Join us for a morning run through the woods at Pine Jog, one of the oldest nature centers in the country. The Wild Orchid 5K winds along packed dirt trails through 132 acres of pine flatwood forest and upland hammock, under tree canopies, and past rare, and endangered native orchids, gopher tortoises, owls, and woodpeckers. The course has much to offer for every runner, from serious runners to families with little ones and everyone in between.

All race proceeds benefit the OrKids programming at FAU Pine Jog. This student outreach portion of our Million Orchid Program is offered at no cost to the schools and introduces middle school-aged students to a plant propagation lab, and allows them to propagate their own native orchids in their regular classrooms while learning about botany, ecosystem services and restoration. All of the orchids grown in the OrKids program will remain on the school campuses, as a reminder of the project and the importance of environmental stewardship.

The race will begin and end in the parking lot in front of the Pine Jog Environmental Education Center. The first half of the course will follow the outer perimeter of the forest, along a wide, packed sand route. The second half of the course will circle through the heart of the forest, under canopied trees and past endangered orchid habitat.

Runners and onlookers will have the opportunity post-race to visit the Pine Jog orchid lab, take a tour of the wetland habitat, and enjoy refreshments and family entertainment.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three male and female runners in each age category.

**Race day Schedule:**

6:30 AM Registration Begins  
7:15 AM 5K registration closes  
7:15 AM warm-ups and announcements (at start)  
7:30 AM 5K race begins  
9:00 AM Kids Fun Run registration closes  
9:30 AM Kids Fun Run Begin  
10:30 awards and announcements  

*Post-race entertainment and refreshments will be available until 12:00 PM.*