

Big crowd for wintery inaugural Arlington Turkey Trot



The inaugural Arlington Turkey Trot had 2,007 registered participants as a windy cold front blew in, knocking early morning temperatures from the 70s to the 40s Thursday (Nov. 25) morning. Fortunately there were only a few light drops of rain as the runners and walkers for the 5K and 1-mile events burned off a few calories before digging into Thanksgiving meals.

Many of the participants in past years run either the established and larger Fort Worth or Dallas Turkey Trots but said they opted for this one this year because they wanted to be part of the inaugural event and several said they also wanted to avoid the big crowds in Dallas and Fort Worth. Several Arlington residents were happy to have a Turkey Trot in their own backyard.



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The course featured a trek past the Rangers Ballpark in Arlington. Winning the talented male division was Arlington High junior Virgilio Martinez, 17, with a 15:41.4. Taking the female division was Caroline Erlingson, 24, who said she was coming back after dealing with a stress fracture. She finished in 19:16.5. Masters winners also included a couple of the faster runners in the area: James Jackson, 44, of Denton with a 17:24.1 and Cora Turner of Alvarado, 41, with a 19:41.3.