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MEDIA ADVISORY

Beer City Returns to Orange County for a Day of Running, Local Craft Beer and Community

Half marathon, 10K, 5K and the Beat the Beast beer mile along the Santa Ana River Trail, followed by tastings from Orange County brewers

SANTA ANA, CA – Beer City Festival returns to Centennial Park on Saturday, November 7, 2026, bringing runners, first-timers and their crews together for a morning on the Santa Ana River Trail and a post-race celebration with Orange County's craft brewers.

WHAT: Beer City Orange County is a full day of running and celebrating:

- **Beer City Half™ Orange County**, with half marathon, 10K and 5K races on the Santa Ana River Trail through Fountain Valley, Costa Mesa, Huntington Beach and Newport Beach.
- **Beer Stroll**, a 1-mile walk for friends and family.
- **Post-race festival** with tastings from local and regional brewers, including **Chapman Crafted Beer, Green Cheek Beer Co., Santa Ana River Brewing, Brewery X, Fieldwork Brewing** and **Lagunitas**. *Non-alcoholic options available for all attendees.*
- **Beat the Beast**, Beer City's take on the beer mile: four beers, one mile, and a costumed Beast chasing the field. This year's Beast is an alien.
- **Beer City Shindig** at Santa Ana River Brewing, an afternoon party with music, food trucks and games.

GIVING BACK: Beer City Orange County raises money for **WeRockOC**, a program led by Coach Andrea Kooiman that gets young people active and running.

WHEN:	Saturday, November 7, 2026 8:30 am Half marathon · 8:45 am 10K · 9:00 am 5K · 9:15 am Beer Stroll 11:00 am Beat the Beast beer mile 11:30 am Shindig at Santa Ana River Brewing
WHERE:	**Centennial Park** Santa Ana, CA
INFO:	For registration, volunteer opportunities and the full schedule, visit **beercityfest.com/orange-county**

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES:

- Interviews with race organizers, local brewers and runners, from first-timers to series regulars
- Start-line and finish-line photos along the Santa Ana River Trail
- Beat the Beast: the alien Beast chasing runners through a four-beer mile
- Feature stories on run clubs and Orange County's craft beer community

About Beer City Festival: Beer City brings runners, first-timers and their crews together for days that start with a run and end with a toast. In every city we visit, from California to Texas, we connect run clubs, brewers and neighbors through shared experiences, and leave the community a little closer than we found it. Beer City is a Learning is Open event; Learning is Open is a California 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

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