

## frequently asked questions

**Q. How many participants do I need to make a team?**

A. The more the merrier! But you can have a team of 1 or 1,000.

**Q. Is there a registration fee?**

A. No. We encourage all teams and participants to set an ambitious fundraising goal. \$250 per fundraiser is a good guideline.

**Q. How do participants raise money?**

A. Participants are sponsored by co-workers, friends, family, neighbors or local businesses. Most participants get about 20 sponsors. Many companies also sponsor their participants or provide matching gifts.

**Q. Do I get a T-shirt?**

A. All participants who raise \$100 or more by March for Babies day get a T-shirt. A full incentive list is online and on the back of the participant brochures.

**Q. Why urge participants to use online fundraising (OFT)?**

A. It's easy and effective! Participants who use OFT raise nearly three times as much as those who don't. Using OFT is safe and secure, eliminating the need to handle cash or checks. Plus all the record-keeping is done for you through our website.

**Q. Can friends and family walk too?**

A. Sure! Be sure they register on your team through [www.marchforbabies.org](http://www.marchforbabies.org) or by calling 1-800-811-0805 so they can collect donations too.

**Q. What do I do with my money?**

A. To be eligible for incentives donations need to be turned in by walk day. Your Team Captain will be collecting cash/checks on behalf of the team. Donations are turned in on *bank day* at the March of Dimes office or on walk day at registration.

**Q. Should I register my infant/toddler?**

A. Not necessary as they will not likely be fundraisers. However, sending an email in the name of your child might be a great way to connect our mission to your ask!

**Q. If I can't walk, how can I help?**

A. Even if you can't walk or you have to work on March for Babies day, you can still get sponsors and raise money for the March of Dimes. Another good way to help is to sponsor someone on your team.

**Q. How far is the March for Babies route?**

A. About 3.5 miles.

**Q. What should I wear?**

A. Be comfortable. Loose-fitting clothes (in layers to accommodate temperature changes), comfortable socks and walking or tennis shoes.

**Q. Will food be served?**

A. Yes. Coffee, fruit and pastries are available before the walk and other snacks afterwards. There will be fun for the entire family. Plan to stick around and enjoy the festivities.

**Q. Can I ride my bike?**

A. No. For the safety of all our walkers, please leave your

"wheels" at home. This also includes roller skates, skateboards and rollerblades.

**Q. Are strollers allowed?**

A. Yes, this is a family friendly event.

**Q. Can I run the route?**

A. Sure. Keep in mind it is not a timed event. Also, if you run, you may get back before refreshments are ready.

**Q. Can I bring my dog?**

A. We do not prohibit dogs, but do not recommend it as the walk route can get crowded and there are a lot of young children, some with disabilities.

**Q. Where do I park?**

A. Participants will be able to park in the 600 & 630 parking structures by taking San Joaquin Hills Road to Santa Rosa into the structure. You can also find your way to parking by following the signs placed along MacArthur Blvd or Jamboree Road. With over 6,000 participants parking, plan to come early! We recommend you arrive by 7:30am, after that there could be a line for parking.

**Q. Can I smoke at the event?**

A. No. There is no smoking allowed at March of Dimes events because of the hazards that secondhand smoke poses to the health of pregnant women and children.

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