

## **Team Captain Guide & Success Packet**

#### **WHAT**

Hemophilia of Georgia's 16th Annual Trot to Clot 5k Run/ Walk & Family Fun 1 Mile

#### WHEN

Saturday, April 26, 2025 Registration 7:30 AM Race begins 8:30 AM

#### **REGISTRATION**

\$35 walkers \$45 runners 7 & Under are FREE

#### LOCATION

The Battery @ Truist Park 800 Battery Ave. SE Atlanta, GA 30339

#### INFORMATION

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> Early-bird discount ends March 22nd!



hog.org/trot

**Trot to Clot** is a Hemophilia of Georgia fundraiser benefiting youth and family programming, including Camp Wannaklot, Georgia's only summer camp for children with inherited bleeding disorders.

### Who We Are



Hemophilia of Georgia exists so that people affected by bleeding disorders live as normally and productively as possible.

### Did you know?

- Hemophilia is a bleeding disorder where the blood fails to clot due to low levels of blood clotting proteins.
- There is currently no cure for hemophilia, but there is medicine to help control the bleeding.
- Hemophilia can cause bleeding within joints that can lead to chronic joint disease and pain.

#### Hemophilia of Georgia

Hemophilia of Georgia (HoG) is a nationally and internationally recognized 501©(3) organization and premier provider of programs and support services for people with hemophilia, von Willebrand Disease, and other bleeding disorders. As the only agency of its kind in the state, HoG is dedicated to enhancing the health and wellness of the bleeding disorders community by providing excellence in comprehensive healthcare, education, advocacy, and the support of research to transform lives.

Since 1973, HoG has been providing blood clotting medications, home infusion training, educational programs, and clinical services. HoG works to enhance clients' care and quality of life, while actively pursuing a cure through research funding. HoG serves over 1,900 clients throughout the state.

#### **Youth and Family Programming at HoG**

HoG provides a variety of youth and family programming throughout the year that serves not only our clients but also their support systems through education and community events. These programs include Camp Wannaklot, teen retreat, family camps, and day programs.

**Camp Wannaklot,** a week-long residential summer camp, is the only camp in Georgia that provides children who have bleeding disorders the opportunity to enjoy a traditional camp experience. Campers make new friends, learn about their bleeding disorders, and share new experiences.

**Teen Retreat** is an annual event for teens aged 12 to 17 diagnosed with a bleeding disorder. Teens build connections, cultivate leadership skills, learn life skills, and experience exciting adventures.

**Family Camps and Day Programs** serve clients' families from around the state. We focus on educational experiences throughout the weekend as well as providing fun programs for them to spend time together away from everyday life.

# **Funding Needed**



### We need your help to make our programs happen!

### Camp Wannaklot: \$1000 per camper for a week of camp

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#### Teen Retreat: \$1,000 per teen

HoG takes teens age 12-18 out of town over MLK weekend to gain leadership skills, learn about bleeding disorders and serve as volunteers. HoG provides lodging, meals and transportation throughout the weekend.

#### Family Day: \$1,000 per family

HoG serves 30 families at an event centered on spending time together as a family unit while learning about bleeding disorders. HoG provides meals, education and fun activities for the whole family.

#### Family Camp: \$1,500 per family

HoG serves 60 families over 2 Family Camp weekend programs. Families enjoy camp activities, spend time together as a family and learn about bleeding disorders. HoG provides meals, lodging, education and fun for the weekend.

**Team Recruitment** 





#### Dear Captain,

Thank you for leading the way to success by captaining a team at Trot to Clot. The success of this event relies on teams of friends, family, neighbors, networks, and coworkers all led by people like you! As a team captain, your job is to recruit teammates, set goals, and champion excitement within your team.



### Ways to find success:

- Recruit team members
- Set goals and track progress
- Share ideas and/or host team events
- Research information on corporate gift matching

#### **Inside this packet:**

- Team recruitment ideas
- Fundraising ideas to inspire and motivate your team
- Email templates
- Event day information

**Building Your Walk Team** 



#### **BUILD YOUR TEAM**

Invite your network to join you. We suggest a team of 12+ registered participants, however, all team sizes are welcome!

