

YMCA Northumberland Invites Community to the Annual Rainbow Run and New Kids Bubble Dash!

COBOURG, ON | May 12, 2026 – YMCA Northumberland is calling on residents to lace up their sneakers and embrace the colours of inclusion for the annual **Rainbow Run**, taking place on **Sunday, June 7, 2026**. This year's event promises more "rainbow magic" than ever before, featuring new partnerships with Northumberland Pride and the Cobourg Lion's Club, as well as a fun iridescent addition for all participants.

The event kicks off at the **Cobourg Yacht Club** at 10:00am with the new Bubble Dash, where kids and kids at heart can join **Pickles the Pride Unicorn** for a whimsical chase through clouds of iridescent bubbles. Next, participants will embark on a 2.5 km or 5 km walk or run through Cobourg's scenic waterfront and historic downtown.

"The Rainbow Run is one of our most vibrant traditions, celebrating the diversity that makes our community so strong," says **Eunice Kirkpatrick, President & CEO, YMCA Northumberland**. "This year feels extra special as we work alongside **Northumberland Pride**. The event is a true collaboration, showing what is possible when local organizations join forces to create a space where everyone—from our youngest bubble-dashers to our seasoned runners—feels celebrated, supported and welcome."

Following the race, another community organization, the **Lions Club of Cobourg**, will offer a celebratory BBQ lunch for all attendees with a portion of proceeds also contributing to the funds raised.

Date: Sunday, June 7, 2026

Location: Starts at Cobourg Yacht Club

Timeline: Check-in at 9:30 am | Bubble Dash at 10:00 am | Rainbow Run at 10:15 am

Registration: Adults 15 yrs.+ (\$28.99), Youth age 5-14 (\$12.99), and Kids 4 & under (Free).

Incentives: The first 250 registered participants will receive a **commemorative colourful finisher medal**.

Funds raised during the [Rainbow Run](#) support the YMCA's **Strong Communities Campaign**, which ensure our YMCA is welcoming, accessible, and safe for everyone, including our 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, and a portion of contributions will also directly support **Northumberland Pride** initiatives.

Participants are encouraged to arrive in their most vibrant, multi-toned outfits. Furry friends and strollers are welcome to join the festivities.

This project is made possible in part by the **ParticipACTION Community Challenge Grant**, highlighting the importance of community movement and connection. We also would like to extend our thanks to our Community Partners; Pentel Realty Executives, Vandermeer Toyota, SMM Law Professional Corporation, and Linmac Inc. for their ongoing support.

Registration is now open at ymcanrt.org/rainbowrun2026.

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