

Frequently Asked Questions: Light the Torch 5K

What is the Light the Torch 5k?

Light the Torch 5K is a fun run/walk provided to you by the Wheaton Park District and the FT Cares Foundation. We provide the fun, you provide the light! This 5K night run is perfect for the avid runner or the casual walker. Although, this race is a fun run, it is also a timed event.

Who does this race benefit?

A portion of the proceeds from this race will support FT Cares Foundation, Cosley Zoo Foundation, DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation, the Play for All Playground & Garden Foundation, Normal Moments, Send A Smile, and Operation Support our Troops. Some of these foundations will be at the Light the Torch Run on Friday, September 30th. Feel free to stop by their table and learn more about them!

Registration and Entry Fee

Registration is currently available. Participants are encouraged to sign up now at <u>active.com</u>. Online registration ends Tuesday, September 27 at 11:59P. Advance Registration is \$35 for adults and \$20 youth 10 & under. Registration is also available at packet pick up (September 28) and on race day (September 30) for \$40 an adult and \$25 for youth 10 & under. **Entry fees are non-transferrable and non-refundable.**

What should I wear?

Participants are encouraged to dress comfortable, and OF COURSE bring some light (suggestions: glow necklaces, reflectors, head lamps, costumes, etc.). We will be providing participants with glow giveaways, but why not bring more! Also, the first 800 runners will receive a reflective tech run shirt.

Since this is a timed event, will there be awards given at the end of the race?

There will be awards for top finishers in their age category as well as top overall.

Route

Beginning and ending in Downtown Wheaton, 120 E. Liberty Drive.

Start Time

The race will begin at 7:00 PM but the fun ignites at 5:30 PM with activities, music, and fun!

Age Limit

All ages are encouraged to participate in this night run! Everyone must preregister for this race on active.com.

Packet Pickup

Packet Pick Up will be Wednesday, September 28 between 10A-7P at First Trust lobby located at 120 E Liberty Drive (entrance between Armand's Pizza and Wok 'n Fire). If you cannot make the pre-race packet pick up, racers may check in on Friday, September 30 4-6:50P on site. Race registration will be \$40 adult and \$25 youth 10& under.

Waiver

Every participant will be required to sign a waiver when registering online. For those under the age of eighteen, a parent or guardian must sign the waiver.

Inclement Weather

This race will happen rain or shine! The run committee will continue to monitor the weather, and follow the proper protocol in place regarding inclement weather including but not limited to thunderstorms, tornadoes, and heat. The run committee holds the rights to cancel alter or postpone the event due to inclement weather. Please consider your run registration a donation to the event with proceeds benefitting FT cares.

Not a walker or runner? VOLUNTEER! We need lots of volunteers to help us light the way.

Volunteers are essential to the success of the race. All volunteers receive a short sleeve t-shirt. Please contact Lisa Weier at lweier@ftportfolios.com.

Further Questions

For more information and further questions; please contact the Race Director, Ryan Miller at rmiller@wheatonparks.org or Event Coordinator, Nicole Kapala at nkapala@wheatonparks.org