FEBRUARY 22, 2021

OPERATION BRAZOS COUNTY WALK ACROSS TEXAS 2021

Celebrating 24 Years of WAT Brazos County





sponsored events in Brazos County. Shoutout to 170 adult teams registered with the February 13, 2021 start date. We have 15 leagues and 1,048 individuals signed up. So...that means not all teams have their maximum of eight team members. Due to the power outages, the extended deadline for the sponsored event is February 24. Get those team members registered!

Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife genetic information

IMPORTANT DATES-AT-A-GLANCE

- Proclamation-February 2, 2021 🗹
- Kick Off Event: February 13, 2021 🗹
- Event Dates: February 13, 2021-April 9, 2021
- February 13, 2021-February 19, 2021 (Week One)
- February 20, 2021-February 26, 2021 (Week Two)
- February 27, 2021-March 5, 2021 (Week Three)
- March 6, 2021-March 12, 2021 (Week Four)
- March 13, 2021-March 19, 2021 (Week Five)
- March 20, 2021-March 26, 2021 (Week Six)
- March 27, 2021-April 2, 2021 (Week Seven)
- April 3, 2021-April 9, 2021 (Week Eight)
- Online registration extended deadline: February 24, 2021
- Weekly virtual workouts: February 24, March 3, March 10, March 17, March 31, and April 8
- Last day to report team mileage: April 16, 2021
- The Announcement of Champions: April 28, 2021
- Celebration Event/Prize Patrol: April 28, 2021

Extension Service are open to al people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or veteran status.

The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

About the weekly e-news blast:

- Team members should enter mileage <u>daily</u>. This helps to give a real time view of how the challenge is going and is slightly different from the past.
- To make reporting easier, add howdyhealth.org to your phone's home screen.
- If you have pictures of your team in action, upcoming team or community fitness events, or stories PLEASE email them to Flora Williams at fewilliams@ag.tamu.edu.
- Weekly e-news blast will arrive on or before Thursday of each week.
- Team and league placing will be included in the next blast!



(For iPhones)

- 1. Open the website: https://howdyhealth.org/programs/wat
- 2. Click the 'Share' icon at the bottom which is the "box with an arrow pointing up"
- 3. Scroll the icon options and tap 'Add to Home Screen'
- 4. Click the 'Add' button in the top right corner
- 5. Tap the WAT! app on the home screen to access the WAT Dashboard and enter mileage

(For Android)

- 1. Open the website https://howdyhealth.org/programs/wat
- 2. Click the 3 dot icon in the top right corner
- 3. Select the option 'Add to Home Screen'
- 4. Tap the WAT! app on the home screen to access the WAT Dashboard and enter mileage

(For Samsung)

- 1. Open the website https://howdyhealth.org/programs/wat
- 2. Click the 3 line "hamburger menu" at the bottom right corner
- 3. Select the option '+ Add page to'
- 4. Select "Home screen"
- 5. Tap the WAT! app on the home screen to access the WAT Dashboard and enter mileage





Kickoff event highlights

Thank you to the Walk Across Texas Taskforce and FM Fitness for kicking off

Operation Walk Across Texas

Mission: Possible

Should you choose to accept it!

















Kickoff Facebook Live VIPs

See our list of VIPs on the wheel who signed in at the kickoff event!



VIRTUAL DOOR PRIZE WINNERS \$15 Subway Gift cards provided by Williams Tire Service, LLC

Charlotte Hold-Brazos County Walking Warriors
Kevin LeBlanc-Three Armadillos
Charlotte Salas-Dormant Dynamites
Ao Jiao-Hort Flower Power
Jennifer Reily-Spring in Our Step

\$25 Academy Gift Card provided by Fisher Livestock

Dorothy Rainwater-Healthy Driven Seniors Shyamala Rajagopalan-Tough Engineers Enthusiastically Stepping!

KICKOFF SPONSORS

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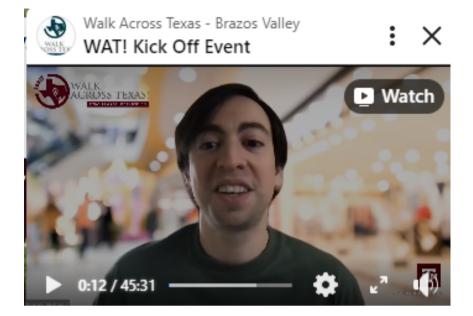
WORKOUT HOST

FM Fitness



Missed the kickoff? No problem!

