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Join Relay Iowa in Dubuque: Run, Volunteer or Cheer at the Finish of the World's Longest Relay Run

DUBUQUE, IA (April 6, 2026) – Relay Iowa, the world's longest team relay run, will conclude its 339-mile journey across the state at A.Y. McDonald Park in Dubuque on Sunday, June 14, 2026.

Presentation Lantern Center is proud to partner with Relay Iowa as one of the beneficiaries of proceeds from the 2026 run. As the event's final destination, Dubuque will welcome runners from across Iowa as they complete the extraordinary three-day, 339-mile challenge.

“The Lantern Center has partnered with Relay Iowa for the past three years by providing volunteers to assist event planners. This year, we would love to see Dubuque represented with local teams on the course,” said Ann Lorenz, Community Outreach Director. “We also love cheering on runners as they complete this incredible three-day journey—some even symbolically dip their running shoes in the mighty Mississippi at the finish line.”

Dubuque Community Members Are Invited to Participate in Three Ways:

1. Form a Relay Team

Gather up to 12 runners and represent Dubuque in this one-of-a-kind statewide relay. Register at www.relayia.org or contact **Jeff Mease** at jeff@relayia.org.

2. Volunteer at the Finish Line / Event Operations

Help support run logistics and welcome runners to Dubuque. Contact **Ann Lorenz** at ann@thelanterncenter.org or **563-557-7134**.

3. Cheer on the Runners

Come to A.Y. McDonald Park on Sunday, June 14, anytime time from 9 AM to 3 PM to celebrate and encourage teams as they cross the finish line in Dubuque.

About Relay Iowa

Relay Iowa is a 339-mile team relay run spanning the entire state of Iowa, beginning in Sioux City on Friday, June 12, and finishing in Dubuque on Sunday, June 14.

Proceeds benefit local charities staffing relay checkpoints as well as Restoring Hope Village, a network of homes for orphaned children in Welkom, South Africa.

“This event gives teams the chance to accomplish something extraordinary together,” said Jeff Mease, Relay Iowa director. “Whether you're an experienced runner or just looking for a new challenge, Relay Iowa is built for all levels.”

To learn more about Relay Iowa, visit www.relayia.org.

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