

SANTA CHALLENGES LOMPOC TO A RUN

By Larry Huyck

Get in shape for the holidays, work off that Thanksgiving dinner. One week before Santa arrives in the Christmas Parade, come on out and enjoy a morning run or walk with Santa. He is challenging the Lompoc Valley.

The Lompoc Valley Distance Club and the Marine Corps League No 1340 are combining their efforts to sponsor the 4th annual “Chase Santa: Toys 4 Tots 5K Run/Walk” on **Saturday December 1st** at River Park in Lompoc.

The entry fee for the event is \$5 plus an unwrapped \$10 toy for the Toys 4 Tots program in the Lompoc Valley. This is a tax deductible donation. Registration will take place Saturday, December 1st starting at 8 a.m. Children under 18 years of age must have a parent/guardian signature on the waiver. This can be downloaded ahead of time by going to the Distance Club’s website. <http://members.impulse.net/~lvdc> The Chase will start at 9 a.m. Pets on a leash are welcome to accompany their humans.

Participants will chase Santa for 3.1 miles around the 1 mile fitness trail at River Park. The five fastest runners who beat Santa’s time will win a prize from Santa himself.

Additionally, awards will be presented to the top three finishers in each of the 10 age categories for male and female, which start at 12 and younger and go up to 80 and older. The top three walkers will also receive an award. Door prizes will follow the awards ceremony and all participating runners and walkers will be eligible.

For more information, contact the Race Director, Fran Zimmerman at 805-733-2255 or iristocrat@gmail.com

