

# Walk to End Lupus Now - FAQ's

## Saturday, May 2, 2015

### LOCATION, DATE AND TIME

#### ***Where is the Walk to End Lupus Now?***

The Walk will be in Piedmont Park. The physical address is 1320 Monroe Dr., NE Atlanta, GA 30306. The park is very large; our Walk will be in Oak Hill section at the corner of Monroe Drive and 10<sup>th</sup> Street. For a detailed map of the park, go to [www.piedmontpark.org/visit/park\\_map.html](http://www.piedmontpark.org/visit/park_map.html)

#### ***When does the Walk start?***

Check-in, FREE shuttles and food for sale all begin at 9:00 a.m. The Walk will start at 11:00 a.m. We encourage everyone to arrive around 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.! After the Walk, we will have team picnics, food for sale from different vendors, and more!

### TRANSPORTATION - BUSES AND PARKING

#### ***Should I drive or take MARTA and ride the FREE lupus shuttles?***

Take MARTA to the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Midtown Station! Parking is very difficult around the park!

#### ***I'm taking MARTA, what stop should I get off at and where do I go?***

Get off at the Midtown Station and Peachtree Place stop. Exit the MARTA station on the Peachtree Place side, not the 10<sup>th</sup> street side! There will be volunteers at the station to direct you to the buses.

#### ***Where are the FREE lupus shuttles to the park?***

There will be shuttles from the MARTA Station at 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Peachtree Place. The buses will be parked on Peachtree Place. They will run to the park from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Then back to the station from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

#### ***Where can I park? WARNING – CARS WILL BE TOWED if illegally parked***

The new SAGE Parking Facility is open at Piedmont Park. For a map of the parking deck go to [www.piedmontpark.org/visit/park\\_map.html](http://www.piedmontpark.org/visit/park_map.html).

### CHECK-IN, PRIZES AND DONATIONS

#### ***Do I need to check-in before the Walk starts?***

If you have funds to turn in or need to collect your prize voucher, then yes. Also, if you have not registered online before the Walk, go to the Check-In Tent.

### ***How do I pick up my prizes?***

All walkers who are eligible for a prize will receive an emailed prize voucher by Friday afternoon, before the walk. Print off your voucher and you get to skip all of check-in and go directly to the prize tent to collect your prizes!

### ***Can I donate the day of the Walk?***

Absolutely! We will have OPPORTUNITIES TO DONATE with cash and credit card machines on site, at Check-In and Information Tents.

### ***How can I get a Walk to End Lupus Now T-shirt?***

Walkers raising \$100 or more will receive a t-shirt at the Walk. Walk t-shirts will also be for available for a \$100 donation.

### ***Is there a registration fee?***

There is no registration fee or minimum pledge requirement. However, individuals must raise \$100 or more receive a Walk to End Lupus Now t-shirt.

## **INFORMATION FOR THE DAY OF THE WALK**

### ***Will there be refreshments?***

Yes! There will be free water at the Water Stops along the Walk route as well as the Water Tent by the Stage. This year's food vendors include Aviva by Kameel, Philly Connection, King of Pops, and more!

**Please note: NO grilling by city ordinance and NO tent stakes, bring bungee cords to tether chairs and coolers.**

### ***Will team pictures be taken and where?***

Yes! Our photographers will be at the Stage for team pictures throughout the morning and at the start/finish lines. Please make sure your team gets a shot!

### ***What happens if it rains?***

We walk Rain or Shine! ☺

### ***What do I need to bring with me?***

Comfortable clothes and walking shoes are a must! We also encourage teams to bring a tent and picnic to enjoy the day and festivities! Teams may set up their tent anywhere in the open picnic area!

### ***How long is the Walk route?***

This year we have a new shorter 1 mile route, all inside the park.

### ***How long should I plan to be at the event?***

Many of our teams and walkers arrive in time to set up their tents before the Walk begins. All Chapter activities open at 9:00 a.m. and teams are invited to stay until break down begins at 2:00 p.m.

### ***Who can participate in the Walk?***

Anyone and Everyone!

### ***Is there an ATM at or around the park?***

The closest ATM is at the Park Tavern.

### ***How can I show I am a patient or I am walking in honor/memory of someone?***

Patients will receive a hand fan. All participants walking in honor/memory of someone will receive an "I'm Walking for \_\_\_\_" sticker. Hand fans and stickers will be given out at the Lupus Information Tent.

### ***Am I allowed to run instead of walk?***

Yes, you may run. However, running is not encouraged! You may want to start at the front of the pack, as most participants will be walking.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE WALK**

### ***How do I start a team? Is it too late?***

The first step is to choose a team captain and register as a team. Next, you will create an online fundraising page for your team. We help make it easy, and provide you with all the materials and tools you need to ensure success in building your team. It is not TOO late; most walkers raise their funds in the last 1-2 weeks!

### ***Does a team need to have a minimum number of walkers?***

No. There is no minimum size for a team, but the LFA encourages participants to recruit about ten team members.

### ***Do I receive prizes for raising money for Walk to End Lupus Now?***

Yes! For a complete list of prizes, and to learn more, visit [Prize Information](#).

### ***I cannot walk, but would like to fundraise. May I?***

Yes! You can register as a virtual walker and set up an online personal fundraising page OR record and collect donations and bring them to walk day. If you cannot attend on the day of the event, you can mail your donations into the LFA, Georgia Chapter office.

### ***Can I walk if I don't form a team?***

Although individual walkers are terrific, history shows us you will have more fun and raise more money if you come as part of a team; but it is perfectly fine to walk as an individual.

### ***How does the Lupus Foundation of America, Inc. and our Chapter use the contributions?***

Funds raised in the Walk to End Lupus Now are used to support research and our statewide education programs and support services for those affected by lupus. To get more information on how the Lupus Foundation of America uses contributions, please email [info@lfaga.org](mailto:info@lfaga.org). You can also visit our website at [www.lupusga.org](http://www.lupusga.org) or call us at (770) 333-5930 for more information.