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Food, music and fun await at Downtown run

The Meet Me Downtown 5K has something for everyone.

If you're a runner, it's the Tucson area's only night race.

If you're curious about Downtown, the course takes you through some of the city's oldest and most colorful neighborhoods.

And if you're looking for a party, there'll be food, drinks, music and lots of endorphins.

"My goal is to bring people Downtown," said Randy Accetta, president of Southern Arizona Roadrunners, who created the event last year. The inaugural run drew about 700 people into Downtown on what would usually have been a hot, quiet evening. Accetta said he was thrilled with the turnout.

There's still plenty of time to sign up for next Saturday's event, he said. You can register up until 6 p.m. that evening. The race starts at 6:30. Seven reasons to just do it

1. The first 1,000 to register get a free ticket to watch "Spirit of the Marathon" at the historic Fox Tucson Theatre after the race (about 8 p.m.). It's the first Tucson screening of this documentary, the perfect movie in an Olympic year.
2. Two-for-one drinks at Hotel Congress after the race.
3. There's free food once you cross the finish line from The Cup Café, Enoteca Pizzeria Wine Bar, Chris' Café, Tooley's Café, and Quesadilla's Grill.
4. Music by The Tryst, and a chance to win awards and raffle prizes.
5. Awesome course. Start and finish at La Placita Village and wind through the neighborhoods to the north and south, crossing Broadway via the pedestrian bridge connecting La Placita and Presidio Plaza. It's also flat, and doable for people of all abilities.
6. It's for a good cause. Several actually — the Fox Tucson Theatre Foundation, the Southern Arizona Roadrunners, and scholarships for Greater Tucson Leadership's leadership courses.
7. You'll work up a sweat.

— *Inger Sandal*

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- Where: La Placita Village, 110 S. Church Ave.
- Cost: Caliente readers pay only \$25 by registering today at aznightbuzz.com. Everyone pays \$35 starting Friday.
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