



Saturday, September 8th, 2018

Sawyer Point | Cincinnati, OH

705 East Pete Rose Way (Eggleston cross street)

IMPORTANT DAY OF INFO

Day of Registration

- There are 2 registration areas for the Walk: West Registration is located in Sawyer Point's "Dining Plaza" and Main Registration is just up the ramp from the main entrance to the park. You can register (if you haven't already), drop donations or pick-up event maps at either of the registration areas.
- IF YOU REGISTERED ONLINE: Team Captains (or a designated team member) will be picking up shirts for the entire team. Make sure you connect with your Captain to make arrangements for getting your shirt. You should not have to wait in any registration lines that morning for T-shirts. Day of registration on the 8th is for **NEW** registrants only!
- Please also note that we will be running out of T-Shirts again this year. Our registration numbers have hit an all-time high!

Parking: You can reserve a parking spot ahead of time with SpotHero or simply get downtown early enough and take advantage of the many lots surrounding the park. You may even get lucky and be able to park within Sawyer Point. [More information here](#) (or visit the Buddy Walk website and click on the IMPORTANT INFO tab).

Child Bracelets:

Child bracelets are being distributed during T-Shirt week. We require children to wear these at the walk. **PLEASE write the cell phone number and name of the parent/guardian along with your team name on the band.** If you need any help at the walk, you can visit the First Aid booth located on the Kroger Promenade (to the right of the Main Registration area). Child bracelets will also be available the day-of the walk at registration areas. It is VERY important bracelets are on children 8 and under – or certainly use your discretion. We expect over 12,000 people at our walk again this year, so it's important we all take every precaution when caring for our children.

Eclipse Sound:

Eclipse Sound will be back again to get our morning started! Listen for important morning announcements and be sure to get your feet moving as they play some of your favorite tunes! Walk kick-off announcements and countdown take place on the Promenade Stage. So as it's nearing 10:00 a.m. – be sure to find a location where you can hear the "official" countdown with the **St. X Drumline!**

9:00 AM: Pre-Party Kicks off in Yeatman's Cove. Here are some of the activities:

- ❖ **Buddy Up Tennis** will have an interactive booth in Yeatman's Cove. Stop by to learn more about the program.
- ❖ **Team Photos** - There will be a few roaming photographers and try and visit the TEAM PHOTO area out in Yeatman's Cove along the Serpentine Wall.
- ❖ **Bouncy House and Slide** from Party Go Round
- ❖ The **Cincinnati Fire Department** will be there with their Fire Safety House and a Fire Apparatus.
- ❖ A **Face Painting Tent** and Balloon Animal makers.
- ❖ **Dunkin' Donuts, Wallingford Coffee, Popcorn and Thrive Market.**
- ❖ **Vendor Village** – be sure to stop by our new Vendor space in Yeatman's Cove. There will be over 15 booths to visit.

10:00 AM: Walk Starts On Time!

Listen for the St. X Drumline as they enter Sawyer Point. They will make their way to the front of the stage and get the crowd warmed up.

Immediately Following the Walk: After Party

- ❖ **Worldpay** – Stop by our Presenting Sponsors tent. They'll have some giveaways
 - ❖ **Circus Mojo** - look for these performers on the Great Lawn.
 - ❖ **Home Depot** - stop by the Home Depot tent in the center of the Great Lawn and get a hands-on building experience.
 - ❖ **ABC Pediatric Therapy** will be on the lawn and will engage participants in activities for all ages.
 - ❖ **Bouncy House, slide and games** from Party Go Round
 - ❖ **Cool Critters Outreach** is back! CCO is a fun, interactive, and educational way of looking at reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, mammals and other amazing animals. It is an opportunity to get an up-close and personal look at the fascinating world of snakes, lizards, dragons, spiders and more.
 - ❖ **Cincinnati Reds Rover** will be located on the East side of the Great Lawn. They'll have cornhole, an inflatable and stickers to give away.
 - ❖ **Year of the Friend** – visit the stage and hang up your tribute to your friends for all to see, or sit down at one of the craft tables and create something to honor them. FRIENDS, don't forget to pick up a *Year of the Friend* ribbon! They are available during T-Shirt week but you can also pick them up from the Registration areas the morning of the walk.
 - ❖ **Food and Drink Court** – Immediately following the walk, visit the Food Court where you'll find good eats from **John Morrell, JTM, White Castle, Ballpark, GFS and UDF. Thanks to Klosterman for supplying this year's buns.** Also, look out for drink stations which will be scattered throughout the Promenade (sponsored by **PEPSI**). You'll also be able to quench your thirst along the walk route with water sponsored by **Kroger**. And don't forget about **Gold Star, LaRosa's** and **Kona Ice!** They'll be back again 😊 You'll find Kona and Gold Star on the southern part of the Great Lawn.
Food court will open around 10:30. Beverages are available all morning.
 - ❖ **Gluten Free Fare** – For those participants with a gluten allergy or intolerance, we will have Gluten Free pizza available on the east side of the Promenade (sponsored by **LaRosa's**). This is the opposite side of the Food Court and located in Vendor Alley.
 - ❖ You can also visit the **PhotoSnatcher Photo Booth** on the east side of the Promenade and be on the lookout for **Q102's Heart and Sole Patrol!**
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Meeting your team at the walk:

There will be 4 SOLID color balloon clusters on the Great Lawn at Sawyer Point and 3 SOLID color balloon clusters in Yeatman's Cove. If you are looking for a way to meet up with other team members, you can choose a balloon as a meeting spot.

Great Lawn Balloon Colors: **BLUE** **GREEN** **ORANGE** **WHITE**

Yeatman's Cove Balloon Colors: **PURPLE** **RED** **YELLOW**

You can also check-out the map to find another location that may work for meeting your team. We will have maps to distribute and a map posted on the Buddy Walk website. It will identify key areas of the walk and After Party. We would appreciate if you did not meet your team members at the registration areas, as this area becomes very congested.

Along the Walk Route:

Be sure to wave hello and cheer for the many acts you'll see along the Buddy Walk route: **A-Marika Dance Company, Melodic Connections, RemarkABLE Movement, Mix 94.9, Spare Change, Midwest Cheer Elite, Hurricane Heroes, Floyd and the Walkmen, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and Highlands Middle School Cheer Team.**

Memorial Cove:

We acknowledge that there are teams and families that have lost a loved one with Down syndrome. We will once again have a place along the route, where you can take a few moments to remember and celebrate your family member or friend who has passed. We encourage you to bring photos, artwork or anything else that might help you pay tribute.

Selfie Stations:

Be on the lookout for an Instagram and Facebook selfie station (in Yeatman's Cove). Find them, take a pic and post to social media. Don't forget to use the hashtags: **#BuddyWalkCincy**

#YearoftheFriend

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, September 8th!

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