

DEC/5 presents
the first annual

Random Distance Run



APRIL 11, 2003

What is a Random Distance Run?

It's the spring alternative to the Pretty Good Race! But rather than another 5k, it's a chance to race **on the Track**.

How long will the race be?

Nobody knows! All we can say is that it will be somewhere **between 1/2 mile and 3 miles** (between 2 and 12 laps of the track). The exact number of laps will be specified by the sum of **ENORMOUS FUZZY DICE** rolls – one occurring just before the start of the race, and one just before the first runner finishes the distance specified by the first dice roll.

Who is providing the randomness?

Our own **MANUEL BLUM** will be at the starting line rolling **ENORMOUS FUZZY DICE** at the appropriate times.

Registration Instructions:

To register for the race, sign and return this form to the **address listed**, to Adam Wierman in **Wean Hall 8114**, or to Adam's mailbox in the **CS office**. The registration fee is listed below and will be used to cover the cost of the race t-shirts only:

\$10 if received by March 21, 2003,
\$13 otherwise.

Everyone is invited to register, though the grand prize winner must be from SCS.

Race Location:

The race will take place on the **CMU TRACK**, which is located directly next to the University Center. The race will begin promptly at **4:45 PM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2003**.

Post Race TG!

DEC/5 will be throwing a post race TG starting **immediately after the race**, details of the location will be announced come race day.

Awards!

Every runner will receive a Random Distance Run **T-SHIRT**. The top male and female SCS finishers will each receive one of the **ENORMOUS FUZZY DICE** used to determine the distance of the race. In addition, the first advisor-student pair and the top male and female alumni runners will receive **FAIRLY LARGE SOMEWHAT FUZZY DICE**. Further, each person who correctly predicts each of the two dice rolls will receive a set of standard dice.

Is there any history to the race?

Why yes, the Random Structures and Algorithms conference has held a "Run for a Random Distance" at its gatherings for quite a few years, with **Paul Erdős** rolling the dice at the original race.

Further Information:

For further information contact **Adam Wierman** (acw@cmu.edu), or look at <http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~acw/rdr.html>.

Registration Form:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Sex: M / F **Shirt Size:** S / M / L / XL

Division: Undgrad / Grad / Staff / Prof / Alum

Advisor/Student: _____

Team: _____

DICE ROLL PREDICTION:

First Roll: 1 / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 / 6

Second Roll: 1 / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 / 6

Waiver: *I know that my participation is potentially hazardous. I should not enter and run or walk unless I am able and properly trained. I assume any and all risks associated with participation in this event, including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of weather, including high heat and/or humidity, and conditions of the track, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Knowing these facts, and in consideration of your acceptance of my entry fee, I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue, and waive, release, and discharge any organization associated with the race, and the local government and police, race directors, volunteers, and any and all sponsors including their agents, employees, assigns or anyone acting for or on their behalf, from any and all claims to liability for death, personal injury, or property damage of any kind or nature, whatsoever arising out of, or in the course of, my participation in this event. This release and waiver extends to all claims of every kind or nature, whatsoever, foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown. I have read the foregoing and certify my agreement by signature.*

Signature: _____

**PRINT OUT THIS REGISTRATION FORM
AND MAIL IT WITH FEE TO:**

RDR care of Adam Wierman
CMU School of Computer Science
5000 Forbes Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Make check payable to **ADAM WIERMAN**.