



What to Expect the Day of Walk

How do I get to the walk?

All of our walk locations are easy to get to. Below are parking instructions and links to maps for directions.

- 🔴 **Chicago – Grant Park: Upper Hutchinson Field, Corner of Columbus Drive and Balbo Avenue**
Join us as we stroll with thousands of balloons, lighting up the sky along the lakefront path. If you are driving, the Millennium Parking Garages around Grant Park will be your best bet for parking. The park is also easily accessible by public transit (near the CTA Red Line Harrison Stop).
[Directions](#)

- 🔴 **North Shore –Gallery Park: Patriot and Navy Boulevard, Glenview**
The beautiful Gallery Park has been home to the North Shore walk for the past ten years. Next to The Glen shopping area, it is easy to find, and provides great open space for all our walkers. Parking is available around The Glen as well as at Attea Middle School (free parking). The Glen of North Glenview Metra stop of the Milwaukee District North Line is next to the park if you plan on taking public transportation.
[Directions](#)

- 🔴 **Western Suburbs –Berens Park: 493 Oaklawn Avenue, Elmhurst**
The Western Suburban walk site has moved from Lisle to a new location this year, Berens Park in Elmhurst. Parking is easily available in two lots surrounding the park.
[Directions](#)

- 🔴 **Rockford – Peak Sports Club: 4401 Peak Drive, Loves Park**
Join us in a new location for the Rockford walk this year, Peak Sports Club in Loves Park. There is ample parking in the lot on site, and a beautiful walk path.
[Directions](#)

When should I arrive?

Festivities for each site will begin at 4:30 p.m. with entertainment, children’s activities, food, inspirational speaking program and more. The walk kicks off at sundown (approximately 6:00 p.m.). The walking paths at each site are 1-3 miles in length, and should take less than an hour to complete.

How do I prepare my family for walk day?

You can never be too sure about the weather, so bring layers, wear sunscreen and any other necessities you may need. Volunteers and Staff are available onsite to help you have the best experience that day. Walk site maps will be sent to registered walkers and posted on our website the week before the walk. We encourage all teams to establish a time and place for your team to convene the night of the walk.

What food will be available?

Pizzas, water and other food items will be available for anyone that attends the walk.

Are pets allowed at the walk?

Sorry, no pets are allowed. Only service dogs are permitted.

Are strollers and wheelchairs allowed on the walk route?

Yes. Strollers, wheelchairs and wagons for the little ones are all welcome.

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

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

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

Light The Night Walk will take place "rain or shine". However, in case of extreme or unsafe conditions, the Light The Night website will be updated by 3:00 p.m. with any cancellation information. For up-to-date information the day of the walk, please call the Light The Night hotline at 312-651-7354.

Day of Walk T-shirts, Incentives, Balloons & VIP

Where can I get a Light The Night Balloon?

Anyone who attends the Light The Night Walk is welcome to carry a lighted balloon. You can collect red and gold balloons at the Balloon Tent, and white at the Mission Tent. Red balloons are for supporters, white balloons are for survivors, and gold balloons are in memory of loved ones lost.

How much do I need to raise to receive a Light The Night t-shirt?

All walkers who turn in a minimum of \$100 can collect the Light The Night t-shirt at the T-shirt Tent.

Can I purchase a Light The Night t-shirt?

T-shirts are an incentive to encourage walkers to actively fundraise to further the mission of LLS and are not available for purchase. For those walkers that wish to receive an event t-shirt, you must raise at least \$100. Donations can be made the day of the walk at the Registration/Check-In Tent.

Where do I get my survivor t-shirt?

Survivor t-shirts are given to all blood cancer survivors who attend the walk. You can pick those up at the Mission Tent. There is no fundraising minimum to receive a survivor shirt.

How do I get into the VIP Tent?

The VIP Tent will be at the Chicago, Western Suburbs and North Shore walks. As for Rockford, more details to come about the VIP Tent. The VIP Tent is exclusive for walkers raising \$500 or more. The tent/party will feature an open bar, catered food, entertainment, special giveaways and more! At the VIP Tent/Party, please show a state-issued ID in order to receive a wristband to drink alcoholic beverages.

Are children allowed in the VIP Tent?

Children 12 and under may enter the tent with an adult. However, no more than two children under 12 may accompany each adult with a VIP entry. Walkers older than 12 must have earned their own VIP entry to enter the tent by raising \$500 or more.

Can I bring a guest into the VIP Tent?

Each walker raising \$500 or more qualifies for one (1) entry to the VIP Tent. A walker who raises \$1,000 or more will receive two (2) entries.

Where can I pick up other incentives?

Visit the T-shirt and Incentives Tent to pick up any additional items that were earned. You must raise \$100 to qualify for a T-shirt, \$250 to qualify for a headband, \$500 to qualify for a Light The Night sweatshirt and one entry to the VIP Tent, or \$1,000 to qualify for a Light The Night fleece and two entries to the VIP Tent. These items are cumulative, so every level you reach you get the incentive.

Can I purchase an incentive prize?

Unfortunately, incentive prizes can not be purchased. These are fundraising incentives and are meant as a thank you to our top fundraisers. However, you have until December 31, 2012 to reach these incentive levels.

Day of Walk Registration

What if I have not registered for the walk?

Participants who register at the walk will be asked to make a suggested donation of \$20. To register before the walk, you can sign up at www.lightthenight.org/il by Friday, October 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Some of my family and friends would like to come, but have not fundraised. Do they need to register?

We ask everyone in attendance to go to the Registration/Check-In Tent to sign the Light The Night Participant Waiver. Anyone is welcome to come to the walk and enjoy the festivities. However, the money that is raised from the Light The Night Walk helps further the mission of LLS. We encourage anyone who attends to make a donation.

Day of Walk Donations

Who should checks be made payable to?

Please ask your supporters to make checks payable to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society or simply "LLS."

Where do I turn in my donations?

To turn in donations, bring your collection envelope (we will have envelopes at the site as well) to the Registration/Check-In Tent. Remember to sign the waiver on the back of the envelope, total the money inside the envelope and seal the envelope beforehand to ensure a smooth and efficient check-in process.

What if I don't have any donations to turn in?

If you do not have any money to turn in, go directly to the T-shirt or VIP Tent. If you qualify, your name will be on the list at the tents.

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

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 two weeks of the walk.

Can I continue to collect donations after the walk?

Definitely! You can still fundraiser through the Light The Night website, and/or collect donations. Please mail donations to LLS Illinois Chapter – Light The Night, 651 W. Washington Blvd., Ste. 400, Chicago, IL 60661. Be sure to make a note of what participant and/or team gets credit for the donation.

Day of Walk Remembrance Area & Mission Tent

What is the Remembrance Area/ Ceremony?

The Remembrance Area is a place where walkers can go to remember a loved one lost to a blood cancer. You can spend time with family and friends alone in silent reflection. VITAS Remembrance Ceremony offers a separate time of reflection for those who walk in memory of loved ones who lost their battle with a blood cancer. This ceremony will be held from 4:30 – 4:45 p.m.

Can I bring photos to the area?

Yes, we encourage walkers to bring photos and stories of loved ones lost to post in the Remembrance Area. LLS is not responsible for these items, so if you wish to receive these items back, please come to the tent after the walk to retrieve your items.

What is the Mission Tent?

Stop by this tent to learn more about LLS's Patient Services programs and to pick up your survivor t-shirt if you are a blood cancer survivor. You may also pick up gold balloons here, in memory of loved ones lost.

For additional questions, please contact the Light The Night team at 312-651-7354 or LightTheNight_ILC@lls.org.