

# Sunday, May 19th, 2024

Soldier Field (1410 S Special Olympics Dr, Chicago) 8:00am - 12:30pm





# **Event Day Participant Guide**

The 15th Annual Chicago Fight For Air Climb, presented by UnitedHealthcare is fast approaching. Get ready to take to the stairs of the iconic Soldier Field Stadium and help raise critical funds for clean air & lung health.

Please carefully read this guide as it provides important information on the *NEW* Climb Route and other day-of details. **Presenting Sponsor** 

# WHAT TO EXPECT...

# REMINDER: All climbers must meet the \$150 individual fundraising minimum to participate on event day. Same day payments accepted.

# **Entry + Climb Start Time**

**Doors open at 8:00am.** Start times begin at 8:30am. Your designated start time will be communicated to you via email Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and posted on our website: FightForAirClimb.org/Chicago. For event day check-in, please arrive at Gate 0 on the Southside of the Stadium (see map).

# Packet Pick-Up & T-Shirts

Give yourself plenty of time at check-in to hand in outstanding funds, pick up your packet, and retrieve your event day T-Shirt. **NOTE**: There will be no gear check available.

### What's Included In Your Packet?

All packets come with a Climb bib, safety pins, and (if you self-donated \$35+) a Lung Association drawstring bag.

# **Fundraising & Donations**

You may turn in cash or check donations at registration. Credit card payments will be accepted.

# **Timing Results**

The Chicago Fight For Air Climb is a professionally timed event (timing chip located on your bib). Official results will be emailed to climbers after the event, and preliminary times can be viewed by scanning QR codes located throughout the venue.

### Food & Drink

There will be a grill cart with items for purchase including hot dogs, veggie dogs, sandwiches and specialty cocktails. Credit card only.

# **Parking**

Parking is available at the Waldron Deck (458 E 18<sup>th</sup> Drive) for \$25 per vehicle. For more information on parking or public transportation, see additional options <u>HERE</u>.

# Family & Friends Are Welcome!

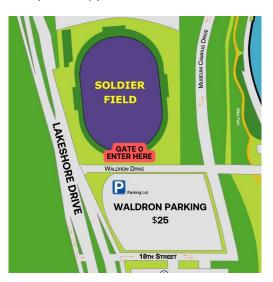
Invite friends and family to cheer you on from the Spectator Section. Spectators may attend <u>at no additional cost</u> and visit the **DIY Poster Station** to make custom signs to celebrate their climbers.

# Pack Light...There is no Gear Check!

Leave valuables at home. We are not responsible for lost/stolen items.

# **Inhalers & Medications**

For safety purposes, carry inhalers & medications at all times.





# **COURSE DETAILS**

# **Climber Etiquette**

Please be courteous while climbing. If you need to pass, do so safely. Climbers must follow the designated path through the stairs and sections. **Cutting through the seats is prohibited.** 

# **Water Stations & Restrooms**

Water stations will be available throughout Soldier Field. Find them at the entrance and exit of the "upper level" of the route (see below) and at the Finish line. For restrooms, please see signage in the South Courtyard and near the Finish Line.

# **Safety Procedures**

Trained medical personnel, ALA Staff (green shirts), and volunteers (orange shirts), will be positioned throughout the event. Please note that **carrying children in any way on the climb route is prohibited.** 

# **Weather Conditions**

We will not postpone due to weather conditions. The Fight For Air Climb will happen RAIN or SHINE (with the exception of lightning or severe weather conditions in the area). If a cancellation or alteration takes place, the American Lung Association will notify participants through emails, calls and social media updates.

<u>Fight For Air Climb Website</u> <u>Facebook</u> <u>Instagram</u>

# **NEW Climb Route**

This year's start line will be located on the left side as you enter the courtyard. The route will take climbers through the lower bowl of Soldier Field and into the 200/300 upper level of the North End Zone (optional). Climbers will have the opportunity to climb the route up to 3 times!



# **AWARDS & FUNDRAISING INCENTIVES**

### **Awards**

We appreciate the support, hard work, dedication, and impact of every climber raising funds to fight lung disease. Awards will be announced post event and winners will be contacted via email.

# **Fundraising Incentives**

Self-Donate: All participants who donate \$35+ will receive an ALA drawstring bag at check-in.

**Earn New Swag:** Climbers raising \$175 or more will be rewarded with an additional incentive post event. If eligible, you will be contacted via email within 30 days of the fundraising window closing (6/19).



\$35 Self-Pledge Drawstring Bag



\$150 Event Day T-Shirt



\$175 Travel Coffee Tumbler



\$250 Baseball Cap <u>or</u> Fanny Pack

# **Donate Now**

There's still time to donate and reach your fundraising goal! Scan the QR code below to donate to your Climb campaign. Climbers are encouraged to continue fundraising and earn incentives until 30 days post-event.



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# WHERE THE MONEY GOES

The American Lung Association is the leading organization dedicated to saving lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease, through education, advocacy and research.

With your support you make our mission, possible. Your participation and fundraising helps move the work of the American Lung Association and gets us much closer to achieving our goal: a world free of lung disease. Learn more about <u>our work!</u>





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