



2024 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA KIDNEY WALK FAQ

When is the Kidney Walk? The 2024 Northern CA Kidney Walk takes place on Sunday, June 23 at PayPal Park in San Jose. Festivities begin at 9:00 AM.

By participating in the 2024 Northern CA Kidney Walk, you'll let others know they're not alone. Together, we'll unite with a common purpose and walk for those who can't. Caring knows no distance; one simple step can change a life.

Unable to attend on Sunday, June 23? No problem! For those unable to attend in person, you can still register and walk on your own time. No matter how you choose to walk we will all be united by our belief in the need for better care and longer lives for kidney patients – for YOU and the ones you love.

Where do I park when I arrive at PayPal Park? Free on-site parking is in the Audi Lot at the end of Earthquakes Way. It is first come, first serve with ample ADA parking. We will provide a map with route as the Walk approaches.

Is there security protocol? Yes, it will be similar to attending an event at the stadium. PayPal Park requires everyone wear a bracelet to be admitted to the park. Please plan ahead to allow extra time for you and/or your group to get through the security checkpoint.

Will there be seating? Sections of the stadium will be open during the registration and activities portion of the event, and again for the program following the Walk.

Will there be a place for my team to meet/gather? Yes, there are plenty of places to gather! Be sure to coordinate with your team ahead of time on where to meet once you're in the stadium!

Can I bring my pet? No, pets are prohibited. If you have a service animal, they are the only animals allowed inside PayPal Park. Please do not bring your pets to the Walk.

Can I bring food and beverages? No, outside food or beverages are not allowed. Concessions will be open; food and beverage are available for purchase.

Will you provide water bottles or stations? Yes, water fountains are accessible throughout the Stadium. We encourage everyone to bring reusable water bottles (preferably metal or plastic not glass). There will also be water stations along the Walk route.

Can I bring a chair? No, you cannot bring furniture. General seating will be available.

What are the pre-walk activities this year? Activities include face painting, giveaways, team photos with Sidney the Kidney, team banner decorating, mini soccer for the kids, games and more!

What's the route? The walk will be inside on the 1st floor concourse and through a section of the parking lot at PayPal Park. 12 laps = 5k!

Can we walk on the field? No, it is not allowed. As much as we'd love to let you and your team run free, no one is allowed on the field.

Is it wheelchair, walker, and stroller accessible (ADA)? Yes, the entire walk and activity area is accessible to wheelchairs, walkers, and strollers. Everything takes place on one level, and there is space to accommodate individuals during the program portion.

Is the Walk free? Do I have to fundraise? Yes, it is free to attend the Kidney Walk, fundraising is highly encouraged, and we encourage you to register ahead of time. Once registered, you can create a fundraising goal and spread the word about the Walk and why you are supporting the kidney community. Your goal is not a commitment to the organization but a personal goal for yourself or team. We understand that many are facing financial burdens and fundraising should never be a reason not to participate in the Walk!

How do I register? Walk solo, make a team, or join a team today by registering for the Walk www.kidneywalk.org/northernca. **We encourage everyone to register in advance to facilitate a quick and smooth check-in process.**

How do I get a Walk shirt? We will send the official Kidney Walk t-shirt to everyone that raises \$100+. We will have more details about this as the Walk approaches! As in years past, you are welcome to make your own custom Walk shirt to represent your team at your own expense. Although you can receive a shirt for earning donations, we do not sell our Walk shirts.

What are the other fundraising incentives and contests? In addition to our ongoing contests that we place on our Walk website and will send via email, we recognize any Walker that raises \$1,000+ as a Top Fundraiser. This year, we'll be giving our Top Fundraisers a 1/4 Zip sweatshirt and access to a hot breakfast in our VIP area. Any team that raises \$3,500 will receive their very own suite. Check out the enclosed t-shirt flyer and the 37-Day Countdown Calendar to find more information about incentives and contests.

Who do I tag when I post my Walk day photos/videos on social media? Tag us @NKFNorthernCA on Facebook and Twitter and @KidneyNCA on Instagram. Don't forget to use #KidneyWalk.ma

Have more questions? Contact Trina McManus at trina.mcmanus@kidney.org. See you at the Walk!

Want to sponsor? Contact Joe Grubbs at joe.grubbs@kidney.org.