

# 2023 Buddy Walk Knoxville FAQs

## **When and where is Buddy Walk® Knoxville?**

Sunday, October 22, 2023 from 1pm-4pm

World's Fair Park

963 World's Fair Park Dr.

Knoxville, TN 37916

## **What is Buddy Walk® Knoxville?**

The Down Syndrome Awareness Group of East TN (DSAG) organizes Buddy Walk® Knoxville to celebrate and support individuals with Down syndrome and their families and to promote understanding and acceptance of those with Down syndrome. Over 1,000 participants from our area are expected at this year's Buddy Walk® Knoxville, making it DSAG's largest Down syndrome awareness event of the year and our primary source of funding for programs.

## **How much does the event cost?**

This is a free community event! There is no registration or admission charge required to attend. An optional \$10 registration fee includes a t-shirt.

## **Is the Buddy Walk® just for families of individuals with Down syndrome?**

Absolutely not! This is a community event and we welcome anyone and everyone to the Buddy Walk®! So please invite all your friends and family. Invite families your children attend school with, church members, co-workers, etc.! All are welcome!

## **How strenuous is the actual walk?**

The walk itself is a short stroll around the outside perimeter of our event area. It is a very easy and slow walk, mostly on sidewalk and some on grass. The ground is mostly level and stroller-friendly.

## **Will there be activities for the kids?**

Yes! We will have a lot of activities for the kids. There will be activities for the entire family – folks of all ages will enjoy inflatables, activities, and games, etc.

## **Will there be food and drinks available?**

Plan on having lunch at Buddy Walk! **Food Trucks** attending this year will be Gypsy Kitchen and Rocky Top Snoballs, Bunnz, and Drink Smooth!

## **Where do we park?**

World's Fair Park Drive will be closed to thru traffic. Parking maps are available [here](#). You are welcome to drop off at the area in front of the sunsphere and then park your vehicle.

## **Are tents allowed at World's Fair Park?**

Only DSAG tents are allowed on the Festival Lawn. Individuals are NOT allowed to have tents or canopies at World's Fair Park. Feel free to bring chairs, blankets, wagons, strollers, etc. to help enjoy your time at the park.

**May we bring our own food and drinks?**

Yes, you are welcome to bring your own food and drinks.

**Are there restrooms available?**

Yes! There are restrooms located inside the security building on the World's Fair Park property.

**When is the last day to register for a Buddy Walk® shirt with a \$10 registration?**

Sunday, October 8, 2023

**I see some teams have their own shirts printed. Do I have to do this?**

Absolutely not, but many of our teams enjoy designing and printing their own unique shirts every year to unify their team and raise money.

**Where can I get custom made team shirts?**

You can check with local companies that provide this service. We also suggest Custom Ink and Bonfire as an easy online company you can use for this. They are the same company, with the difference being that Custom Ink requires you to take the orders and collect the money. They then ship your shirts to you, and you disperse them to whoever purchased them. With Bonfire, customers place their own orders, and all items are shipped directly to them once your fundraiser is complete. You set the price for your shirts and any overage can be mailed to DSAG.

**May I put the words Buddy Walk® on my team shirts?**

You may, but you need approval from NDSS (National Down Syndrome Society). For any shirts printed with the words Buddy Walk® you must include the registered trademark symbol as shown here: **Buddy Walk®**

**Where can I get frequently updated Knoxville Buddy Walk® information?**

Our Facebook group is one of the best ways to get information on all things Buddy Walk®! Please join us!

<https://www.facebook.com/BuddyWalkKnoxville/>

**Is there any assistance with fundraising?**

Yes! A sample fundraising letter is available upon request. Any sponsors that you recruit – their sponsorship amount counts towards your team fundraising totals. Ad sign sales count too! (example- if your employer purchases a full page sign for \$100, the office gets a sign and your team gets a \$100 credit). Remember, you have until November 15, 2023 to turn donations in to count toward your fundraising goal. Incentive awards for fundraising will be available under the event tab/walk day information.

Still have a question? Feel free to call or text Angie at 865-202-8867 or email at [info@dsagtn.org](mailto:info@dsagtn.org).