will converge on the streets of downtown Erwin on Saturday, October 3 for the next running of the NFS Apple Festival 4-Mile Footrace and 2-Mile Race Walk.

“Part of the Apple Festival racing tradition is the opportunity for everyone to participate. NFS sponsors the race and proceeds go to the Unicoi County Public Library and the Unicoi County Family YMCA,” said Poole.

The race is sanctioned by the State of Franklin Track Club and is recognized as a King and Queen event. The two-mile race walk starts at 8 a.m. and is followed by the 4-mile run at 9 a.m. Trophies are awarded to the top three finishers in the footrace and the top two finishers in the race walk in each age group. Pre-registration for the event is \$15 and must be received by Monday, September 28. Race day registration is \$20. Registration closes at 7:30 a.m. for the 2-mile walk and 8:30 a.m. for the 4-mile run the day of the event.

“We’ve some top runners indicate their interest in this year’s event, and in trying to break the course and state 4-mile records,” Jay Poole, NFS race coordinator stated.

The overall top male finisher in 2008 was Julius Kiptoo (18:48) and the overall top female finisher was Divina Jepkogie (22:26). The Overall Masters winners in both the male and female categories for 2008 were William Trainor (22:35) and Karen Seiferth (26:45). The Overall Grandmaster winners in 2008 were Earl Brown (25:53) and Wanda Burnette (30:05).

Five-hundred dollars will be awarded to a male or female participant who breaks the current Tennessee State 4-mile record. To be eligible for this prize, runners must be a U.S. citizen and a Tennessee state resident. Three-Hundred dollars will be awarded to the top male and female winners, with Masters and Grandmasters winners receiving \$100. There will also be a variety of door prizes available this year, including two Delta airline tickets. All participants receive a souvenir T-shirt.

Those interested in registering can visit the State of Franklin Track Club website at [www.runtricity.org](http://www.runtricity.org) to download an entry form. Applications are also available at the Chamber office located on the corner of Main Avenue and Gay Street in Erwin and YMCA. The registration and awards ceremony will be held at the Unicoi County Family YMCA at the corner of Ohio Avenue and Love Street in Erwin.

The event is co-sponsored by: Creative Energy, Jammin’ 92.3 FM and WEMB-AM 1420, Murray Guard, Inc., Pristine Springs, and Foot Rx. Contributing sponsors include: Dari-Ace and the Unicoi County Chamber of Commerce.

### **About NFS**

*Located in Erwin, Tenn., NFS operates a uranium fuel materials production facility to support America’s fleet of nuclear-powered submarines and aircraft carriers. It also converts Cold War-era government stockpiles of highly enriched uranium into material suitable for further processing into commercial nuclear reactor fuel.*

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