

## Plan & Promote Your Walk or Bike to School Event

# SAFE ROUTES SCHOOL

A successful walk or bike to school event can be simple or elaborate. Here are some tips for making it worthwhile and fun!



#### **Gather Support**

- Get the principal's approval.
- Build a team!
- Engage the community! Potential supporters include:
  - PTA/PTO
  - School staff
  - Law enforcement
  - Businesses
  - Public officials
  - Community leaders
  - Local High School cheerleaders/mascot

#### Plan It

- Decide on the best event for your school community.
- Schedule it for maximum impact and participation.
- Involve ALL students.
- Kick it up a notch! Consider bike trains, walking school buses, park and walk sites, on campus walks, contests, guest speakers, and frequent walker programs.

#### **Promote It**

- Get the word out to parents and students through announcements, newsletters, social media, flyers, posters, etc.
- Let the community know through:
  - Signs at local businesses
  - Local media coverage
  - Banners held by smiling students, etc.

#### **Register Your Event!**

- Register your International Walk to School Day or Bike Month events at walkbiketoschool.org.
- Register your Georgia Walk to School Day events at saferoutesga.org

We're here to support you—reach out to your School Outreach Coordinator for event assistance.

### SHORT ON TIME? Plan a Walk/Bike to School Day event in 7 days and 7 steps!

**DAY 1:** Set a date, get principal approval, and PTA/PTO support.

**DAY 2:** Register your event (if applicable), and notify your GA SRTS Outreach Coordinator.

**DAY 3:** Invite students and parents to participate.

**DAY 4:** Plan your event activity or activities.

**DAY 5:** Remind the students with announcements one week before, two days before, and the day before. Get creative and build excitement!

**DAY 6:** Create posters and/or banners to advertise the event and greet students as they arrive. Reward participants with incentives!

**DAY 7:** After the event, ask students and parents for feedback and use that feedback for future events.



Your Safe Routes Coordinator is here to help. info@saferoutesga.org saferoutesga.org







