

FAQ – ATLANTA, GA 7.18.20

Climbing Details

How long is the T2T Tower Climb at Westin Hotel?

You will be climbing up to the 72nd Floor.

How many steps are there per flight?

The number of steps vary per flight.

Do I have to climb all the way to the 72nd floor in order to participate in the T2T Tower Climb?

No, there will be several bail out floors throughout the climb.

How many bailout floors are there?

There will be 3-5 bail out floors with water stations as well.

Will there be Medical assistance if necessary?

There will be medics on the premises in the event of an emergency.

Will hallways be included in the climb distance?

We will let you know!

What direction does the stairwell wind (to the left or to the right)?

Right.

Is there a limit on how many people can register?

We are limiting the event to 500 participants – the earlier you register, the more likely you will be able to take part in this unique event!

How long does the T2T Tower Climb take?

This depends on how many floors you climb, and on your fitness level, speed and amount of time spent at rest areas. Elite Climbers may finish the 66-story climb in less than 10 minutes, while the average participant should take about 25-40 minutes to finish.

Is this a timed climb?

Yes. Timing chips will be attached to your shoe and will record your finish time. The timing chip should remain affixed to your shoe. In order to receive an accurate time, please make sure your bib is clearly visible on the FRONT of the torso.

Check back shortly for information on wave assignments and the link to the website with official results!

Can climbers stop on a landing to catch their breath?

Yes, but be aware that other participants are behind you, so please try to stay out of their way. Slower climbers should move to the right, allowing faster climbers to pass on the left.

I might get tired and be unable to finish, what should I do?

No problem, just find a volunteer or staff member who can escort you to the nearest rest area and direct you to an elevator.

I'm a first responder; can I wear my bunker/turnout gear, scott packs, etc.?

Yes, you may wear turnout gear. In fact, we encourage it!

What is an "Elite Climber"?

An Elite Climber is a competitive stair climber who routinely participates in stair climb events and can run up the stairs, completing the climb in a very fast time. Most participants are NOT considered Elite Climbers. The average participant will climb at a moderate pace and consider a 50-story climb to be no more strenuous than their typical gym workout.

Packet Pick-up, Start Times and Wave Assignments (UPDATED)

When can I pick up my registration packet (bib and t-shirt)?

Packet pick up will take place Friday at the Westin from 4-6 pm

On event day, you can pick up your bib and t-shirt starting at 8:00am.

All climbers MUST have a bib in order to participate. Check back shortly for information on wave assignments.

Why am I being assigned a start time?

Climbers' start times must be staggered, with First Responders/Military and Elite Climbers starting in the first waves. This is done in order to ensure that the stairways aren't congested and to ensure

everyone's safety in the stairwells.

When will I receive my start time?

Wave assignments will be emailed to you several days before the climb event.

I want to climb with my team, family or a group of friends. Will we be able to start the climb together?

Yes, but you must be part of a team in order to be assigned the same start time. Please make sure to indicate what team you are climbing with.

Are team members assigned the same start times?

Yes, team members will be assigned the same start time UNLESS a team member indicates that he or she is an elite climber while the rest of the team is not. All elite climbers will be assigned to one of the initial waves. Check back shortly for information on wave assignments.

Event Day Information

What time should I arrive at the event?

The event will begin at 8:00am with a ceremony. The first wave will begin promptly at 9:00am. Please plan to arrive NO more than 30 minutes PRIOR to your assigned start time. All participants must have their bibs in order to participate in the event.

How do I get the event?

The address to use for your GPS is:

210 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30303

Is parking available?

TBD

Is a bag check area provided?

Due to strict security regulations, we ask that you please DO NOT bring any bags, back packs, purses and/or valuables with you to the event. There will be no bag check so please plan accordingly. We will check any small items that can fit in a sandwich size clear Ziploc bag i.e. car keys, cell phone. The Foundation is not responsible for any personal items/valuables.

Are cameras allowed at the T2T Tower Climb?

No electronics are allowed in the stairwells.

Can I bring my cell phone?

TBD.

Will there be water stations along the climb?

Yes. There will be multiple water stations along the climb.

Can my friends and family wait for me at the finish line on the 72nd Floor?

No. Due to space limitations and security restrictions, no spectators are allowed at the finish line.

Will I receive an event t-shirt?

Yes. All participants in The T2T Tower Climb will receive an event t-shirt and finisher's medal.

T-shirts can be picked up at the designated packet pick-up locations (to be determined).

Registration Details

What is the entry fee for the T2T Tower Climb?

The entry fee for all climbers, including First Responders/Military, is \$40.

Entry fee for children 17 and under is \$20.

Is there a fundraising minimum?

Yes, there is a mandatory \$100 minimum fundraising requirement for all participants in addition to the entry fee. First Responders/Military and children 17 and under have no minimum fundraising requirement. The minimum fundraising is PER PERSON, not PER TEAM.

Why is there a minimum fundraising requirement?

