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SCV Students SOAR at 2nd Annual 13.1® - Los Angeles

Valley students tackled the 2nd annual 13.1® - Los Angeles Half Marathon in Santa Monica Sunday in preparation for the grueling 26.2 mile Los Angeles Marathon slated for March 20th, 2011. Sponsored by Students Off And Running (SOAR), a division of the Santa Clarita Track Club, this program dedicates itself to offering Santa Clarita Valley youth the opportunity to participate in a fully supported, 24 week 350 mile marathon training program while challenging themselves to accomplish something truly extraordinary in a non-competitive arena.

“Completing your first half is a major milestone on the road to taking on a full marathon for any first-timer. It gives our kids a chance to put the seemingly insurmountable 26.2 mile challenge into perspective and say ‘Hey, I think I can really do this!’ Our collaboration with the folks at 13.1® - Los Angeles allows SOAR to offer students a fantastic half marathon experience at a manageable cost,” commented Head Coach Kevin Sarkissian.

The program is obviously effective as Sunday’s results were nothing less than impressive, witnessing each of the team’s 38 registered participants crossing the finish with a smile, and three students placing for their age division in a field of close to 3,000 runners.

SOAR is not about recruiting seasoned Valley high school athletes, the program seeks any high school aged student who is willing to commit to a truly life changing experience.

Join the team Saturday March 5th as the Santa Clarita Track Club and Bridgeport Marketplace present “Mardi Gras Madness” at Bridgeport Marketplace in Santa Clarita! This flat, fast, fun 5K and Mini 1K are sure to be a family favorite! All proceeds from the event benefit the students of SOAR. Visit www.soar-sc.org or contact Event Chair Alan Bingham at 661-755-6197 for more information.

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