Go back and view it at https://fb.watch/3PNhU 38pr/



Meet this year's leagues and commissioners:

AgriLife Employee Wellness—Dorithie Thomas
Brazos County—Charlotte Hold
Chafing the Dream—Diana North
Diabetes Edition—Michael Lopez
Health System Planners—Mike Lopez
Laps for Laney—Flora Williams
MYCON General Contractors, Inc—Kayla Titus
TAMU Division of Research—Monica Holder
Texas A&M Division of Student Affairs—Brandon Carlson
Texas A&M Engineering—Nicole Lopez
Texas A&M Foundation—Megan Czajkowski
Texas A&M regiSTRIDES—Matthew Johnson
Texas A&M Transportation Services—David Woodlief
Texas A&M University System Offices—Sheri Meyer
University Libraries -Stephanie Walker







Meet the teams and team captains

"Four Score and Seven Blisters Ago"-Aubry Spikes

16 Feet with Sole-Mia Conrad

All Alone-Amy Epps Martin

BCS Yard Goats-Blake McDonald

Becky's Toddling Troup-Krista Van De Flier

Blister Sisters-Katie Cates

BMW to LMW-Ericka Morin

Bolls of Steel-Joseph Burke

Bomb Squad -Diana Gaytan

Brazos County DA A Team-Nathaniel Wood

Brazos County Walking Warriors-Charlotte Hold

Brazos County-Nickie Boutte

Brazos DA Team One-Kristin Burns

Bringing Healthy Back-Maggie Berger

Buns on a Run-Snow Havlik

Butter's Walking Buddies-Cindy Becker

Cancer Warriors-Kerstin Landrock

Chafing the Dream-Diana North

Chicks with Kicks-Shauner McDonald

Cirque Du Sore Legs-Amber Pina

CLLA Maskateers-Sarah Franke

College of Pharmacy - Pharmily - Ashley Ochoa

Connected by Walk-Nicole Pottberg

Cops & Runners-Brandi Corriveau

County Attorney EZ Team-Elizabeth Zwiener

Coverage Captains-Courtney Smotherman

Cowgirl Up-Marisa Montelongo

CS Crew-Michelle Miller

Cushing Panthers-Beth Kilmarx

Degree JOG-It-Ramona Stovall

DMS Steppers-Jacquelin Alexander

Don't Stop Til You Step Enough-Bradley

Burroughs

DOR - ExSports Stars-Autumn Biggers

DOR - Not fast, Just furious -Jennifer Jackson

DOR - RUSH-Tiffany Inbody

DOR Change Agents-Monica Holder

DOR Cirque du Sore Legs-Jessica Beck-

Guerrero

DOR COVID CRUSHER-Tammy Hardin

DOR- Dream Team-Erin Shenkir

DOR Super Tribe - Dorminator-Justin Allison

DOR SUPER Tribe-Micah Leonard

DORmant Dynamites-Charlotte Salas

DOR-MI"C"-you-on-the-treadmill-Ashlyn

Montgomery

Double the Fun Strollers-Kelly Heslip

Dynacisers 21-Lynn Reed

Engineering IT Step-by-Step-Meghan

Southerland

Enthusiastics In Sneakers-Andrea Reinertson

ETID Hearts and Soles-Malini Natarajarathinam

Exercise & Compliance-Alex Cleghorn

EXTreme Speed-Rudy Ruedas

Fat and All That-Erin Edwards

Feisty Females-Michele Skinner

Footloose and Free Range-Micah Osburn

Fueled By Caffeine-Korina Kocurek

Geoscience Trekkers-David Bacot

Gimme Bonus-Seonghyun Ryu

Gold Diggers-John Salvatus

Groovy Grape Steppers-Brendan Mormile

Happy Feet-Tu Quach

Healthy Heroes-Preeti Singh

Healthy Homies -Payton Walker

Holy Walkamolies-Allison Ricke

Holy Walkamolies!-Angela Rendek-Giblin

Holy Walkamolies!-Megan Czajkowski

HORT FLOWER POWER-Bonita Magby

Hort Perennial Posse-Ellen Provin

HORT TREKKERS-Gerald Burgner

Howdy-Brooklyn Lancaster

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HOWDY RUN-Stephanie McCarthy

Human Environmental Animal Team (H.E.A.T.)-

Connor Pineda



Meet the teams and team captains

If I Had A Boat-Janet Pollard Jam & Co.-Johanna Esteves JoCo Joggers-Keely McCrady Kickin' Asphalt-Andrea Pfeifer Laney Bugs-Cindy Myles

