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THE WOODLANDS MARATHON MANAGEMENT DECLARES JENNA BOREN 2013 WOMEN'S MARATHON CHAMPION

THE WOODLANDS, TX (December 19, 2013) – The Woodlands Marathon Management announces that Menlo Park, California's **Jenna Boren**, in a time of 2:42:44, is the female overall winner of the 2013 Fidelity Investments The Woodlands Marathon held on March 2, 2013.

The United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) [announced](#) Wednesday that Gardena, California's **Mary Akor**, first female finisher in the 2013 Fidelity Investments The Woodlands Marathon, accepted a two-year sanction disqualifying her from all competitive race results between December 16, 2012 and November 5, 2013 after testing positive for a prohibited substance.

Boren, who raced in the marathon with her husband Chris DeNucci, the men's seventh place overall finisher, was grateful that race officials were proactive in addressing the situation.

"I heard about the positive test yesterday afternoon and, to my surprise, I already had an email that evening from the race," she said. "It is disappointing to know that someone cheated but uplifting to know that the marathon organizers immediately recognized the importance of correcting the results."

"We have set a high standard for our event and feel that it is only fair to award the runners that maintain the guidelines set forth by the USADA," said race director **Willie Fowlkes**. "We would like to congratulate Jenna Boren as our 2013 female overall marathon winner."

Official standings reflect the following order of places:

1. Jenna Boren, 36, Menlo Park, CA, 2:42:44, \$3,000
2. Camille Herron, 31, Warr Acres, OK, 2:43:09, \$1,250
3. Allie Moore, 26, Salt Lake City, UT, 2:54:53, \$750
4. Virginia Jones, 32, League City, TX, 2:56:11, \$400
5. Marnie Staehly, 35, San Antonio, TX, 2:57:03, \$100

Athletes will receive prorated payments based on monies already received, according to Fowlkes, who began the communication process with affected athletes Wednesday evening.

Boren reaffirmed The Woodlands Marathon Management's commitment to its athletes.

"From my experience throughout the marathon weekend and again today is that the organizers of The Woodlands Marathon genuinely care about providing a great event for all participants," she said.

The third annual Fidelity Investments The Woodlands Marathon will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2014.

For more information on the event, including the St. Luke's The Woodlands Half Marathon, the Fleet Feet Sports 5K and the Pathfinder Pediatric 2K Fun Run and Walk, please visit www.thewoodlandsmarathon.com.

About The Woodlands Marathon Management

The Woodlands Marathon Management is an event production company that operates with a primary goal of providing individuals the opportunity to participate in a running event that promotes the advancement of running. The directors of The Woodlands Marathon Management share a passion for The Woodlands community, the Houston region and the active sport lifestyle. They have teamed up to produce this premier event that will provide The Woodlands and surrounding communities options for living a healthy lifestyle with purpose.

About The Woodlands

Located just 30 minutes north of Houston, Texas and minutes from George Bush Intercontinental Airport, The Woodlands is the destination for leisure guests, individual business travelers and groups of all sizes. Visitors to The Woodlands enjoy more than eight million square feet of world-class shopping, dining and entertainment options, more than 194 miles of hike-and-bike trails, 124 parks, the 1,700-acre George Mitchell Nature Preserve, the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, kayaking on Lake Woodlands, and taking a cruise on The Woodlands Waterway. The Woodlands features world-class sporting events including the Memorial Hermann Ironman Texas, Insuperity Golf Championship and the Nike South Invitational. The Woodlands also is home to more than 1,500 guestrooms in upscale and boutique properties, select service, limited service, conference and convention centers and a resort.

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