

2014 Amazing Elkhart Race FAQs

What will my team be doing?

You will do some running (possibly up to 5 miles), driving, and performing some mental and physical challenges (plus some other wacky things.) Check out our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/SoupOfSuccess) to see what we have done in the past and what might be coming this year.

What is the race route?

There is no designated course for the event but participants should be prepared to explore all around the Elkhart area. New twist this year - teams will be able to strategize their own routes for the course.

What sorts of things slow teams down?

Getting lost, not reading pit stop clues thoroughly, or completing challenges incorrectly.

What is appropriate attire?

Dress for an athletic event - make sure you have good running shoes and be ready to sweat. Street shorts and t-shirts are acceptable. Speedos and bikini tops are not. There are families watching! Please contact us first if you might be unsure about your outfit.

Do we have to wear matching or coordinated uniforms?

No, *BUT* you can have a lot of fun with this. There is a prize for the most creative team costume! Check out past costumes in our Facebook photos.

What technology can I use during the race?

You may have your phone (with GPS) with you as well as use your team car GPS. If you prefer old school, you can use a map, ask a stranger for directions, or spy on other teams.

What do the winners bring home?

Everyone is a winner and gets bragging rights, race t-shirt, SWAG bag full of free stuff, meal at the finish line, awesome memories, and of course, the satisfaction of knowing you helped raise funds for those in need in Elkhart Co. On top of all this, the top two teams get cold hard cash, and third place gets a private dinner at the Palais Royale!

What are these time advantages that everyone is talking about?

Teams can earn time advantages through fundraising. The top fundraising team wins a 4 minute advantage, the second highest wins a 3 minute advantage. In addition to that, every \$300 that a team raises (over and above their registration fee) earns them an entry into a drawing for a 2 minute time advantage. The team name will be drawn on race day right before the event starts!

Where do we keep our stuff during the race?

The best place to store your things is in your car. Our locations and volunteers are not equipped to take care of personal items.

Where should my supporters/entourage watch from?

Your entourage is free to follow you, but may not assist you at any of the tasks in any way. After the race starts, we will have extra maps available for spectators who want to follow along.

OTHER OPTIONS: How about recruiting your entourage to race with you. Or be volunteers on the course. Or have them follow through social media by live Tweeting or Facebooking your locations. Or they can just hang out with us at the finish line at CCS (907 Oakland Ave.) Non-racers are welcome to purchase a meal and check out all of the fun pics that were taken throughout the day.

What happens at Team Meeting on Friday night and do we all have to go? What about Saturday morning Check-in?

It is critical for at least one team member to attend the April 25th Team Meeting at 5:30 pm. Each team must turn in race waiver forms for every team member at this meeting (if not before) in order to participate in Saturday's event. During the meeting, we review the race rules, answer any last minute questions, and give the teams a chance to turn in any final fundraising money so we can calculate time advantages. If no one from your team is able to make the Team Meeting on Friday, we reserve the right to assess a time penalty on the day of the race. However, we don't want this one piece to keep you from racing, so if your entire team has a major conflict with this date, please contact us and we can see what we can do.

Pre-Race Check- in is at 9 AM race day at the Civic Plaza downtown Elkhart. Racers will be able to pick up race bibs and have your team photo taken. Start time is at 10!

What does my registration include?

- T-shirt (Registered shirt sizes not guaranteed for registrations after April 11)
- Super fun day!
- Fun SWAG (aka free stuff)
- Post-race food and water
- Bragging rights
- Warm fuzzy feeling from helping such an important community cause.

Can someone else race other than the ones who registered for the event?

Yes, you can do a racer change by contacting us before April 25 or at Friday evenings Team Meeting. However, depending on the switch we do not guarantee that we will have the appropriate shirt size.

Are there refunds?

No, there are not. You may do a name change though.

What happens if it rains?

Rain or shine, the event will go on! In case of extreme weather conditions during the race, the race director will send a message to pit stop volunteers and racers will stay at the pit stop until the race director communicates it is safe to proceed.

Can I bring my own food/drink?

Yes, but we will have water available at each pit stop and snacks available at some. A free meal for the racers will also be available at the finish line.

How many teams are expected?

We will close registration when we reach 50 teams, so be sure to register early!

What if I am not a racer, can I still participate?

Absolutely! You can be a part of this great race in any of the following ways:

Volunteer during the event

It takes a lot of volunteers to make the Amazing Elkhart Race run smoothly. Please contact us before April 18th and we will plug you in to the fun. For every volunteer, there is a one hour mandatory volunteer orientation on April 25th at 6:30pm.

Sponsor the event

Companies and individuals who sponsor the event, help cover the operational costs of the event. It is also a great way to get your company name associated with a great cause and in front of the people taking part in the day. Please contact Carol Willis at carolw@churchcommunityservices.org for more information.

Donate to the event

The racers are always looking to increase their fundraising totals. So help a team out by donating some money to their cause. Don't have a specific team in mind? No problem, just head over to our FirstGiving page (), find a random team (or a team name you like the best) and give them your support. Or you can choose to donate money straight to Church Community Services.

Thanks for your support! And we look forward to seeing you at the race. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to give us a call at **574-295-3673**, email us at **volunteer@churchcommunityservices.org**, or send us a message on our Facebook page **www.facebook.com/amazingelkhartrace**.