Laps4Laney-Flora Williams
Making Strides-Stephen Searcy

Mavericks-Claire Walsh

Mind over Miles-Rosemary Schoenfeld Motionally Challenged-Joseph Sodolak

MSL Marvels-Therese Corte MUPs21-Madison Brossett

NESC -Donna Rios

ODSL Legs Miserables-Hailey Flavin
ODSL Queens of the Mile-Alex Jantz
Operation: Kill-O-Meters-Wendy Wright
Operation: Sole Survivors-Michael Lozano

Operation: Witness the Fitness-Jessica Busto

Peanut Butter & Jelly Legs-Brandi Flores

Phage Busters-Jay Clark

Precinct 3 Sole Mates-Karen Giles

Qalankhkan-Summer Wilson

Radiant Rice Racers-Katherine Ruth-Pritchard

Rapid Thigh Movement-Chelsea Franks RECing The Dream-Arranna Bennett

Red Hot Chili Steppers-Lisa Paradis

RELLIS Sole Train-Lindsey Garza

Rice CRISP(R)ies-Karina Morales

Risky Record Walkers-Angela Skidmore

Rogue Motion-Janina Siebert

Run for Your ResLife!-Brandon Carlson

Runs & Roses-Courtney Overby

S.W.A.T.T. – Sprinters, Walkers

and Trash Talkers-Deborah Elbrich See ya later, aggregator-Alicia Meza

Shelbys-Shelby Swanson

Show Time-Courtney Redman

Sole Beneficiaries-Sheri Meyer

Sole Mates-Marisol Moreno

Sole Sisters-Madison Strong

South Campus Poppers- Gabriela Mayer

Southside Superstars-Gennie Lynn

Spevtaculars-David Woodlief

Spring in Our Step-Jennifer Reiley Stone Cold Steppin-Tammie Burlin

Strictly Business -Sonia Gonzalez

StuAct's New Kids on the Walk-Dylan Murray Student Services Stompers-Sharneika Davis

Studious Strollers-MacKenzie Foley

Swaggies-Madeline Martinez

Sydney's Team-Sydney Rosenberg

Taco Walk on the Wild Side-Krystin Bodden

TAMU Press Walkers-Thom Lemmons

TAMU Triumph -Darren Zipp

Team ELS-Carly Smith

team pasta-Brianna Blattman

TEES Trotters-Debra Oakes

Texas Two-Steppers-Anaya Rhodes

TFS Urban and Community Forestry-Paul

Johnson

The 3 Cobbs-DeEtte Mills

The Chosen Buns-Leia Leveridge

The Church of Walkatology-Barbara Winckler

The Health Planners-Seth Schutze

The karDASHians-Jocelyn Mata

The Mandalorian Misfits-Megan Thatcher

The MEEN Team-Megan Simison

The Motley Crew-Elizabeth Morris

The Original Holy Walkamolies-Kati Stoddard

The Perambulators-Paulette Hoelscher

The SHS Movers & Shakers-Collin Kidd

The Tax Squad-Veronica Mauricio

Meet the teams and team captains

The ThreadRippers-Peter Yu
The Walkie Talkies-Matthew Johnson
Three Armadillos-Amanda Reynolds
Tough Engineers Enthusiastically
Stepping (TEES)-Shyamala Rajagopalan
Twinkle Toes-Dezarae Harden
Twisted Blisters-Drew McMillen
TX Tough/KY Strong-Linda Frost
United Rec Force-Mark Haven
Unleashed at CVMBS-Stacie Grange
Unstable atoms-Delia Perez
Un-STEP-able-Megan Culpepper
VRSC Mission Possible-Colleen Morgan
Walk Across KBTeXas-Josh Ninke
Walk It Off-Sherri Payne

Walk Ness Monsters-Wendy Kreider
Walk This Way!-GeNae Welch
Walkie Talkies-Merri Tilton
Walking 9 to 5 (HR)-Carley Smith
Walking Riceronies-Megan Enard
Walking with the Kins-Sophia Valls
Wandering Wildlanders-kelly reeves
What a long strange trip it's been-Mark Matusek
What is That in Miles? -Kayla Titus
Wii Fit-Mike Lopez
Wild Walkers of the West-Courtney Parrott
Witness the Fitness-Michelle Coffman
Witness the Fitness-Riya Patel
Your Pace or Mine? or "funny name" here-Tori
Janousek

Your Pace or Mine?-Heather Wheeler

Meet the sponsors and hosts





























Convert your physical activity to "miles walked"



Activity Equivalents

Walk Across Texas! is a statewide, 8-week program that's free and open to everyone in the community! The goal of the program is to help people of all ages and abilities establish the habit of regular physical activity.

