



What to Expect on Walk Day

Getting to the walk?

One of the benefits of holding our event at the Soldier Field is the ease in getting to the venue. Soldier Field is located at 1410 Museum Campus Drive, and is accessible from the East 18th Drive exit of Lake Shore Drive. Parking is available at the Waldron and South Parking Lots and the North parking lot. Parking is cash only and is \$17 at both lots, but goes up to \$19 after four hours in the North lot. Lots are identified on the enclosed site map.

When Should You Arrive?

Registration Areas, Resource Fair, Team Village open at 8:00 a.m.
Opening Ceremonies will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the Main Stage inside Soldier Field
The Walk begins immediately following Opening Ceremonies at 10:30 a.m.
The After Party will begin at 11:15 a.m. and continue until 1:00 p.m.

How do I coordinate a bus for my group?

Please let the Chapter office know if you plan to use a bus for your group. We can arrange for drop off and provide parking information for during the event.

I may not make it to the Walk when Registration opens. Can I arrive late?

Yes. Registration will be open until the walk ends. Please go directly to the Registration area when you arrive to turn in donations, pick up a T-shirt ticket (if you have already raised \$150 or more) or to register.

What activities will be at the Walk?

- Live entertainment will begin inside Soldier Field at 8:00 a.m., and you won't want to miss it! We will feature several musical groups as well as remarks from special guests at the main stage. A few others will perform from the side stage inside Soldier Field near the T-shirt pick-up area.
- The Resource Fair, with more than 60 area vendors offering kid-friendly activities, will take place on the Mezzanine Level inside Soldier Field.
- Our sponsor expo will feature interactive activities for children, giveaways and 3 bounce houses.
- Geoffrey the Giraffe from Toys "R"Us will be in attendance, as well as the famed Star Wars Storm Troopers.

The After Party will open at 11:15 a.m. outside Soldier Field on Stadium Green, and will feature:

- A petting zoo
- Treats from Uno Chicago Grill and Snowie Ice
- A field goal kicking activity, provided by Allstate Insurance Company
- An inflatable obstacle course and several bounce houses
- The music of High Street and Justin Roberts & The Not Ready for Naptime Players

What food will be available?

Through the generous support of many donors, bottled water (from Walgreens), Cheese-Its (from Kellogg Company) and Kudos bars (from Mars Candy) will be available at no cost to our walkers. Uno Chicago Grill will offer a limited number of hot dogs free for walkers at the After Party, and Snowie Ice will offer a limited number of free snow cones to our walkers. Soldier Field will also have concession stands open for purchases inside the stadium and at the After Party as well. We hope to have more surprises for you on Walk Day!

Are pets allowed at the walk?

Sorry, pets are not allowed. Soldier Field does not allow pets. Only service dogs are permitted.

Are strollers and wheelchairs allowed along the Walk?

Yes. Strollers, wheelchairs and wagons for the little ones are all welcome. These useful items can really help on the actual walk route. Note that strollers are not allowed on the grass inside Soldier Field. We will offer Stroller Parking just inside Gate 0 staffed by volunteers.

Where is the Walk route? Do I have to walk?

It is encouraged that all our participants enjoy walking the three-mile route along Chicago's beautiful Lakefront Path, but it is NOT mandatory. Walking is secondary to coming together as one strong united voice to show the unity and power of those directly and indirectly affected by autism. Just because a friend or loved one is not able to walk, please bring them along to support your efforts. You can also turn around at any time and head back to the walk site.

Are bikes, rollerblades, scooters or skateboards allowed at the walk?

For everyone's safety, we cannot allow any of these items.

Walk Day Commemorative T-shirts

How much do I need to raise to receive a T-shirt on Walk day?

All walkers who turn in a minimum of \$150 by Walk Day will receive a T-shirt ticket to redeem at the T-shirt Pick-Up area on Walk Day.

If I don't pickup my T-shirt at the event, can I get one mailed to me?

To reduce costs, ensuring that dollars are directed to the mission of Autism Speaks, T-shirts will be available on walk day only and not mailed to participants who are unable to attend the event. Autism Speaks will do its best to ensure that those participants who are receiving shirts will receive a shirt in the size of their choice. However, when this is not possible, another size may be substituted.

Can I purchase a commemorative T-shirt?

T-shirts are an incentive to actively fundraise to further the mission of Autism Speaks and are not available for purchase. For those walkers who have not raised \$150, but would like a souvenir, Autism Speaks merchandise will be sold at three areas on Walk Day.

What happens if it rains on the day of the walk?

The Walk will take place "rain or shine."

Walk Day Registration

What do I need to bring with me on the day of the walk?

If you received a walker envelope in the mail, please bring it with you. Donations, along with a completed donation form for each, can be placed inside. Seal the envelope and bring it with you. The same envelope can be used to register on Walk Day. Participants can save time on walk day by mailing in donations ahead of time to Autism Speaks – Chicago Walk, Walk Donations Department, 5455 Wilshire Blvd, #2250, Los Angeles, CA 90036.

How do I find my supporter ID number?

There are a few ways to find supporter ID numbers for yourself or for your registered family members.

1. Upon registration, walkers receive a confirmation e-mail. The supporter ID number is listed in this message.
2. From your HQ, click to open the PDF donation form. The ID number is listed in the top corner under the participant's name.
3. On your personal webpage - your ID number is at the end of the URL.

What is the cut-off to register or join a team?

You can register online up to the day before the walk. Please have everyone register as early as possible to give us a good headcount so that we can plan. Registration is also available on Walk Day.

