

## 2024 Fight for Air Climb Information

Hello Climber!

We cannot wait to climb with you Saturday, April 6th at Hartford 21 for our 16th annual Fight For Air Climb Hartford. Please see below for important event information.

### **Pre-Event Reminders:**

#### **Fundraising:**

A friendly reminder that EACH climber has their own personal fundraising minimum of \$100. This fundraising minimum must be met on or by event day to participate and is PER CLIMBER. We ask that you bring any cash or check donations you have collected as part of your fundraising efforts to turn in when you check in at registration at Hartford 21 on event day. Checks may be made out to the American Lung Association and should include your name / participant's name in the memo line. Any additional funds that you need to hit your minimum will be collected from you via cash, check or credit card at registration on event day to Climb.

#### **Day-Of Registration:**

Online registration is open until Wednesday, April 3rd at 11:59pm. We will offer day-of registration for our all participant types. There is a day-of registration fee of \$50 and the \$100 fundraising minimum will be due for a total of \$150 due at registration to participate on Climb Day!

#### **Spectators:**

Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate spectators anywhere other than the lobby and third floor of the building. No spectators or guests will be permitted to the Finish Line area. We ask that you and your guests please respect that Hartford 21 is a fully functional apartment building, and the owners have been gracious enough to allow us access to host this event. We must follow their rules which includes limiting public access to the resident floors.

#### **After Party:**

Each climber is invited to join us after they Climb for our After Party at Vaughan's Irish Public House at 59 Pratt Street. Vaughan's is located just one block directly East of the building. Join us for food, our basket raffle and cash bar. Awards will be at approximately 1:00 p.m. Guests / those who did not climb will be able to attend the After Party.

#### **Raffle:**

We will have our annual basket raffle held at our After Party at Vaughan's Irish Public House! Stop by to enter to win incredible prizes and help us hit our fundraising goal of \$115,000! You will not need to be present to win.

#### **Restrooms:**

Please note that there are no restrooms to use on Floor 34 or in the lobby. The only restrooms that we are able to use are on the third floor. Unfortunately, there are no restrooms anywhere else, given that it is an apartment building.

Questions? Read on to learn everything you need to do on event day or contact our event manager, Janeene Catalano. She is here to help you with your fundraising and event logistics questions! Email [HartfordClimb@Lung.org](mailto:HartfordClimb@Lung.org) or call 860-838-4362.

## **When to Arrive:**

Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. and we encourage you to arrive 30 minutes prior to your assigned start time to enjoy all the pre-Climb festivities. Start times are coming soon on Thursday, April 4th!

## **What to Bring:**

Make sure you have your essentials: Phone, Headphones, and a Water Bottle.

Don't forget any cash or checks you've collected, and bring both cash and card for the raffle at the After Party at Vaughan's Irish Public House.

Worried about carrying everything? No problem! We offer a convenient bag check located on the third floor.

## **Parking:**

Parking is available in multiple lots throughout Hartford. The city also has free street parking on the weekends.

## **Entering the Building:**

If you're coming from the parking garage, follow the bridge. If you're arriving from the street or Skyway Loop parking, enter through the East Entrances closest to the Bison's stadium. Look out for signs directing you near Other Half, the golf simulator, or Hounds and Hops. Then, take the elevator up to the LOBBY.

## **Where to Go Upon Arrival:**

As you enter, please head to your designated registration area:

Participant Check-In (This is for all categories)

Day of Registration (for those not yet registered for the event)

## **Done Checking-In but not quite your Climb time?**

Head on up to the third floor for bag check and more! Capture the moment and don't miss out on team photos. Visit with our exhibitors and sponsors at their tables.

## **Ready to Climb?:**

Renee DeNino with iHeart Radio will be making announcements letting participants know when they can head down to the start line. We will be calling about 20 numbers at a time, and those individuals can make their way to the lobby!

## **Post-Climb Activities:**

After completing the climb, you can grab a drink of water and snack on the 34th floor, and then make your way back down to the third floor to celebrate your climb with family and friends.

When you're ready to wind down, grab your participant bag, and head to the after-party at Vaughan's Irish Public House between 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. for all registered climbers to grab a meal, cash bar, and participate in our raffle! Awards will be held there at approximately 1:00 p.m.

With this guide in hand, you're all set for an incredible day at The Fight for Air Climb!

## Other Applicable Rules and Notes:

### **Bailing:**

If you cannot continue, please bail at one of the Rest Stops on Floor 15 or 25 or let a safety monitor know you cannot continue to be escorted from the stairwells.

### **Passing:**

As you climb, please plan to climb towards the right / inside handrail of the stairwells to allow for folks to pass. If you are passing another Climber, please pass on the LEFT and announce that you are passing.

### **Take the Elevator Down:**

Please do NOT climb down for any reason. All Climbers must take the elevator back to the lobby after they have finished Climbing.

### **In Case of Emergency:**

In case of emergency, please notify staff, stairwell safety monitors, or volunteers immediately. An EMT will be on site to provide medical attention as necessary. Staff will need to escort medical staff to place of incident.

### **Rest Stops:**

Rest Stops are located on Floor 15 and Floor 25. For safety purposes, we ask that you do NOT take any water into the stairwells with you. You can stop at Floor 10, Floor 24, and recover on Floor 34 with water and refreshments.

### **Finish Line on Floor 34:**

Please note there are no restrooms on Floor 34. We encourage you to use the restroom on the third floor prior to Climbing. If restrooms are needed, please take the elevator from Floor 34 to Floor 3.

### **Awards:**

To qualify for any awards, you must meet your fundraising minimum of \$100 by event day. You must hit minimum to Climb.

## **Firefighter and First Responder Participants:**

Each firefighter wearing full gear is required to use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) which meets current NFPA structural firefighter standards. Required gear for firefighters includes boots, bunker pants, coat with liners intact, gloves, helmet, and air tank. No tools will be allowed on the course. It is the participants' choice if they would like to compete on-air or without.

As a reminder, to qualify for team awards, you need to have a minimum of FOUR participants in the same category. To qualify for any awards, you must meet your fundraising minimum.