

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2023?!

As we work through difficult economic times and discover new opportunities for Dempsey Challenge, we have made the decision to move our event to ONE DAY! While it will feel different to all those who have joined us over the past 15 years, we promise that the community and energy will be found throughout Simard-Payne Park and all of Lewiston!

We know that you may have lots of questions as to how this year's event will work...so here's what we know:



WHY ARE WE SWITCHING TO A ONE-DAY EVENT?

It might not come as a shock that the challenging economic times of the world have reached us here in Maine. While these circumstances have put us in a unique position, we are taking the opportunity to reimagine what Challenge can be and, with it being our 15th anniversary, what better year to explore new ways to support the Dempsey Center! We are looking forward to gathering for one heartwarming day in Simard-Payne Park, sharing food, music, memories, and magic moments as we Celebrate, Honor, and Rally Together.

WHAT WILL THE DAY LOOK LIKE?

Our morning will likely kick off with our 65- and 50-mile riders leaving first. The 5k run/walk event will be released a little after 8:00am ET. Our 25- and 10-mile riders will depart after that, leaving our NEW Run+Ride event to start around 9:00 am ET.

I'VE ALWAYS DONE A COMBO CHALLENGE. CAN I PARTICIPATE IN MORE THAN ONE EVENT THIS YEAR?

Our combo Challengers have been a force in Dempsey Challenge for the past 15 years, taking on the run or walk events one day and tackling a ride the next! Due to the nature of this year's event and keeping safety a top priority, we are, unfortunately, unable to accommodate Challengers participating in back-to-back events. However, we do have 150 spots in our NEW Run+Ride event!

WILL THERE STILL BE EVENTS LIKE THE SURVIVOR WALK AND CHAMPIONS FOR HOPE?

Yes!! Champions for Hope will be held on Friday, September 22nd. Invitees will receive the details of the event upon hitting the \$3,000 fundraising mark to become a Champion. The Survivor Walk will be taking place on Saturday afternoon after most of our Challengers have returned to Simard-Payne park.

As always, if you have any other questions, please reach out to our team at info@dempseychallenge.org and we will do our best to answer as soon as we can!