



2024 NAMIWalks New Mexico Event Day FAQ

Date: Sunday, May 19th

Time: 5 PM - 8 PM

Location: Parking & Event Check-in at the **UNM Law School parking lot, 1117 Stanford Dr. NE**

The route is a 2-mile loop along the UNM North Golf Course. Participants can turn around at the ½ mile point (or any other point) to return to the event festival area for a one-mile loop.

Timeline

- 5:00 PM Registration/Check-in, Activities & Resource Fair
- 6:00 PM Opening Ceremony
- 6:30 PM Walk Begins
- 8:00 PM Event Ends

NAMIWalks New Mexico will take place rain or shine!

Q: Is there a fee to register for the walk?

A: There is no cost to register, but donations are welcomed.

Q: Does everyone need to register?

A: Yes, if you plan to attend the event, you will need to register. Skip the line and register at namiwalks.org/newmexico before you arrive.

Q: Can people register at the walk site?

A: Yes, though to keep lines at the registration/check-in area short, we strongly encourage participants to register online before May 18th.

Q: Is the route wheelchair and stroller accessible?

A: Please see information about the route at <https://www.cabq.gov/parksandrecreation/parks/prescription-trails/87131/unm-golf-course>. The route is considered easy and well-maintained, but does have some steeper areas at above a 5% grade.

Q: Can I bring my dog?

A: Registered participants may bring leashed dogs at their own risk.

Q: What if I can't physically do the walk?

A: No problem! Join us for the community, activities, and mental health resources.

Q: Will there be food at the walk?

A: We will have food trucks offering boba, dinner options including sandwiches and nachos, and snow cones for purchase. Starbucks will be serving complimentary iced coffee and tea.

Q: Is smoking cigarettes allowed at the walk?

A: No. For the health of our volunteers and walkers, and per the terms of our permit for the event, smoking is not allowed.

Q: Where do team captains meet with their teams?

A: Because of the large number of people attending the walk, we recommend that team captains arrange a meeting place ahead of time. Near the stage or the resource tent are customary gathering areas. Many teams make signs with their team logo and name that help their teammates find them in the crowd.

Q: Do participants need to register for a specific team?

A: No. Participants can register as team captains, team members, or individuals.

Q: Do people who are already registered need to check in at the walk site?

A: We encourage registered participants to check in:

- **To make a donation or turn in cash or check donations.**
- **To get a T-shirt *if they have raised \$100 or more*** on their personal fundraising page. Please note: only registered participants raising \$100 or more receive a T-shirt- this is NOT calculated by team totals.

Q: Can I turn in donations I've collected at the event?

A: Yes! We encourage cash donations to be converted into checks or money orders. Some participants deposit cash donations and then make an online donation in the same amount via credit card.

Q: Can I make a donation at the walk?

A: Of course! You can donate via cash, check or credit card.

Q: Do you still need volunteers?

A: Yes! We need lots of volunteers to make the walk happen! Children over 16 years old (12 if accompanied by an adult) are also welcome to volunteer. For more info and to sign up, go to bit.ly/namiwalks-nm-vol.

Q: Do people who want to volunteer the day of the walk have to register or join a team?

A: No, but if you are already planning to walk, we do have volunteer jobs that you can do before/after the walk to assist with set up and clean up. If you have not registered online, you will need to fill out a walk-day waiver.

Q: How long will donations be accepted?

A: Donations will be accepted for the walk for up to 60 days after the event.

Q: How long do I have to fundraise and earn a recognition gift?

A: Registered participants have until June 19th to continue fundraising and earn a gift of their choice. Check out the [great gift options here](#).