



Zombie Scramble

Zombie Volunteer FAQ

Where can I park?

A shuttle will be running from the Morton Civic Center, located at 2100 Ridge Ave, to the Ecology Center. Parking is available in the Morton Civic Center parking lot. The pickup location for the shuttle will be marked with a sign and blue tent.

What time should I arrive?

We are asking all zombie volunteers to arrive between 3:30-3:45pm. This will allow us time to check you in, get you in costume, have a brief orientation and feed you before you need to go out onto the course.

What will there be to eat?

We will provide all volunteers with Pizza Hut pizza prior to heading out onto the course. Throughout the event and at the end we will have hot dogs, chips and s'mores available.

Should I sign in and out?

YES! We need everyone to sign in and out to account for volunteer hours and just general accountability. **Please do not just leave the event.** If you need/want to leave early we ask that you check out with someone so that we might replace you with another zombie to maintain our zombie quotas in each zone.

Can I go to another zone if I want to?

NO, Please DO NOT go to another zone. We have assigned you to a specific zone to give our participants the best experience. We do not want to have too few zombies in one zone and too many in another.

Who will do my makeup and what should I wear?

We will have several volunteers available to help you with your zombie makeup. We will also have clothing you may borrow that has been “zombiefied.” If you would like to do your own make up or wear your own costume, please feel free. However, we ask that for your safety and the safety of the participants you DO NOT wear masks. If you borrow our zombie clothing please do not forget to return it to the dressing room at the end of the

evening. You should wear clothing appropriate for the weather (hats, mittens, coats) and comfortable running shoes. Please try to wear black or dark colored clothing.

What are Zombie Kits?

On the map you will see areas marked as “Zombie Kit 1 (etc.)” These kits are full of items you will need throughout the evening. We will have hand/foot warmers, bottled water, snacks as well as band-aids and other similar items. There will be a zombie kit in place between every 2 zones. If items need replenished notify staff when they drive by.

What if I need to use the restroom?

There are 3 restrooms located on the course. One is in the parking lot at Bridge and McCormick (where check-in is located). The second is at challenge station 1 and the third at challenge station 2. There are also restrooms inside the Ecology Center.

What if I need to take a break and warm up?

Zombie Scramble staff will be wearing safety green vests, and they will be driving around the course on Golf Carts or similar carts throughout the evening. If you need help or need a break, please stop one of our staff and speak with them about your concern. You may also notify one of the course marshals, they will have radios and will be able to contact staff for help.

What am I supposed to do?

Your goal is to attempt to “Infect” the participants by taking their “lives.” Their lives are represented by flag football flags the participants wear around their waist. We ask that you make every attempt to only grab the flags and not grab the participant, although we do understand that ACCIDENTAL touching may occur. If we receive complaints about a specific zombie’s behavior they may be asked to leave the course.

Please do not stalk the participants. Once they have left your area or entered a safe zone, move back into place and wait for the next group of participants.

Please do not sprint or run after the participants. We want to give them a chance to finish the event with lives intact. Remember, zombies do not run!

Cell Phones

Please keep cell phone use to a minimum and keep phones on silent as not to ruin the surprise experience for the participants. We LOVE photos and encourage you to take some fun shots throughout the event and share them with us using #COEundead

What do I do if there is an emergency?

Injury

If an injury occurs to you, another zombie or a participant please break character and secure the area making sure the injured person is clear of further injury. Alert a staff member or course marshal immediately. In the event of a serious injury use your cell phone to call 911 while another zombie finds a staff member.

Scared Participant

If a participant indicates they are too scared to continue please break character and guide them to the closest course marshal. The course marshal will notify someone to come and pick the participant up.

Inappropriate Behavior

While we are concerned for the safety of participants, we are also concerned for your safety as well. If a participant acts or says anything inappropriate towards you or another zombie, please notify a staff member or course marshal immediately. Please make sure you can provide a description of the participant so we may track them down on the course.

Wave Information

We currently have 897 people registered for the zombie scramble. Waves begin at 5:15pm and leave every 7 minutes. Each wave will have between 35-45 people running. For those zombies in the zones towards the back of the course, it will take longer for the participants to reach you in the beginning. However, once that first group runs through all zones should receive a pretty steady run of participants.

What do I do with the flags?

Flags should be placed in the designated bin or bucket in each zone. Staff will be coming around throughout the evening emptying the bins as we will need the flags for the later waves.

What do I do when the event is over?

Staff will come through with the last wave to notify zombies of the end of the event. We ask that you collect all of the caution tape, flags and any cones or A-frames located in your zone and place them in one location for easy pick up. After collecting your items please return to the Ecology Center to check out. This simple task saves the staff a lot of time.

Thank you so much for your time and efforts to help with this event, we could NOT do this without you. We hope you have a wonderful time and let us know if you have any other questions.