

STARS, STRIPES & STEPS

MAY 25, 2026 - MEMORIAL DAY

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We invite you to participate as we prepare for the 12th Annual **Stars, Stripes & Steps** stair climbing race. On this important day **we honor our fallen heroes by having the courage to get strong!**

In 2025, **generous sponsors helped us raise \$5,597.37 for the Hot Springs Boys & Girls Club!** The club conducts after-school and summer programming for local kids from kindergarten through high school.

The Race offers three routes*:

Sock Hop: 2 Miles/250* steps, 2 flights of stairs.

Crazy Crew: 5K, 655* steps, 5 flights of stairs.

Knee High Hilly Half Marathon, 742* steps, 6 flights of stairs. 3 or more **big** hills. [*Step count may vary.]

Hand made awards! Club kids design and produce our finisher medals and 1st/2nd/3rd place awards!

Will you help us help the club? We have sponsorship opportunities for all budgets. You may contact me at your convenience to talk about sponsorship opportunities.

With deep gratitude for your support,

Dusty Pence, Race Director

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NEW THIS YEAR - HERO BANNER: For just \$25.00, honor a veteran, active duty military member, firefighter or law enforcement officer on shared banner(s) to be displayed at **TWO 2026 EVENTS:** Stars, Stripes & Steps *and* 9/11 Grand Stair Challenge. *Great for individuals or small businesses.*

Fun in the park! If you are a vendor, business or community group interested in offering food or beverages or some other activity in the park—for fundraising, profit, information or fun—please contact us. There is no fee, but Race Director must approve.



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