A GUIDE TO WALK DAY

AUTISM SPEAKS°



Milwaukee Sunday, October 7, 2018

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On October 7, I get to go to the Autism Speaks Walk!

It will be so much FUN and such a SPECIAL day for my family and me!



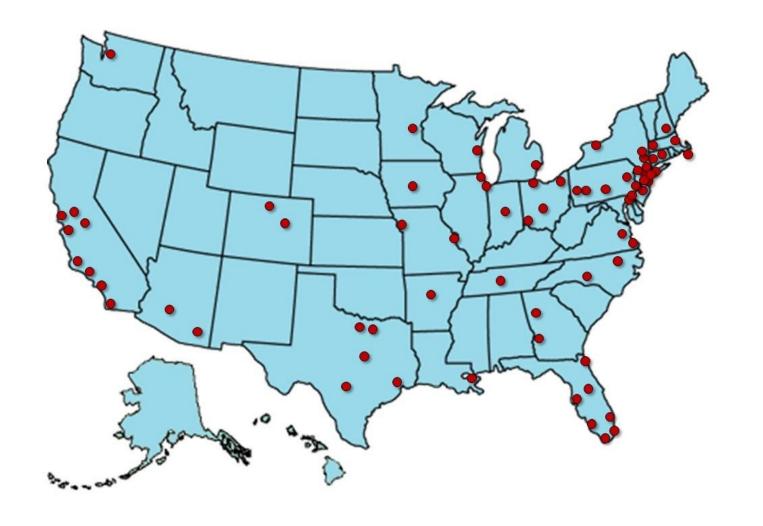




Autism Speaks Walks bring the community together to have fun and raise money that goes towards helping people with autism of all ages with lots of different strengths and abilities!







Autism Speaks
Walks take place all
across the United
States – over 70
different places!





My Walk will be at the Wisconsin State Fair Park in West Allis!







The Park has been the location of the State Fair since 1892!









I will drive to the Walk with my family. I will make sure to hold hands with someone when we walk from our parking spot to the registration tent!





When I get to the Walk, I will see lots of tents, banners and people.









When we get to the Walk, we will go to the registration table. There might be a line because lots of people will be there to turn in the donations they raised to help people with autism.

Once we get signed in, it's time to have fun!



At the registration table, all of the Walk participants will get a very cool blue pom pom!

The pom pom is a sensoryfriendly way to "clap" and show excitement without the noise!









Some people will get t-shirts in line if they raise a certain amount of money from their family and friends for the Autism Speaks Walk!





My Walk might even have 2,000 people there! That is a LOT of people who are getting together to have fun and

help out.



At the Walk, there will be a stage where there will be people speaking. There might even be people singing and dancing to music!









There will be a lot of fun games and activities that I can try if I want to. It's okay if I would rather not play though. I can just rest with my family too.





Some of the fun games include!











The Walk will also have people dressed up in costumes. I don't need to be scared though, even though some might have masks or face paint on. They are all very nice people who are trying to help everyone laugh and have fun!



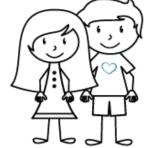
I can even take a photo with them if I want to!



There will also be lots of music, clapping and announcements. But I can wear my headphones or go to a special quiet room. A nice volunteer can show me where to go.

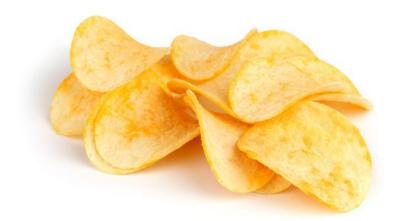










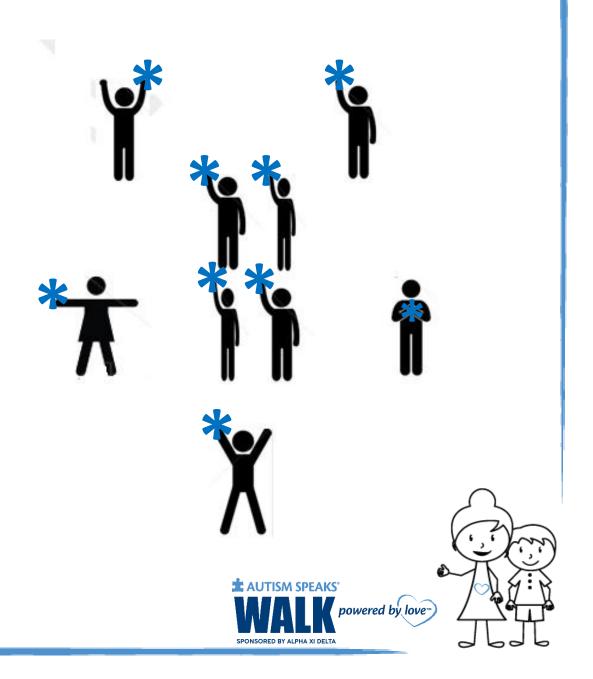


Water will be available if I am thirst, and food will be available for purchase. I can also bring my own drinks and snacks to the Walk!



Before the Walk starts, there will be a mission moment where all of the people will move their pom poms in different ways to celebrate how autism is special to us.

Then we will all raise them together before the countdown to the Walk begins!





When the Walk starts, we will move to the starting line and walk with all of the people. The Walk is about 1 mile.





The Walk will happen even if it's raining. If it does rain, I might have to wear a raincoat or boots, or hold an umbrella. There are places at the Walk where I can stay dry, too.





I will hold a grown up's hand and stay close to my family during the Walk. If I get lost, there will be lots of helpers to help me find my family.







Along the way, there will be people cheering us on. At the finish line, lots of people will be celebrating that we have completed the Walk!







When the Walk is over, we can go back and play some of the games if we want. Or else, we can go home after a fun day at the Autism Speaks Walk!





I am so excited to go to the Autism Speaks Walk. It will be a lot of fun!



