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Hundreds Run & Watch Ten Miler Events

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Lynchburg, VA - It closed down streets and brought in people from all over the country. The BB&T Virginia 10 miler was held Saturday. More than 600 runners participated in that race, that's more than last year. Plus, crowds lined the streets to cheer them on.

Race Director Pete Lampman says it's a challenging course and many people want to see if they can do it. He says the event is not only good for the athletes but also for Lynchburg because of the economic impact and the visibility. The race is an uncommon offering.

Pete Lampman, Race Director - "Not many ten mile races... there are probably maybe three ten milers in Virginia for the whole year. And this race is the race to be in. Everybody wants to be a part of it."

Hundreds more ran a bit less. There was a four mile run and then a one mile run for kids. ABC 13's Leigh Forrester got the chance to run with a special group of ladies, the "Girls on the Run" gang from Holy Cross. As we've told you in past stories, Girls on the Run is an after-school program to help young girls stay physically and emotionally fit.

Jenna Pierce says all that training helped her.

Jenna Pierce, 6th Grader - "They just gave me the confidence to do it and the workout and stuff helped me to get through it."

And their encouragement helped Leigh get through it too.

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