



WAXAHACHIE FAMILY YMCA 2026 SANTA RUN T-SHIRT CONTEST

RULES & GUIDELINES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas is accepting artwork submissions to be considered for the official **2026 YMCA SANTA RUN** event.

The 2026 Santa Run is scheduled for **Saturday, December 12, 2026**. Contest submission and voting dates are listed below and should be finalized by the YMCA before publication.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Artwork must be submitted by **September 27, 2026**. Late submissions will be disregarded for consideration in this year's event.

ARTWORK/DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS:

****Limit design to 3 colors**, including white and black.

- The Y logo cannot be distorted or modified. The logo must appear in either the blue/green version, all white or all black. The logo should not appear in any other colors.
- Artwork can incorporate a Santa, Christmas, holiday, or other seasonal image but it is not required.
- Artwork submitted must be originally created by the artist/designer or parent/guardian of the artist/designer.
- Artwork becomes the property of the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas for use in the 2026 YMCA Santa Run and other self-promotional marketing purposes.
- Artwork can be hand-drawn but must be scanned and submitted in digital format. Computer generated artwork can be submitted using one of the following file formats: .EPS (preferred), .AI (preferred), .PDF (preferred), .PSD, .TIF, .JPG.
- Please do not submit files in Microsoft Publisher.
- File size of each submission must be 30 MB or less.
- Artwork must be fully downloadable; please do not submit links or URLs to online artwork.
- Artist signature can be incorporated in the final design, but no more than .75" wide and .25" tall.
- If chosen, the Dallas YMCA may reach out to finalize the design to be print-ready for screen printing. This could include adjusting colors, margins, separating into layers or different files to make it easier to produce the official t-shirts.
- Artwork must not contain any explicit language, imagery or symbols that may be offensive to others.
- Artwork must keep within the core values of the Y: caring, honesty, respect, responsibility.
- Limit 5 artwork submissions per individual. Different submissions by the same artist/designer must be inherently or mostly unique from each other to be considered.

- Artwork must be contained within a 12" wide by 12" tall box to be used in screen printing on t-shirts. The final design will have the Official Wordmark at the top (placement A) OR bottom (placement B).
- Email submissions to tmonroe@ymcadallas.org

CONTEST PROCESS

Only designs submitted by the deadline will be reviewed and considered. A group of finalists will be chosen for public consideration by **October 1, 2026**. The general public can vote on the **Santa Run Facebook page**. Voting will occur from **October 1, 2026 – October 4, 2026**, with the winning design chosen by **October 5, 2026**.

The winning design will be announced on **October 6, 2026**. The winner will be notified via email and/or phone.

WINNING DESIGN:

The artist/designer that creates the winning artwork will receive complimentary registration for four (4) individuals to the **2026 YMCA Santa Run**, which includes 4 official Santa Run t-shirts, digital recognition (on website and social media), and recognition in press release/articles.

YMCA Mission: To put Christian values into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

Impact Statement: The Y ensures all people have equitable access to the essentials needed to become thriving members of the community. Daily, the Y bridges and fills individual and community needs as a catalyst for impactful change.