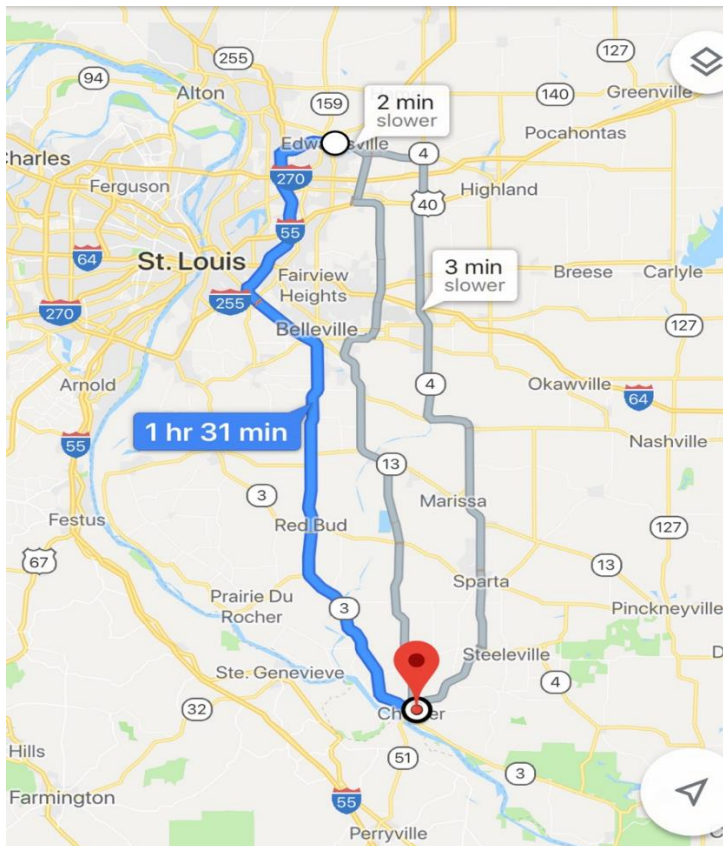


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“CHESTER PARADE & GUIDED WALKS”



Saturday, September 7, 2019

Walk - 5K & 10K Kilometer Distances

Start: 9am – 11am Finish: By 2:00pm

Trail Rating: 1A

AVA Sanction Number: MA19-114003

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WELCOME TO THE CHESTER, IL PARADE AND GUIDED

WALKS: We invite you to join us for a traditional event in Chester, IL this summer. On the walk you will experience a fun filled festival experience in Chester's 40th Popeye Picnic. Each year, another Popeye character is unveiled and placed within the city limits...who will it be this time and where? There are several characters along the 2 ½ K walk to the Court House and we will finish the 5K and 10K walks from the Court House with our Guided portion of the walks. **What is a Guided Walk?** This just means we all walk together; no one gets left behind from starting point to end point. Afterwards, you are encouraged to enjoy the many festivities of the Popeye Picnic.

WHAT IS A VOLKSMARCH: A volksmarch is a leisurely walk through a scenic, historic, and/or interesting area over a clearly marked trail. The event is a family oriented, noncompetitive walk done at your own pace. An achievement program is available to keep track of your accomplishments.

WALK LOCATION: Chester High School, 1901 Swanwick Street, Chester, IL 62233

PARKING: Ample free parking behind the High School. Groups will start lining up early in the morning. Please be aware of other floats, cars lined up and different groups awaiting their turn in parade line.

START/FINISH: The Parade starts at 11:00am. Look for a table and our Volksmarching sign; preferably on the front lawn of the High School. We encourage all to be there by 9am to register in order that we may procure our position in the Parade line up.

DISTANCE: There will be both 5k and 10k Guided walks. Trails are rated 1A with surfaces including sidewalks, and paved streets. Trail is suitable for strollers and wheelchairs.

REGISTRATION: The fee is \$3 for all walkers and is open to everyone -- all ages are welcome. **No refunds.** Pets are welcome but must be kept on a leash and it is your responsibility to clean up after your pet(s). Only service animals allowed in buildings.

SANCTION: The American Volkssport Association (AVA), a member of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV), sanctions this event. We remind you to bring both IVV books (event and distance). IVV books are available at the start/finish for \$6.00 each.

AWARDS: There will be no award for this walk. CREDIT ONLY.

PROCEDURE: At the start, get a start card and fill it out. Carry this card with you on the walk and present it at the checkpoints. Walkers missing a checkpoint may be refused IVV credit. Start cards remain the property of the Illinois Trekkers and must be turned in at the finish point when the walk is completed.

REFRESHMENTS: Water will be available at the start/finish point.

WEBSITES: www.ava.org
www.illinois-trekkers.org

DIRECTIONS: (From St. Louis & West) via Interstate 55/70, take Illinois Interstate 255 South to Illinois State Route 3. **OR** take 270/255 across the JB Bridge into Illinois and stay to right to catch Illinois Route 3. Continue this route until you get to Chester. (From North) take Interstate 255 to Illinois Route 3 **OR** Illinois Route 159 all the way from Edwardsville to Redbud, then continue on Illinois Route 3. In Chester continue on Route 3/Holmes Street. Turn left on Swanwick Street. Continue on Swanwick to the High School.

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