



Frequently Asked Questions



Q: Is this only a "RUN" or can we also participate as a "walker?"

A: This is a RUN/WALK event. Yes, you may definitely walk the route.

Q: May I run/walk the 1 Mile route with my child?

A: Yes, parents may join their child during the 1 Mile route.

Q: Where should runners and walkers park?

A: There will be limited parking in the parking lot near the gym on Mercer Street. The rest of Mercer Street will be closed. There is street parking near the school or runners and walkers can park in Grant Park parking lots and walk the short distance to the school.

Q: When do I get my number and t-shirt?

A: You will pick up your number at the registration table before the race. Runners will get their t-shirt and the race bag after they finish the race.

Q: Is this only open to children and parents of Parkside Elementary families?

A: We welcome "any-and-all" participants in this fun community event. You do not have to be affiliated with the school to participate.

Q: I love supporting great causes. How can I make a donation?

A: Thank you!!!! We welcome and appreciate donations.

Q: What time should I arrive?

A: We suggest arriving before 7:30 AM (for parking considerations).

Q: Are there any pre-event or post-event activities planned?

A: We will warm up the crowd before the race inside the school and offering a fun class for the children who are waiting for their parents to run the 5k. The awards will be presented immediately following the 5k.

Q: Will I be able to wear my new STRIDE shirt during the race?

A: Shirts will be issued after the completion of the race (so you will not have it prior nor during the run).

Q: My child (young) is running the 1 Mile Fun Run and I will have to accompany them. I have also registered for the 5K myself---so, I will be running both. Will other parents be doing the same?

A: Yes, several others will be joining their kids during the 1 Mile (consider it a warm up --- smile) and then joining the start of the 5K immediately following.

Q: We just want to attend, cheer, and support the kids & adults participating. Where should we be located?

A: We welcome ALL spectators and community supporters along our routes. Please view the route maps we have posted. Feel free to bring lawn chairs and set up along the route to cheer on the kids and adults.



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Q: What if I registered before March 4 for the guaranteed t-shirt, but now I cannot make the race?

A: Unless you have made prior arrangements, you must be present at the race to receive your t-shirt. If you would like to make arrangements to pick up your t-shirt at another time, you must email Leigh at parksidestride@gmail.com before noon on Friday, March, 10, 2017.

Q: I forgot to register by noon on Friday, but still want to run the race – what do I do?

A: There will be race day registration. We will be accepting cash or credit card. Please plan to show up a little early as you will need to fill out a form and we will need to input you into the system to assign you a race number.

Q: I did not register by March 4 to receive the guaranteed t-shirt, so what are my chances of getting a t-shirt?

A: We ordered over 120 extra t-shirts in various sizes in the hopes that we can provide everyone with a t-shirt.

Q: I want to participate and volunteer – is this possible?

A: Yes. There are volunteer shifts both before and after the race. Additionally, those that run the 1M can also be a course monitor for the 5K.

