

The 2021 Reagan Run, virtually.....,

Unless you are living under a rock, although sometimes that doesn't seem like a bad place to be this past year, you know that the Covid-19 pandemic has turned our world upside down. We have all met, faced and conquered challenges that seemed unimaginable prior to this pandemic. Last year saw us having to make the difficult decision to cancel our much – loved Reagan Run. This year we are having to make significant changes as we start easing back into some semblance of normal life.

Along with capping our in-person event we are introducing a virtual option. What is that? I hear you say. A virtual race is a race that you can run or walk in any location, at your own pace, outdoors or indoors, on a road, trail or treadmill, solo or with a friend or group.

Maybe in the past you have been nervous about attending such a large 5k, it can seem intimidating to toe the line. The virtual Reagan Run can be a great way to participate in the event without the stress of a crowd, maybe you are new to running and just want to see how it goes, maybe gather a group of friends and have fun with your own themed walk? The options with a virtual event are only limited by your imagination.

A virtual event not only gives you the option to participate it also helps to keep companies that support running events in business, its not all just about us and our reasons why we choose this sport. Race swag companies have been really hit hard by this pandemic and a virtual event provides the opportunity to support the companies that provide swag, such as medals and shirts. If we want these companies to still be here after this pandemic ends, virtual events are a great way to keep them afloat during.

Most races support charities and causes, The Reagan Run has given back over \$312,000 to our local community, in order for us to continue to be able to help those that have been hit especially hard, we count on sponsorships and race entries. Your virtual entry fee means that we can continue to support Reagan Run scholarships, Dixon Athletic Boosters, YMCA Strong kids, Dixon Main Street, Dixon Park District, Reagan Boyhood home, Dixon Police Association and Dixon Firefighters Charitable Association

You can register for this years event at www.getmeregistered.com Virtual entries are \$25 (add shirt for \$5) through July 3rd at 6:00 p.m. CST. Active military are \$10 (add shirt for \$5) through July 2nd.

Run or walk anytime between June 3rd and July 3rd. Participants can pick up shirts at the Dixon YMCA (110 N. Galena Ave., Dixon, IL) or the shirt can be mailed.

Net times will be posted on 7/5/2021 on www.reaganrun.com and social media

As a reminder, those of you that wish to race in-person, the event is currently capped at 450 runners. The course will start at Lowell Park on Sat July 3rd at 8:00am, There is NO race day registration and all entries must be online. There will also NOT be any shuttle to the start line so please plan to park and walk to the start – carpooling is encouraged.