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Olympian Yoder-Bergley to compete in Manatee River 5-mile run

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Olympian Amy Yoder-Begley, who competed in the 10,000-meter run at the Summer Olympics, will participate in the eighth annual Manatee River 5-mile run Dec. 27 at Emerson Point Park on Snead Island.

Yoder-Begley will sign autographs from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Dec. 26 at On A Shoestring in Bradenton. She will also sign autographs and greet runners before the race.

"It's quite an honor," co-race director Doug Schiller said. "More so, hopefully, it will bring more runners to the event and also having a celebrity like this will help promote running."

Yoder-Begley finished third in the Olympic Trials and 26th at the Olympics.

The Manatee River run is one of the largest races in the area, attracting runners from out-of-state and out-of-country. More than 300 runners are preregistered representing 24 other states as well as Canada, Germany and England.

For more information on the race, go to www.ManateeRiverRun.com.



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