The goal of this event is to raise money to honor first responders and military heroes. Proceeds will benefit the Foundation's various programs including our *Smart Home*, *Fallen First Responder* and *Gold Star Family Home Program*. To learn more about the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation and our programs, please visit www.tunnel2towers.org

Is there a minimum age to participate?

No, there is no minimum age to participate. Children 17 and under must have parent permission to participate.

When is the deadline to register for the T2T Tower Climb?

Anyone can register for this event until the start of the climb. Please note, if you register after we close online registration or in person at the event our prices go up so register early to save.

Here's the schedule for registration:

Wednesday, July 15 at 11:59 pm --- REGISTRATION WILL OFFICIALLY CLOSE AND REGISTRATION WILL INCREASE TO \$140 for adult and competitive registration options. First Responders and Children will remain at \$40 and \$20 respectively.

Anyone wishing to register can do so at Packet Pick Up at the Westin Hotel: Friday, July 17th 4-7pm or the morning of the climb between 7am-9am.

When is the deadline to meet the \$100 minimum fundraising requirement?

Each participant must meet the fundraising requirement by Wednesday, July 15th at 11:59 pm. Participants must agree to meet the minimum fundraising requirement in order to register. If the fundraising minimum is not met by this deadline, participants' credit cards will be charged \$100 or the difference, should a portion of the \$100 minimum be raised. First responders and military registrants (ID required) are not required to raise \$100.

Can I immediately make a donation of \$100 in addition to paying the entry fee instead of fundraising to meet the minimum requirement?

Yes. Once you have completed your registration, you can make a donation of \$100 on your individual fundraising page.

My company has a matching gift program. Can a matching gift count towards my minimum fundraising requirement?

Yes, but only if the matching gift is received by Monday, July 13, 2020.

Is any portion of my entry fee tax-deductible?

No. The entry fee helps cover the cost of producing the T2T Tower Climb, and includes a participant t-shirt. This is why fundraising is so important! All donations made or raised above and beyond your entry fee are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

If I am no longer able to make it to the T2T Tower Climb after registering, can I get a refund or have someone else climb in my place?

No, participation is non-transferrable and registration fees are non-refundable. Your registration fee will become a fully tax-deductible contribution.

Team Information

How do I form a team?

You can form a team while you register online by selecting the option to "Create a Team" - you will become the Team Captain and will be asked to enter the Team Name. Those who wish to join your team can then register by selecting the option to "Join a Team."

Is there a limit on team size?

No, sign up as many teammates as you can!

How do I join a team?

To join an existing team, select the "Join a Team" option, and select the Team name from the drop-down menu. Once you find the team you wish to join, select it, click "Next Step", and proceed with registration.

Does each member of a team need to raise the \$100 minimum?

Yes. Each team member is responsible for meeting his or her own \$100 minimum fundraising requirement in addition to the \$40 registration fee. All donations must be credited to an individual participant.

I am a Team Captain - can I enroll all members of my team at one time?

Unfortunately group registration is not an option at this time. We ask that you register multiple participants as separate transactions. We appreciate the effort that goes into registering teams, and thank you for your patience!

Can I pay for my whole team by company check?

Yes, a team can submit one check from its company for every team member's registration fee. A company can choose to cover the minimum fundraising requirement for each team member as well, or hold each team member responsible for meeting the \$100 minimum. The company will be invoiced for any minimum fundraising requirements that are not met by **Wednesday July 15, 2020.**

How do we register our company team if paying by check?

We will provide the Team Captain with a code that he or she will need to provide to each team member, who will then enter it when registering online. No credit card information will be required. Please note that codes cannot be issued until payment is received, so you will need to confirm the number of team members in advance. We appreciate the extra effort and planning this requires. Please contact atlanta@tunnel2towers.org if you plan to pay by company check.

Fundraising Information

Is there a fundraising minimum?

Yes. In order to ensure the fundraising success of this event, there is a minimum fundraising requirement of \$100 for each participant. We encourage everyone to raise funds beyond the \$100 requirement as the proceeds raised from this event will the Foundation's programs honoring first responders and our nation's catastrophically wounded service members. We know you can do it!

Can I still fundraise beyond the deadline for the minimum fundraising requirement?

YES! The \$100 fundraising minimum must be met by **Wednesday July 15, 2020 at 11:59 pm** but we encourage everyone to raise additional funds through June. When you raise \$150 or more (per person) you become eligible for some great Tunnel to Towers incentive prizes.

How can I be a sponsor for T2T Tower Climb?

Sponsors make a big impact on our event and we have many opportunities for promotions at our event. Please contact Atlanta@tunnel2towers.org for any vendor or sponsor opportunities.

We are also seeking any donations of water, food or giveaways for our climbers.

For additional questions about the climb please contact Atlanta@tunnel2towers.org

The mission of the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation is to honor the sacrifice of firefighter Stephen Siller, who laid down his life to save others on September 11, 2001. We also honor our military and first responders who continue to make the supreme sacrifice of life and limb for our country.

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