Is walking not your thing? No problem! Any activity can count towards your journey across Texas! Simply, we encourage you to move more and any activity is better than none!

Below are a variety of activities and guidance for you to calculate your daily mileage.

Remember, these are estimates!

Activity	Actual Miles/Minutes	Recorded Miles
Walking, typical pace (3 mph)	30 minutes =	1.5 miles
Running (6 mph)	10 minutes =	1 mile
Cycling/Mountain Biking (13 mph)	7 miles =	1 mile
Spinning (vigorous intensity)	30 minutes =	2 miles
Aerobics (moderate intensity)	30 minutes =	1.5 miles
Stairmaster (moderate intensity)	20 minutes =	1 mile
Swimming (50 yds./min)	15 minutes =	1 mile
Gardening, planting	30 minutes =	1.5 miles
Dancing (moderate intensity)	20 minutes =	1 mile
Steps measured with a pedometer	2000 steps =	1 mile
Any activity/exercise that makes you breathe hard and sweat.	20 minutes =	1 mile
Any activity/exercise that makes you breathe very hard and perspire heavily.	15 minutes =	1 mile

Example

Converting minutes of an activity to miles "walked":

Activity Equivalent:

Aerobics (moderate intensity) for 30 minutes = 1.5 miles "walked"

You participate in an aerobics class for 45 minutes and want to convert that activity to miles walked:

 $\frac{30 \text{ min.}}{1.5 \text{ miles}} = \frac{45 \text{ min.}}{X \text{ miles}} = \frac{30 \text{ X}}{1.5 \text{ x} 45} = (X = 67.5 \div 30) = 2.25 \text{ miles}$ "walked"

Adapted from Rutgers University Extension: Walk New Jersey Point-to-Point; University of MD Extension: Worcester County 4-H.

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Weekly virtual workout schedule

Strengthening and Toning Class

February 24, 2021; Wednesday 10:00 a.m. via Facebook Live

Dance Party

March 3, 2021; Wednesday 6:00 pm via Facebook Live



Pilates

March 10, 2021, Wednesday 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. via Zoom

https://tamu.zoom.us/j/94931734106?pwd=U29OWjl6OWdvTUs4YXF2VVJKZUVIdz09

Yoga

March 17, 2021, Wednesday 12:00 noon via Facebook Live

Foam Roller Stretching

March 24, 2021, Wednesday
5:30 pm via Airrosti.com scheduler
https://go.airrosti.com/scheduler/event/DXWVV3G788J

Brain Breaks

March 31, 2021; Wednesday 11:45 a.m. via Facebook Live

Zumba

April 8, 2021; Thursday 12:00 noon via Facebook Live

Tune in weekly for fun workouts and great door prizes! Some classes require pre-registration. See individual class details on next page.

Please attend as many as your schedule permits.

OPERATION WALK ACROSS TEXAS 2021 CHALLENGE MISSION: POSSIBLE 833
VIRTUAL WEEKLY INSTRUCTOR LED WORKOUT

Should you choose to accept it!

STRENGTHENIS AND TONING CLASS

A group fitness class focusing on muscular strength and muscular endurance. This class will help improve agility, balance, coordination, overall physical capacity and sense of well-being. This week's virtual host is CHI St. Joseph Health.









FEBRUARY 24, 2021, WEDNESDAY 10:00 A.M. VIA FACEBOOK LIVE @walk.across.texas.bv

MARCH 3, 2021, WEDNESDAY @ 6:00 PM FACEBOOK LIVE

@WALK.ACROSS.TEXAS.BV



WALK ACROSS TEXAS 2021 CHALLENGE
MISSION: POSSIBLE 833
VIRTUAL WEEKLY INSTRUCTOR LED WORKOUT
Should you choose to accept it!

DANCE PARTY

This dance party instruction will include 3-4 different dances, spanning a range of genres. The instructor will break down steps, answer questions, and then lead the class through a group "performance" of the routine. Hosted by the Brazos FCH/BLT Committee.









WALK ACROSS TEXAS 2021 CHALLENGE
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VIRTUAL WEEKLY INSTRUCTOR LED WORKOUT
SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT IT!

