
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO SHOULD REGISTER FOR THE BUDDY WALK® AND WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?

ALL participants must register for the Buddy Walk®. Registration includes access to the event activities, awareness walk, and a commemorative Buddy Walk® t-shirt (while supplies last). Registration is \$21 for teens and adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. All individuals with Down syndrome are free. Please note that t-shirts are available for registered participants only, so please make sure everyone on your team wanting a commemorative t-shirt clicks the [Register](#) or [Join Team](#) button. Hint: Don't forget to include children in your registration.

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR T-SHIRT SIZES, TEAM PRIZES, AND REGISTRATION?

The deadline for registered participants to be **guaranteed** their preferred t-shirt size is **October 6** due to the advance timeline required for ordering shirts. The DSG does order extras; however, sizes and quantities cannot be guaranteed after October 6. Registration and submission of fundraising dollars for overall team prizes like 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place fundraising teams closes at midnight on **October 20**. Winners will be announced at the 2023 Dallas Buddy Walk® on Sunday, October 29, at Toyota Stadium. Additional incentive deadlines and team prize opportunities will be announced in the weeks leading up to the event, so there are lots of opportunities for teams to win fun prizes.

HOW AND WHERE DO I PICK UP MY TEAM'S T-SHIRTS?

All team captains will receive additional information via email in October regarding team t-shirt pick up details on Saturday, October 21, at the Down Syndrome Guild office located at 1702. N. Collins Blvd. Suite 170, Richardson, TX 75080.

CAN I MAKE MY OWN TEAM T-SHIRTS?

Yes, many teams make their own team t-shirts. There are no restrictions to the design and color of team t-shirts with the exception of use of the official NDSS Buddy Walk® and Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas logos. Use of the NDSS Buddy Walk® logo must be approved by the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS). If you wish to use the Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas logo on your team shirt, please email your design for prior approval to jennifer@downsyndromedallas.org.

WHAT WILL THE DALLAS BUDDY WALK® EVENT INCLUDE?

The 2023 Dallas Buddy Walk® is a day of fun for the entire family. Activities will include exhibitor booths, face painting, dj, inflatables, games, food for purchase, clowns, balloon artists, photo booth, awareness walk, and more.

IS THERE A TAILGATE AREA? WHAT IS ALLOWED? HOW DO I GET A SPOT?

Yes! Many teams choose to set up a tailgate spot as a meeting/hang out space for their group. Tailgate spots are available on a first come, first served basis on event day at a designated time. Teams may choose to set up a small pop up canopy, tables, and chairs. Small coolers with snacks and drinks are also permitted. Alcohol, glass containers, grills and other open flames are **NOT** permitted. All team captains will receive additional information via email in October on specific procedures and set up times.



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CAN I BRING MY DOG?

No! Only service animals are allowed at the 2023 Buddy Walk®. Participants arriving with pets other than service animals will be asked to take them home and will not be granted entry into Toyota Stadium.

IS THE BUDDY WALK® A FUNDRAISER? WHAT AND WHO DOES IT BENEFIT?

The Dallas Buddy Walk® is the Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas' largest fundraiser funding over 60% of the organization's annual operating budget each year. Proceeds benefit the Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas and help provide resources, support, and educational and social programs for more than 2,500 individuals with Down syndrome and their families in North Texas. For more information, please see [pages 3-4](#) or visit the DSG website at www.downsyndromedallas.org.

ARE DONATIONS TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

Your gift is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by the law. The Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas is a registered 501(c)3 organization. Our tax ID number is 75-1508091.

WHO SHOULD CHECKS BE MADE PAYABLE TO? WHERE DO I SEND ANY CHECKS?

For tax purposes, please make checks payable to the Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas or DSG. Checks should not be written to Buddy Walk® teams, team captains, or individual participants. Please ask donors to indicate which walk team they are supporting in the memo section of the check. Checks may be mailed to Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas, 1702 N. Collins Blvd. Suite 170, Richardson, TX 75080.

I'M HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THE REGISTRATION AND FUNDRAISING SITE. WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR SUPPORT?

For all your Buddy Walk® related questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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