

The Chesapeake Challenge Walk MS 2016 FAQ's

Who: Those that are up to the challenge of Challenge Walk!

What: 30 miles, 2 days

When: September 10-11, 2016

Where:

Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort Spa and Marina (Host Hotel)

100 Heron Blvd.

Cambridge, Maryland, USA, 21613

General details:

Challenge Walk MS: Chesapeake Challenge is more than an endurance event. It's an experience grounded in camaraderie and marked by passion, inspiration, determination, and pure enjoyment. It's a two-day, 30 mile trek through Maryland communities rich in colonial heritage with breathtaking water views. You'll share the unforgettable experience with new friends and old ones. Accept the challenge and join a community of spirit and strength.

What are the hotel costs for participants, participant family members, and volunteers?

Hospitality Fees: Hospitality fees apply to a two night accommodations at the Hyatt as well as shuttle transportation (as necessary) and food and beverage for Saturday and Sunday.

Walkers (Fundraising participant, arriving Friday and departing Sunday)

- \$1,000-\$1,499 fundraising level, double occupancy = \$99 Friday hospitality fee, Saturday is included as fundraising incentive
- \$1,000-\$1,499 fundraising level, single occupancy NO GUESTS = \$198 Friday hospitality fee, Saturday \$99 Saturday hospitality fee = \$297 total for the weekend
 - If you have guests (non-participants) staying in your single room, they will pay \$80 to cover their food and beverage at the hotel. See Guest section below.
- \$1,500+ fundraising level, double occupancy = NO hospitality fee Friday or Saturday
- \$1,500+ fundraising level, single room = \$99 Friday hospitality fee, \$99 Saturday hospitality fee = \$198 for the weekend

Super Crew (Fundraising two-day volunteer)

- \$400 fundraising level, double occupancy = No hospitality fee (Friday or Saturday)
- \$400 fundraising level, single room = \$99 Friday hospitality fee, \$99 Saturday hospitality fee = \$198 for the weekend

Crew (non-fundraising, two-day volunteer or \$399 below)

- \$0-\$399 = \$198 Friday hospitality fee, \$198 Saturday hospitality fee = \$396 for 2 night stay room

Guest (non-registered adult, 16 years & up)

- \$80 hospitality fee (food/beverage at weekend programs at the Hyatt -Saturday and Sunday breakfast at start line and Saturday evening program)

***All payments will be collected at the time of check in for any of the payment options above. We will have a specific location for Chesapeake Challenge to check in within the Hotel Lobby area.*

***All rooms associated with our room block will be booked through NMSS, we will have an online housing form for anyone associated with the event to use to register for a hotel room for the nights that they need.*

Why did we change locations?

Last year, our participants were spread across several hotels and had to be bused from the start/finish line to their hotels. This year, everyone can stay in the same place and continue to forge connections! Additionally, participants will start and finish at the hotel each day, which is safer for our walkers and volunteers.

Climate control has been an issue in the past and we want to make sure our walkers and their families have adequate protection from the elements. Last year, the venue was outside and this year we have ample space for our participants to cool down and stay dry (in case of rain or storms, like we had last year).

Is the change in location costing the Society more money?

This location will not be costing the local chapter any additional money - and it's safer for our participants. The Hyatt has come on as a partner for the 2016 event. Last year we had to pay for buses, tents, tables, chairs, and everything associated with the event being held outdoors. Additionally, food is included in the fundraising and hospitality fee which cuts down on our costs as well.

Where is our money going?

All of the money we raise funds cutting-edge research, drives change through advocacy, facilitates professional education, collaborates with MS organizations around the world, and provides programs and services designed to help people with MS and their families move forward with their lives. The Society is dedicated to achieving a world free of MS.

Why were the fundraising minimums increased?

The fundraising minimum for 2016 is \$1,000. If you are willing to take on walking 30 miles we will do whatever we can to help you reach that goal. The Chesapeake Challenge hosts participants from three regional chapters; two were already at this level prior to this year. To standardize the event experience for all and to continue to raise more money for those living with MS, the minimum was set at the same level for every participant.

What other accommodations are available in the area?

While we hope that everyone will join us at the host hotel, there are several other options in the area:

- Best Western Plus- 8708 Alicia Drive, Easton, MD - 410.822.7100
- Comfort Inn- 8523 Ocean Gateway, Easton, MD – 410.820.8333
- Days Inn Easton- 7018 Ocean Gateway, Easton, MD – 410.822.4600
- Holiday Inn Express- 8561 Ocean Gateway, Easton, MD – 410.819.6500
- Hampton Inn- 8058 Ocean Gateway, Easton, MD – 410.822.2200
- Tidewater Inn- 101 E. Dover Street, Easton, MD – 410.822.1300

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