



BUDDY WALK[®]

CINCINNATI

Saturday, September 11th

SAWYER POINT & YEATMAN'S COVE

DAY OF INFO



HELLO!

We are looking forward to the 20th Annual Buddy Walk in Cincinnati on Saturday, September 11th. Whether you are planning on joining us at Sawyer Point, or you are meeting up with friends and family for a smaller gathering, we will all be together in spirit, connecting with this awesome community, and celebrating the extraordinary lives of our loved ones with Down syndrome.

Here's some insight into Buddy Walk morning...what to expect, what to be on the lookout for and much more.

Parking

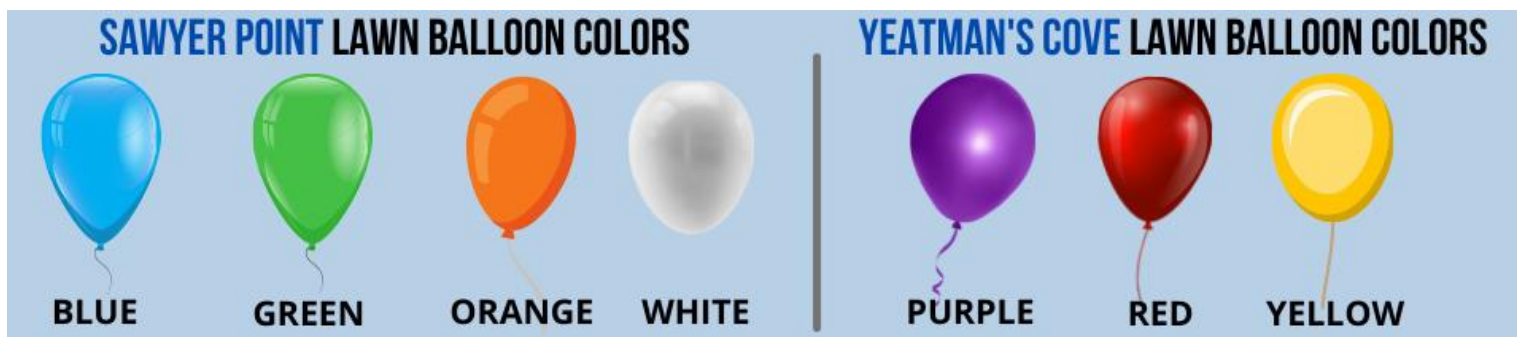
There are many different parking lots surrounding Sawyer Point (SP) and Yeatman's Cove (YC)...the main one at SP, Public Landing at YC, parking along Pete Rose Way, and lots up Eggleston Avenue. Some people even park in Kentucky and walk over the bridge. Lots of choices, so do what works best for you and your family. Parking costs range from \$5 to \$20.

Information

We will have 2 information/donation drop tents. One will be located up the ramp as you enter Sawyer Point Park (we will also have some merchandise for sale), and one will be near the dining plaza on the west side of the Kroger Promenade. Feel free to stop by with any questions or to drop donations. Be sure to provide the team name with your donation so we can credit the correct team.

Meeting your team at the walk

There will be **4** large SOLID color balloons on the Great Lawn at Sawyer Point and **3** large SOLID color balloons 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.



You can also check out the map to find another location that may work for meeting your team. We will have maps on hand the day of the walk and it will also be posted on the website a few days before the walk. It will identify key areas of the walk and after party celebration. We would appreciate if you did not meet your team members at the main information tent, as this area becomes very congested.

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, name of the parent/caregiver and 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 our info tent). 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.

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 and Sawyer Point.**

Here are some of the activities you'll find:

- ❖ **School of Ginga** - We are excited to have an inflatable soccer field set up in Yeatman's Cove!
- ❖ **Team Photos** - There will be a few roaming photographers but try and visit the TEAM PHOTO area out in Yeatman's Cove along the Serpentine Wall.
- ❖ **Inflatable obstacle course, slide and games** from The Inflatable Fun Company.
- ❖ **Summits Edge Coffee, Marx Bagels and fruit from the Castellini Company.**
- ❖ **Vendor Village** – be sure to stop by and say hello to our vendors out in Yeatman's Cove.

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.

Walk Route

You'll see a number of different entertainment acts along your walk including A-Marika Dance, Expressions Dance Theatre and RemarkABLE Movement, Highlands Middle School Dance Team, and DJ Brody. Brody will be located in Schott Amphitheater towards the end of the walk route, so be sure to make it to the end and join in on a mini dance party!

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.

Immediately following your walk: After Party

- ❖ **Kroger** – Associate Resource Group
- ❖ **EY – Ernst and Young** will be on the lawn with games and 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 say hello to our friends at Home Depot and pick up an at home kit.
- ❖ **Good Green Earth Farm** – We are excited to welcome baby goats, a lamb, bunnies, a pot belly pig, chicks and ducks to the Buddy Walk this year. Visit them on the main lawn.
- ❖ **Food and Drink Court** – Immediately following the walk, visit the Food Court where you'll find delicious eats from **JTM, Sugarcreek, Thrive Market, and UDF**. Drinks will be distributed a little differently this year. Pepsi products will be located on the promenade near the food court. Volunteers will be handing out drinks instead of our typical pick your own approach. **You'll also find Water Stations along the walk route in Yeatman's Cove. Gold Star and LaRosa's are also back!** You'll find Gold Star on the southeast side of the Great Lawn and LaRosa's on the east side of the promenade. 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 from.
- ❖ **Q102's Heart and Sole Patrol** will be near the dining tables.
- ❖ **Selfie Stations** - Be on the lookout for our Instagram and Facebook cut outs on the P&G Pavilion stage. Find them, take a pic, and post to social media. Don't forget to use the hashtag:
[#BuddyWalkCincy](https://www.instagram.com/BuddyWalkCincy)



As always, should you have ANY questions about the Buddy Walk, please do not hesitate to reach out via email at Kerin@dsagc.com or call our office at 513.761.5400.