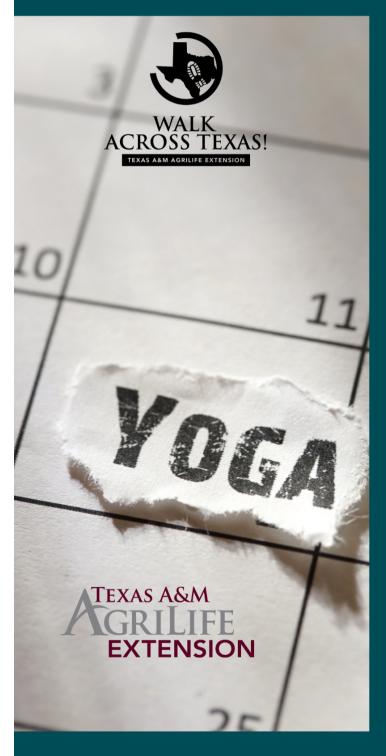


PILATES CLASS MARCH 10, 2021, WEDNESDAY 11:45 A.M.-12:30 P.M. VIA ZOOM

https://tamu.zoom.us/j/94931734106?pwd=U29OWjl6OWdvTUs4YXF2VVJKZUVIdz09

This Pilates mat session includes classical floor exercises that strengthen and lengthen all the muscles of the body. Plus increases flexibility and enhances posture. No prior Pilates experience is needed, this is geared to all levels of fitness. Comfortable workout attire and no shoes recommended. Hosted by Flourish at TAMU.

OPERATION WALK ACROSS TEXAS 2021 CHALLENGE MISSION: POSSIBLE 833 VIRTUAL WEEKLY INSTRUCTOR LED WORKOUT Should you choose to accept it!



YOGA
MARCH 17, 2021
WEDNESDAY
12:00 NOON
FACEBOOK LIVE

@WALK.ACROSS.TEXAS.BV

Join us for a lunchtime

relax & restore yoga.



Hosted by Texas A&M University Rec Sports







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FOAM ROLLER STRETCHING CLASS WITH AIRROSTI MARCH 24, WEDNESDAY 5:30-6:15 PM

REGISTER BY MARCH 19 AT
HTTPS://GO.AIRROSTI.COM/SCHEDULER/EVENT/DX
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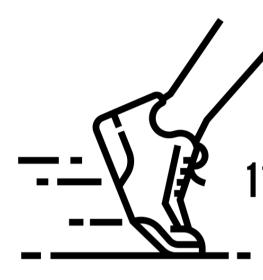
HOSTED BY THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Would you like to learn how to improve your flexibility, increase blood flow and circulation, and reduce injuries or pain? Join us for an educational and interactive foam rolling class where you will learn how to use this valuable rehab tool. Let us teach you how using a foam roller can be an integral part of a healthy and active lifestyle.



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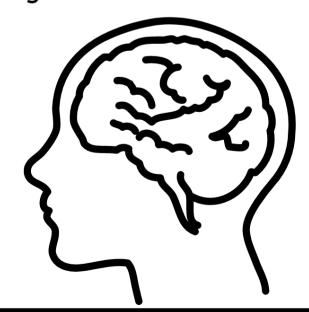


BRAIN BREAKS
MARCH 31, 2021
WEDNESDAY
11:45 AM -12:15 PM
FACEBOOK LIVE





Hosted by
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service







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ZUMBA APRIL 8, 2021 THURSDAY 12:00 – 12:40 P.M. FACEBOOK LIVE

ewalk.across.texas.bv

hosted by AgriLife Employee Wellness

Zumba-The class that started the dance-fitness revolution and changed the way we look at a "workout" forever. It's fun, effective, there's great music, easy to learn dance moves and best of all... it's made for everyone.







2021 Awards and Recognition

Weekly Drawings

Most Inspirational Person

Most Creative Team Name

Top Teams/Hall of Fame

Random Drawing of Finishing Teams

Most Inspirational Person Nomination Process

Send an explanation along with a picture of why a team member has been an inspiration to you and your team to fewilliams@ag.tamu.edu by March 20, 2021



Merchandise

Themed T-shirts
Short-sleeve only
S-XL \$12.00
2X-3X \$14.00
Brazos County Extension Office

2619 Highway 21 West
Bryan, Texas
Payable to Brazos WAT
(Delivery available in Bryan and College Station)



Chair

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Nickie Boutte-CASAP - Community Alcohol &
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