



# Surf the Turf Walk-a-Thon

**The 2008 St. Simon Walk-a-Thon will be Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 12-3 pm!**

## **What is it?**

Surf the Turf Walk-a-Thon is an annual fundraiser for the St. Simon School Teacher Fund and the Catechetical Ministry (CCM) programs. It is a great family day, with a barbecue, music, and fun galore. The event will be held at the St. Francis High School track on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, with registration beginning at 11:00 a.m. In the spirit of parish unity, this year's Walk-a-Thon will be a parish-wide event. In addition to St. Simon School students, CCM students can raise money for the specific program they are in. The Walk-a-Thon begins at 12:00 noon and ends at 3:00 p.m.

## **Where does the money go?**

The Walk-a-Thon is organized by the St. Simon community to generate funds for the St. Simon Parent Advisory Group Teacher Fund and the Catechetical Ministry programs. The monies will be used to support ongoing teacher needs. Children from St. Simon School will raise money for the St. Simon PAG Teacher Fund. Each year, the St. Simon PAG Teacher Fund reimburses up to \$2000 annually (for a full-time teacher, amount is amortized for part-time teachers and staff) for various teaching-related expenses.

Similarly, teachers for the CCM programs spend money out of their own pockets to enrich their catechism classes. With the Walk-a-thon, children and youth from the Parish Catechetical Ministry programs can raise money to help teachers enrich the classrooms and activities for Pre-School of Religion, CCM, EDGE, and LIFETEEN.

## **How does the Walk-a-Thon work?**

1. On Tuesday, April 22nd, St. Simon School students will take home sponsor cards. Catechetical Ministry students may download the form from [www.stsimon.com/walkathon](http://www.stsimon.com/walkathon).
2. Students and parents will have about two weeks to contact friends, relatives and neighbors to obtain sponsors at a designated amount per lap (e.g. \$.25 per lap) or at a flat donation.
3. To qualify for an award for most laps walked and other awards, a child must have raised a minimum of \$50.00 (or \$100/family).
4. On May 18<sup>th</sup>, the participants will bring their sponsor cards to St. Francis High School track. Registration starts at 11:00 a.m. Participants will receive their lap cards at registration.
5. The Walk-a-Thon begins at noon. Participants will walk around the track as many times as they can with their lap cards punched once for each lap. The Walk-a-Thon ends at 3:00 p.m.
6. Motivational items (i.e. raffle tickets, drinks, food and prizes) will be given to the participants who complete the required number of laps to earn that particular item. The motivational items will be printed on the lap card that the participant receives the day of the event. Because of these costs, we are requesting a participant minimum of \$50 or \$100/family. However, no one will be excluded from participating.
7. The participants will collect donations from their sponsors and turn in money at school or the parish office by Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
8. School prizes will be given by grade for most money collected, most laps walked, etc. Details as to the specific prizes will be provided later. The school prize assembly will be held on Tuesday June 3rd. The grand prize winner for the Catechetical Ministry programs (most money raised) will be announced by e-mail by June 3<sup>rd</sup> and mailed to the recipient (the CCM programs have ended for the year by then). The "Crazy Hat" prize winners will be awarded during the Walk-a-Thon.

**Questions???** Contact chairpersons Eva Valencia ([evavalencia@hotmail.com](mailto:evavalencia@hotmail.com)) or Miriam Bogart ([miriamdds@sbcglobal.net](mailto:miriamdds@sbcglobal.net)).



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## 2008 Official Rules

1. A St. Simon School student, Catechetical Ministry participant, or family member qualifies as a participant in the St. Simon Surf the Turf Walk-a-Thon with a minimum of \$50.00 donation (\$100/family). (While we won't deny any child the opportunity to walk, we do request that students/ families donate the minimums to help defray fundraiser costs and to be eligible for prizes.)
2. If a participant is unable to attend the Walk-a-Thon but still wants to participate, he/she may do so by getting flat donations (at least \$50.00/child or \$100/family) from sponsors. The child's signed sponsor card along with the collection money must be turned in by Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
3. We encourage parents to leverage any matching funds from their companies. Matching funds do count as dollars earned by the students.
4. For St. Simon School students, in the event of a tie for designated awards in the "*Most money earned*" category, the determining factor will be number of laps walked. In the event of a tie in the "*Most laps walked*" category, the determining factor will be the amount of money collected. To be eligible for prizes, all collection money must be turned in by Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
5. No child may receive more than one major prize. However, he/she may receive a certificate/ribbon/medal in addition to winning a main award and will be eligible for lap prizes. Participants who attend St. Simon School will be eligible for grade related prizes. Catechetical Ministry students will be eligible for a special grand prize for the student who raises the most money.
6. Each student is welcome to bring a sibling/parent to walk with him/her. However, only the participants with Sponsor cards will be counted and eligible for lap prizes. All siblings must have permission slips to walk. No strollers are allowed on the track.
7. Entering and exiting the course must be made at the lap punching station that is at the beginning of the course. Other areas are not permissible; those in violation will be disqualified.
8. The Walk-a-Thon officially starts at noon and ends at 3:00 when the Pastor steps over the finish line. No participant may start a new lap after the Pastor steps over the finish line, but a participant will be allowed to finish the lap that they were on. Please review this carefully with your child so that we can avoid disappointments.