Some of my family would like to come, but not walk. Do they need to register?

Please make sure to register each person who will attend (even if they do not walk).

If I am registered, do I need to do anything else to be pre-registered?

No, if you are already registered online, you are all set.

Is it better to register online or register the morning of the walk?

There are many advantages to registering before the walk. Here are just a couple.

1. Knowing how many people to expect will help us plan for a better event for everyone. We order all items based on how many people we have pre-registered for the walk.
2. Each person that registers will receive a webpage within the Walk Now for Autism Speaks website. This will give friends and family a place to go where they can donate directly to you online or get a donation form and mail a donation directly to us that will be credited to your page. You can also customize this page with a photo and special message.

Walk Day Donations

Who should checks be made payable to?

Please ask your supporters to make checks payable Autism Speaks.

Will the money turned in at the walk show up on my web page and my donation report?

Absolutely. If the corresponding donation forms were filled out and submitted along with your donations at the walk, then you will see your fundraising efforts reflected on your web page and donation report within four weeks of the event.

I turned in a packet at the walk and do not see all the checks processed yet?

Autism Speaks conducts more than 80 Walks this year. All donations to Autism Speaks should be deposited, processed and posted to your web page within four weeks of the day of the event. If a month or more has passed and you still do not see your donations on your web page, please contact chicago@autismspeaks.org or call 224-567-8573.

Where do I get donation forms?

Donation forms can be printed from each participant's individual webpage. The link (make a donation offline) is just under your goals.

Do I have to send in my donations? Can I bring them with me to the walk?

While you can always bring your donations to the walk, it is preferable that you mail them in as soon as you can to Autism Speaks – Chicago Walk, Walk Donations Department, 5455 Wilshire Blvd, #2250, Los Angeles, CA 90036.

What if people want to give me cash?

It is safest and best for record-keeping that you convert all cash received to checks or money orders. If you are able, the safest option is to send a personal check covering the full amount, along with the corresponding donation forms, to Autism Speaks. We will be able to credit your friends and family for their generosity. If this is not possible, you can also always bring the cash donations and appropriate donation forms to the walk.

Can I enter donations received via check to my webpage?

There is no way to enter these yourself. Please send all donations directly to our Walk Donation Department. Please submit the corresponding donation forms with checks so you will be credited for your fundraising efforts. Once processed, the donations will show on your webpage.

What if my donors don't want to donate online?

Please have them submit the corresponding donation forms with their checks so you will be credited for your fundraising efforts. If this is not possible, please have them indicate which walk they are supporting and your name on the memo section of the check.

Do I have to fill out one donation form for each check?

Yes. This is the best way to ensure that you receive the credit you deserve for all your fundraising efforts.

Can I continue to collect donations after the walk? Where do I send the checks?

Absolutely! Please mail donations with the appropriate donation forms to Autism Speaks – Chicago Walk, Walk Donations Department, 5455 Wilshire Blvd, #2250, Los Angeles, CA 90036. Your gift is tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law. Autism Speaks is a registered 501(c)3 organization. Our tax ID number is 20-2329938.

What is the Resource Fair?

Vendors in the Resource Fair have chosen to spend the day with us. Each vendor offers a service or resource that may be of interest to our walkers and we hope that you will enjoy meeting them. They are looking forward to meeting you! Vendors confirmed, as of April 27, 2010 include:

AIT FOR YOU - Berard Auditory Intergration Training	Dyna Vox Mayer-Johnson
Anixter Center	Equip for Equality
Archie's Market	Giant Steps IL
Assential Therapies, Inc.	Grupo SALTO / IL Lend
Autism Program, Pediatric Developmental Center, Advocate Health Care	Horizons Developmental Remediation Ctr.
Autism Society of Illinois	Illinois Association for Music Therapy
Autism Things.com	Jewels of Austria
Bartlett Learning Center, Inc	Lifes Plan
Beacon Therapeutic School	Little Friends Center for Autism
Beth Osten & Associates	Marklund Day School
Big Blast	Maximized Living
Blue - The Luckiest Dog in the World book	NW Suburban IL Chapt. 114
Brain Balance of Vernon Hills	ODTC - Oconomowoc Developmental Training Center
Brodical Products, LLC	Originals by Gina Marie
Calming Hugs	The Puzzling Piece
Camelot	The Red Kite Project
Clearbrook	Turning Pointe Autism Foundation
Communication Clubhouse	UIC Autism Center of Excellence



WALK NOW FOR AUTISM SPEAKS

Saturday, May 15, 2010
Soldier Field — 3 Mile Walk

8:00 AM Registration/Resource Fair and Sponsor Expo Open

10:00 AM Opening Ceremonies Begin at Main Stage

10:30 AM Walk Start

11:00 AM After Party Begins

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Soldier Field — 3 Mile Walk

*Out and back along the beautiful Chicago lakefront.
Turn around at any time.*



Lake Michigan

- S** Snacks
- W** Water
- PP** Restroom
- C** Concessions
- E** Entertainment
- Walk Route

ART
INSTITUTE

Columbus Dr.

Monroe Dr.

Jackson Blvd.

Congress Pkwy.

BUCKINGHAM
FOUNTAIN

S. Lake Shore Dr.

Roosevelt Rd.

Columbus Dr.

JOHN G. SHEDD
AQUARIUM

E. Solidarity Dr.

FIELD MUSEUM

E. McFetridge Dr.

E. Solidarity Dr.

S. Lake Shore Dr.

SOLDIER
FIELD

START

FINISH

Museum Campus Dr.

Lakefront Trail

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