

## 7th Annual Hope Water Project 5k & Fun Run FAQs



We have compiled a list of some frequently asked questions about the HWP 5k event. Have more questions? Email us at [info@hopewaterproject.org](mailto:info@hopewaterproject.org).

### **Is an in-person event safe? What COVID-19 precautions are you taking for this year's 5k?**

We have hired a Race Manager/Community Subject Matter Expert to find out what we should be considering and planning for in a Late Summer 2021 COVID-19 environment, our SME made the following recommendations, we are implementing all of them:

- Offer an In-person and Virtual race option
- Cap the number of in-person entries to 500 participants
- Do not allow for "Day Of" registration, all participants will have to be registered in advance.
- Wave the start, meaning having 5 different starts times, 5-10 minutes apart
  - This will alleviate a large crowd of people standing around next to one another at the start
- Adjust the Start and Finish line
  - In years past the Start and Finish line have been the same. We will adjust the course to ensure no one finishing from a prior wave is entering the start of a latter wave.
- Offer pre-packaged Finisher's Medal along with post-race snack on a Finisher's Table, a grab bag limits contact with volunteers and racers.

### **What does it mean to have an option to participate in-person or virtually?**

When you register, you will have the option to come in-person to Troy on 7/31 at 8am to run/walk 3.1 miles on a pre-planned course **-OR-** you may select to participate virtually by selecting your own start time and your own 5k course of your choice.

### **Can we participate as a family?**

Yes! We encourage family participation. This race is for everyone. Mom, dad, children of all ages, grandma and grandpa (and don't forget the dog if you are selecting the virtual option)! If your child is not walking/running independently (is in a stroller) they do not have to register. However, only participants who register will receive a t-shirt and medal.

### **I cannot participate in the 5k event but would like to donate, how do I do that?**

We are so grateful for your donation! If you know of a race participant that is fundraising, locate their name on the Team Donation page [here](#) and click their **My Story/Donate button** which will allow you to donate to their page. If you want to make a general Hope Water Project donation, click [here](#).

### **What is the social media hashtag of #H2021?**

This is how you share your experience online. Please use this hashtag to post your photos to social media. Your tagged photos may be used in our videos or other HWP promotions.

### **When do participants receive their race packets?**

All registered participants will receive a race packet including a short sleeve t-shirt and other swag.

- **Campus Pick-up:** For both Virtual and In-person participants we would like to utilize Campus Pick-up the Sunday prior to the 5k, July 25th. This will cut down on a crowd checking in at the event and the cost of mailing your race packets. Virtual participants packets will include their finisher's medal at the time of pick-up.
- **Extenuating Circumstances:**
  - Day of:** If your packet is not picked up on Sunday July 25th, there will be an opportunity to collect it at the 5k. Packets not collected on the day of the event will be available by appointment at the Troy campus.
  - Mail:** Receiving your race packet via USPS is reserved for virtual participants who reside outside of the Detroit- Metro area.

### **Is this a timed event?**

Yes! GO FAAAASSSST! There will be a winner but make sure to have fun above all else! Virtual participants can submit their times, they will be entered in the overall results. Unfortunately, virtual participants will not qualify to win awards.

### **Is there an official start time?**

The In-person event will start at 8am on 7/31. The Virtual event does not have an official start or end time. You can start whenever is best for you!

### **Do participants fundraise?**

PLEASE! The Hope Water Project 5k & Fun Run is a fundraising event and we do ask participants to fundraise (or donate). During the registration process it will ask you if you would like to setup your fundraising page. The suggested minimum fundraising amount is \$150 per person but you know your community better than us, please select an amount that will stretch your comfort level.

### **When is the last day to register?**

In order to receive your t-shirt prior to the event, you must be registered by 7/12.

### **Are registrations tax deductible?**

The 5k is an event in which you are receiving a benefit from (t-shirt and medal) which means that unfortunately the registration fee is not considered to be tax deductible. However, we can assure you that your fee is helping to bring clean water to Kenya. [Donations](#), however, are tax deductible!

### **I registered for the event but did not setup my fundraising page at that time. How do I setup my page now?**

We are grateful for your commitment to fundraising and can help you setup your page. Instructions for how to setup your page are included [here](#) on our website, click **Fundraise**. You should already have a login from your race registration so you can use that to login and setup your page! Please email [info@hopewaterproject.org](mailto:info@hopewaterproject.org) if you have any questions.

### **What if I want to register and cannot do it online?**

We can help you if you are unable to register online. Please email [info@hopewaterproject.org](mailto:info@hopewaterproject.org) for assistance.

### **Are there volunteer opportunities?**

Yes! We have a few volunteer opportunities. Please email us at [info@hopewaterproject.org](mailto:info@hopewaterproject.org) to receive a link to our volunteer Signup Genius.