



2023 Jingle Bell Run Bellingham

Frequently Asked Questions

When will registration close?

Teams (to be included in team box for pick up):

On-line registration for creating and joining teams will close Friday, **December 1 at 5:00 pm.** (After 12/3 team packets will be pulled and your swag cannot be added to your team, BUT you may still register at jbr.org/Bellingham and pick up your shirt at packet pickup or on race day.)

Individuals: Individual participants may register on-line at jbr.org/Bellingham through event morning! Registration will not close until event day. If you registered before packet pick up, you can pick up your shirt there and after packet pickup you can pick up your shirt the morning of the event.

PACKET PICK-UP

Where and when do I pick up my shirt/bells/race number?

Individuals and Team Captains may pick up race packets:

- Tuesday, December 5 from 11 am- 6 pm* and
- Wednesday, December 6 from 11 am- 5:30 pm*

Location:

[Volkswagen of Bellingham](#)

(In the Porsche showroom)

2200 Iowa Street

Bellingham, WA 98229



Volkswagen of Bellingham

*Team Captains or a representative MUST pick up all swag for your team - please make sure all team members know that their swag (bib, bells and t-shirt) will be picked up and distributed to them by their Team Captains. Finisher medals they will receive at the finish line.

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“Day of event” Packet Pick-Up

Saturday, December 9 from 7am – 9:00am

Bellingham High School

2020 Cornwall Ave

Bellingham, WA 98225

I am on a Team what about my shirt/race number/bells?

Check with your Team Captain they have all your swag!

How does Team Packet Pickup work?

Team Captains will pick up their entire teams' swag (shirt/bells/race numbers) together on Tuesday, December 5 or Wednesday, December 6 at Bellingham Volkswagen between 11am and 6 pm Tuesday or 11am and 5:30 pm Wednesday. Large teams may also coordinate drop-off of their team swag. Team Captains will coordinate with their team members to get you your swag.

TEAM TAILGATE AREA

What is a Team Tailgate area and how does my team qualify?

This year we will have a Team Tailgate area for teams raising \$2500 and over. Results for team fundraising will be tallied at 11:59 PM - Friday 12/2 and teams will be notified of their access to the team tailgate area by Monday 12/5. Top teams will receive a 10x10 tent for your team to decorate and gather with all your team members before the race. Feel free to supply your tent with a banner and goodies for a fun festive winter morning Jingle Bell Run/Walk experience.

Where does all the fun start?

At the Bellingham High School 2020 Cornwall Ave., Bellingham, WA. Join us for the Holiday Costume Contest before the race at 8:15 am near the event stage at the High School.

Where is the Kids Fun Run with the Elves?

The Kids Fun Run with the Elves will start and end in front of the High School on Cornwall Ave at 8:30 am. They will be escorted by Elfie and the elves. Parents are encouraged and welcomed to join the kiddos.

Is there a bag/gear check?

No

Where do I park?

There will be free off-street parking on Saturday morning, the high school parking lot, or neighboring lots near the racecourse.

How do I Turn in my donations?

Any donations that are not made directly online can be sent to the below address or dropped off at the registration area the morning of the event:

Mailing address:

Arthritis Foundation

Attn: Bellingham, WA Jingle Bell Run

1355 Peachtree Street NE #600
Atlanta, GA 30309

Please note that in your personal fundraising HQ (online) you have the opportunity to enter donations. This allows for all donations to be added to your fundraising total immediately.

Are dogs allowed?

Yes, dogs are allowed if registered for the **Dog Trot** portion of the 5K WALK ONLY. All dogs must be with a walker participant, on a leash and must start in the back of the runners when we start the race. Owners are encouraged to be mindful of their leash length to ensure no walkers are compromised by the leash. We will provide a dog bandana for your dog and a poop bag for accidents. All dogs must be cleaned up after if necessary. Thank you for being mindful of your animal so we can continue to allow dogs at our event.

Are Baby Joggers allowed?

Yes, you are welcome to bring your little elves in your baby jogger or stroller. We do ask that you start after the faster runners for safety reasons.

Is there still a Costume Contest?

Yes! Please don your most festive snowflake, elf, Mr. & Mrs. Claus, or any other costume you like. Judging will occur after the race at the main stage area at approximately 8:15 am.

If my child is participating in the Kids Fun Run, do I need to register for the Kids Fun Run?

No - if your child is participating in the Kids Fun Run and you would like to escort them, you do not need to register for this event. However, if you would like to participate in the 5K event or/and would like an event t-shirt you will need to register as an adult for the Jingle Bell Run/Walk.

Are there awards for top finishers?

Yes – medals will be given to the top three finishers.

Are there finisher medals?

Yes! We are excited to offer finisher medals for the 2023 event! Finisher medals will be received at the finish line.

Cancellations or alternate routes?

What happens in if there is inclement weather the day of the event?

Arthritis Foundation staff reserve the right to cancel or modify the course if deemed necessary to protect the participants, volunteers, spectators and/or host community.

The set up and staging of the event requires substantial upfront expenses. Regardless weather or not the race is completed, modified or canceled – it will not result in a refund of registration fees or donations.

In the case of inclement weather or a public safety issue, every effort will be made to receive input from local officials and the national weather service before making any changes to the event or course.

Should the event be canceled – Notification will be communicated through [Facebook](#) event page, email and Cascade Radio Group.

I will be out of town/busy on December 9 - can I still be involved and get a t-shirt?

Yes, you can still participate on a fundraising team as an individual if you can't attend the Jingle Bell Run/Walk. Just click the "register" button and when you are asked to designate a registration type, choose 5K Virtual as your registration type. You will receive a t-shirt and are able to jingle any time you like. Shirts can be picked up at Packet Pick-up. Must register for this race type by Monday 11/27 at 11:59PM.