

## Unique Prizes at Garden of Eden 5K

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This year marked the 12th edition of the Garden of Eden 5K in Fort Worth. The event is low key but the enthusiasm of the volunteers and the attention to detail by organizers has had several runners coming back year after year.

The course, which is relatively flat, consisted of three mile loops, which meant that the lead runners had the opportunity to lap some of the more casual runners. This acted as a great incentive to all. The organizers had some surprises in store for the age group winners -- goodie bags containing a variety of gifts from T-shirts and socks to Under Armour sunglasses and gift certificates. Considering that the race entry fee was only \$10, the event was a great value.

For those interested in the historical significance of the area, local author Drew Sanders was available to sign copies of his recently published book, entitled *The Garden of Eden*.

Overall winner was 33-year-old Antonio Lopez (pictured), who clocked a speedy 19:06. Immediately after the race, Lopez jumped in his car and headed off to his second race of the morning. Laura Nelson, 50, claimed yet another female overall title, covering the course in 21:56.