



Little Red School House & Elisabeth Irwin High School

## **AIDS Walk NY: May 20, 2007**

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### **TEAM #1222 SURVIVAL GUIDE**

Sign In: 8:30 AM  
Begin Walk: 10:00 AM

Start by giving yourself a pat on the back for helping in the fight against AIDS! Again, LREI has a big team that is ready to go! Here you will find information that will be helpful to you as you prepare for the Walk. Go over it carefully!

#### **Where do we meet?**

All walkers should enter Central Park at 59<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. When you enter the park you will see the AIDS Walk Sign-In (see enclosed map). Sign-In begins at 8:30 AM. Here you will turn in your sponsor sheet and the money you have collected from your sponsors. After you have signed in, walk north on East Drive to the Team Meeting Area. The team tables are listed alphabetically. Look for the "Little Red School House and Elisabeth Irwin" sign and check in with Noni. **DO NOT attempt to sign in or turn in money at our team table. You must do this at the Sign-In area.**

**Parents, we encourage you to work out very specific drop-off and pick-up instructions with your child. If you feel that your child cannot handle the responsibility of arriving at the park, signing in, walking the route, and departing the Walk on his/her own, we invite you to join our team and/or walk with your child or take them through the Sign-In process.**

#### **What do I bring?**

Bring a few items that might make the walk more comfortable – hat, sunscreen, water or a snack. There are rest stops along the walk route where refreshments are provided. If there is a forecast of rain, a poncho or raincoat is preferable to an umbrella. You also might want to bring quarters or a cell phone to make a phone call in the case of an emergency. Most importantly, **DON'T FORGET YOUR DONATIONS!** Sorry, pets are not encouraged on the walk. Rollerblades are allowed. Skateboards and bicycles are not.

#### **What happens after the team has checked in?**

Please try to arrive at the LREI table by 9:30 a.m. for a Team #1222 photo. At approximately 10:00AM (maybe earlier, so don't be late!) we will depart Central Park to begin the walk. There will be a LOT of people walking so it may be a bit crowded. We will try our best to remain together and walk as a team but it's tricky.

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### **What if I get separated from the team?**

People walk at different paces, and it may be difficult to stay together. There will be plenty of adults walking on the team, but it's best that you find a buddy to walk with and stay with at all times. Gabrielle will have a cell phone with her (917-544-1299) if you want to contact an adult, and there will be volunteers along the way to help with emergencies.

### **Tell me more about the actual walk.**

The walk takes about two and a half hours and ends back at Central Park. Refreshments are provided along the way and portable toilets are available along the route for your comfort.

### **What happens when I finish the walk?**

Back at Central Park there will be refreshments, fun, and festivities. Stay and enjoy yourself! If you decide to leave, that's okay. Just make sure you've worked out your post-walk plans with your parents before the Walk.

### **Do we get any cool stuff?**

There are fundraising awards from GMHC that will be given out when you sign in or at the end. You will receive an AIDS Walk

New York T-shirt if you raise \$150, a T-shirt and baseball cap if you raise \$250, and a T-shirt, cap, and wrist watch if you raise \$500. (Prizes may vary.)

Also, GMHC will provide us with a disposable camera with which to take a team photo and record our memories of our AIDS Walk experience.

### **Is it too late to join the team?**

No! If you have family members or friends who would like to walk, they can register with Gabrielle or online at [www.aidswalk.net](http://www.aidswalk.net) any time between now and Sunday. They can make their own sponsor sheets or pick up one at the Sixth Ave/Charlton Street reception areas. You can also sign-up on the day of the walk at our team table and raise money after the walk.

### **What if I don't have all of my pledges collected before the walk?**

You are encouraged to collect as many of your donations as possible before the walk (preferably in the form of checks made out to AWCNY), but you can collect money after the walk, and we will make sure it gets to GMHC.

***Thank you for joining the LREI AIDS Walk team! Every step brings us closer to a cure.***

If you have any questions, you can contact Gabrielle at 212-477-5316 (ext.260) or [gkeller@lrei.org](mailto:gkeller@lrei.org). See you Sunday!