

Thank you for being a part of the upcoming 2015 Walk MS Staten Island on Saturday, April 18! Please take a few moments to read through these important event updates.

Dates and Times

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2015 Start and finish location: Clove Lakes Park Site Opens: 8 a.m. Check-in: 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. **Walk Begins: 9:30 a.m.** Site Closes: 12 p.m.

Getting Here and Parking

Clove Lakes Park is located at: 1150 Clove Road, Staten Island, NY

Street parking will be available on roads surrounding the event site and in the following lots:

Marine Corp League – 5 minute walk to event site. 46 Marine Corps Boulevard (Ontario Avenue), Staten Island, NY 10301

Staten Island Zoo – 10 minute walk to event site. 614 Broadway, Staten Island, NY 10310

For driving directions, please visit <u>www.mapquest.com</u>. For bus and subway directions visit <u>www.hopstop.com</u> or<u>www.mta.info</u>.

Event Morning

It is strongly suggested that you arrive at 8 a.m. to ensure enough time to park your car and get breakfast! Upon arrival, participants will also be asked to personalize an "I Walk For" bib which will be available at various locations throughout the site. These bibs are not mandatory, but we encourage you to share why you are walking!**Participants who registered in advance do not need to check-in the morning of the walk, but will have the option to turn in additional donations and/or pick up their event T-shirt if they raised more than \$125.**

New this year: Walk MS tribute flags! All participants will receive a Walk MS tribute flag to personalize with the name of who they are walking for.

Hold your flag and wave it with pride along the route! With the entire Walk MS family carrying these flags, we'll create a powerful visual that will show the community the strength of our connections.

Registration

If your friends and family still need to register, <u>encourage them to do so online</u> <u>today</u>! Day-of registration will be available, but registering online prior to the event will give you more time to enjoy the morning festivities.

Donation Drop-Off

Before heading out on your route, you may drop off any donations at Participant Check-in when it opens at 8 a.m. **Please do not bring cash.** Make any checks or money orders payable to Walk MS Staten Island.

Remember to include your name and "Walk MS Staten Island" in the memo section of each check as this will ensure donations are credited to you.

Log in to your <u>Participant Center</u> to check your fundraising progress and to see if you've earned any fundraising rewards.

T-shirts

Participants who raised **\$125** or more will receive an official Walk MS T-shirt. T-shirts will be distributed between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. The **\$125** is based on individual fundraising confirmed by event day and not team fundraising amounts.

Breakfast

Breakfast will be a muffin top, fruit, coffee and water.

Individual Fundraising Rewards

Top Fundraisers (individuals who raise \$1,000 or more) and Elite 200 Club members will receive a specialized participant bib and Top Fundraiser T-shirt upon check-in.

Teams

Head to the team meeting area to meet with the rest of your members. There you can personalize your "I Walk For" bib, create your Walk MS tribute flag, make a team sign, and have a team photo taken.

Routes

The scenic one- mile and three-mile accessible routes will take participants around Clove Lakes Pond, Martlings Pond and Brooks Pond.

Click here for the route map!

All Walk MS routes are fully supported with rest stops and support vehicles. If a participant cannot complete the route, support vehicles will transport them to the finish line festival!

Post-Walk Activities

Our Finish Line Sponsor, <u>Biogen</u>, will be handing out ribbons to all participants as they cross the finish line! The finish line festival will feature live music, informational and interactive booths, an End MS Forever mural, and a kid's zone. The finish line festival is fully accessible.

Mother Nature

The event goes on rain or shine! Please check weather reports and come prepared.

Volunteers Needed for the Day of the Walk

If you know anyone who might be interested in volunteering for the day of the walk, please have them fill out a <u>Walk MS Volunteer Registration Form</u>. Walk MS requires thousands of volunteers! Volunteers can also register on event day.

Spread the Word

We want the world to know why we are part of the Walk MS family. Like and follow Walk MS NYC – Southern NY on Facebook and Twitter so you can share your experience this weekend!

@walkmsnycsny | #walkms2015 | <u>fb.com/walkmsnycsny</u>

Questions? Please visit Event FAQ page or emailwalkMS@msnyc.org.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, April 18!