

2024 Buddy Walk Knoxville Day of information-

When and where is Buddy Walk® Knoxville?

Sunday, October 20, 2024 from 1pm-4pm Rain or Shine
World's Fair Park
963 World's Fair Park Dr.
Knoxville, TN 37916

World's Fair Park Drive will be closed to thru traffic. Parking maps are available [here](#).

Only prior DSAG approved tents are allowed on the Festival Lawn. **Individuals are NOT allowed to have tents or canopies** at World's Fair Park, you will be asked to take down any tents that are not part of the event. Feel free to bring chairs, blankets, wagons, strollers, etc. to help enjoy your time at the park.

Pets: World's Fair Park is pet friendly, but only service animals are allowed on the Festival Lawn during our event time. This is in the best interest of our families, the event can sometimes be overstimulating for animals. Thank you for understanding.

Registration/Check-in for DSAG families is open from 1-2 pm. This is where you will turn in any cash or check donations you have collected. If you registered online and raised money online and do not have donations to turn in that day, you must still go thru registration to claim shirts or DSAG dollars. There will be a current printout of everyone's online totals as of midnight on Friday, October 18, 2024. You can continue to collect funds and take online donations until November 15, 2024. This date will be the cutoff for DSAG dollar totals.

Buddy Walk T-shirts- Only ONE person (team captain) needs to come to pick up their team shirts at the T-Shirt tent after checking in at registration. Please be patient as we work on perfecting the process of distributing shirts that were pre-registered for. Team captains, inside your bag of shirts you will find a list of everyone who registered and entered a T-shirt size, this should help with shirt distribution. IF you registered as an individual participant not on a team, and you registered before October 8th, go to the T-shirt tent, and they can assist you there. Buddy Walk t-shirts that have not been given out at registration will be on sale at the T shirt tent after 2 pm while supplies last.

DSAG Dollars- This is one of the fundraising incentives in place this year for DSAG family teams. DSAG Dollars can be redeemed for merchandise at Marketplace. DSAG Dollars are awarded as listed: \$10 for the first \$100 raised and an additional \$5 DSAG Dollars per \$250 raised by October 18, 2024 at midnight (example: \$500 raised would earn \$20 in DSAG Dollars). The top 3 fundraisers for Buddy Walk 2024 will be announced in the December DSAG newsletter and presented on stage at Buddy Walk 2025. The winners will also be featured in the 2025 BW materials and have a tent at next year's event. Remember, you have until November 15, 2024 to continue fundraising.

Opening ceremony will begin at 2:15, walk will begin after. The planned walk route is to start at the stage, continue through the amphitheater, across the bridge at WFP, alongside the sunsphere and end back at the Festival Lawn. Be sure to check out all of the route signs along the walk, don't forget to take your route sign with you at the end of the day!

Immediately following the walk, **the medal ceremony** will take place on stage. Each of our friends with Ds needs to line up to the side of the stage for the ceremony. Each individual with Ds will receive a medal and a goody bag and get their moment on stage to be recognized. Be sure to have the individual's name written on a provided index card while in line for the ceremony.

Plan on having lunch at Buddy Walk! **Food Trucks** attending this year will be, Rocky Top Snoballs, Gypsy Kitchen, Waffley Good, Drink Smooth, Family Dough and Alebrijes. A portion of profits is donated to DSAG!

Marketplace has some awesome new DSAG items this year! New shirt designs, crewnecks, tumblers and belt bags. There will also be other items available. 2024 Buddy Walk t-shirts that have not been given out at registration will be on sale at the T shirt tent after 2 pm while supplies last.

DSAG drawing- Stop by to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win some great prizes/gifts that have been donated by local businesses!

If you are new to the DSAG family over the last year - thru birth of a baby, expecting a baby, adoption or moving to East Tennessee - be sure and stop by the **New Family Tent**. There will be DSAG families there to greet you and give you a new family goody bag. The New Family tent will be located along the side of the festival lawn opposite World's Fair Park Drive. ****If anyone would like to help with greeting new families for a thirty-minute block of time, please send an email to info@dsagtn.org ****

There will also be lots of fun activities to enjoy: bubble station, face painting, inflatables and a hang out tent for those High School and older individuals with Ds to get to know each other better!

Credit/debit cards are accepted at registration, market place and food trucks.

Checks will only be accepted at Registration. Any money turned in at Buddy Walk will be assumed to be a Buddy Walk donation.

You will see a few people running around wearing bright Buddy Walk committee shirts; this is the Buddy Walk committee. They have done a phenomenal job and worked very, very hard for many months to make Buddy Walk possible. Be sure and let them know you appreciate all their time and effort!

2024 Buddy Walk Committee members:

Susan Martin	Meagan Brown	Patti Quinton
Becca Stone	Kristen Lewis	Jessica Wilson
Katie White	Kennedi Holbert	Tami Smith

If you have any other questions, feel free to email me at angie.holbert@dsagtn.org

Thank you for helping make DSAG programs and events possible!