

# First-time Peachtree participant, longtime runner recall experiences

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 - [Registration for the 2016 Peachtree Road Race](#) opens today for Georgia Power and Southern Company employees, and for first-time and longtime runners, the race is a special event.



For more than 25 years, Glenn Dyke thought about running the Peachtree Road Race. During those years, he would watch it and say to himself that one day he would be among the runners participating in the annual July 4 event.

In 2015, Dyke, Georgia Power pricing design manager, decided he would no longer stand on the sidelines. Dyke was one of the more than 60,000 participants in the event, and the experience has inspired him to run in the 2016 event.

“It was a very good experience,” said Dyke. “I really enjoyed it.”

Dyke said he got his inspiration to run the race from his daughter, who is part of the “Girls on the Run” program, which encourages young girls to have fun through running.

“Running with her helped me get in shape and it gave me the motivation I needed to prepare for the Peachtree,” said Dyke.

Dyke ran a couple of 5K events and decided his next step would be the 2015 Peachtree Road Race. As a first-time participant, he wasn’t sure what to expect, but he was excited to finally participate in a race he had

long admired.

Though many participants will remember the 2015 Peachtree Road Race for the lightning delay and the downpour that occurred throughout the race, Dyke didn’t let the soggy weather dampen his spirits.

“It ended up being great,” said Dyke. “You are with 60,000 people enjoying the run, and at the end of the race, Georgia Power has this huge tent you get to go under and cool off – or in this case, dry off. I enjoyed

it and encourage others to participate. I know I plan to run it again in 2016.”

### Peachtree Road Race tradition for Miller

For James Miller, running the Peachtree Road Race is an old habit.

Miller, a Georgia Power staff disability management consultant, is looking forward to running in his 27th Peachtree Road Race. Miller said the July 4 race, which he first ran in 1990, has become one of his signature

events.

“I started in 1990 running the event with some YMCA members; the race has continued to be part of my July 4 every year since,” said Miller.

Miller said the race is special since he and one of his best friends from high school always get together to run the race.

“When the race is over, we have a cookout with friends and enjoy the rest of the day,” said Miller.

Though Miller, an avid runner, doesn’t run as fast as he did in 1990, and although the number of runners has grown, he still enjoys the Peachtree Road Race.

“My best time was around 44 minutes when I started out, but now I am a lot slower,” said Miller. “Probably the toughest part is getting there. You have to get up early and when you get to MARTA it is usually packed,

but the race is a piece of cake. I think everyone who runs in it loves it and I would encourage anyone who is thinking about running it to do it.”

Miller said he hopes his 2016 race is like the ones before it.

“I am looking forward to running the race and then having a cookout with friends later that day,” said Miller.

For questions about registration for the Peachtree Road Race, email [Carey Adams](#).

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