**Create your team webpage** 

Set a participant goal

Share the word

Host a team get together

**Create friendly competition** 

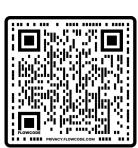
Set up your team page on hog.org/trot and add photos and a personal story.

Set a goal for your team and brainstorm a list of potential team members.

Reach out to friends, family, and coworkers and share on social media.

Host a get together to build excitement about the walk.

Create a challenge between team members or challenge another team to see who can raise more money. Scan for instructions on how to build a team!



**Motivate and Fundraise** 



#### **Motivate Your Team**

As Team Captain, it's your job to create excitement and encourage involvement.

**Be a Cheerleader:** You are a motivational speaker. Send memes, messages, and/or inspirational quotes to your team.

**Commit to Success:** Share fundraising tips with your teammates and be ready to help out those who need advice.

**Create a Team Fundraiser:** Host an event raising money toward your team goal.

#### **Fundraise**

Be a champion for your team. Brainstorm ideas. Create ways to make fundraising FUN.

**Create a shared goal:** Work together and set a goal for your team. We encourage each individual to raise at least \$100.

**Make the first donation:** Set an example for your team by making the first donation. Participants who make a donation themselves often raise more.

**Explore your community:** Raise money at a local event, host a garage sale, or ask the local businesses you frequent for support.

Use online tools. All registered participants have access to sharing their page through social media, emails, and downloading event info by simply logging into your team page.

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**Team Members** 





- Contact your local favorite
   restaurant or brewery and join their
   Give Back program. Schedule a
   night to invite your friends and
   family to have dinner or a drink
   where a portion of the evening's
   sales goes back to your walk team!
- Get a local business to sponsor your team, make a donation to your team page, or donate on your team's behalf. Businesses might also be interested in auctioning off items and donating the proceeds to your team.

# **Tips for Recruiting Your Coworkers**

**Start early:** Begin recruiting right after you register your team. The sooner you build your team the more time you have to fundraise.

**Speak at company/team meetings:** Share your reason "why" with your co-workers to motivate them to join Trot to Clot.

**Letter from the top:** Ask your manager or

CEO to send an email encouraging participation with a link to join your team.



Be creative with engaging your peers and



make it fun! This way, they will talk about it and want to join again next year.

**Ambassador for the cause:** Get info about Hemophilia of Georgia to share or have a team volunteer day at our office in Sandy Springs.



Sample Email/Letter to Prospective Team Members

Dear Friends and Family,

I'm excited to captain a team for Hemophilia of Georgia's (HoG) fundraiser Trot to Clot 5K Run/Walk! All proceeds raised will go directly to youth and family programming at HoG.

Hemophilia of Georgia (HoG) exists so that people affected by bleeding disorders live as normally and productively as possible. Hemophilia is an incredibly rare disorder and its treatment requires regular medication that could include infusions through IV. HoG provides a variety of programs that serve youth and families. These include a one week summer camp for clients ages 7-17 at Camp Twin Lakes in Winder, GA. During the week, campers get to connect with peers in the community, participate in interactive educational sessions about bleeding disorders, and work on building skills around independence. HoG also offers a Teen Retreat each January over MLK weekend for teens 12-17 years old. During the retreat, teens are provided education around their bleeding disorders and transition to adulthood. They also expose them to the culture and community of the city they are visiting. Other programs provided by HoG are Family Camps, Family day events, and one day client community events.

With the support of friends and family like you, we can help Hemophilia of Georgia continue their mission. This is why I am asking you to support my team, [enter your team name], either by walking with us at Trot to Clot at Truist Park @ The Battery Atlanta on Saturday, April 26, 2025, or walking virtually where you live or by donation!

My personal goal is to raise over \$250 by March 22nd, and I have a team goal of \$1,000. Please join my team at [insert your team's page here].

To learn more about this important cause visit hog.org/trot. Visit our team page [enter team page url] to join! If you can't join our team please consider making a donation. Remember, no donation is too small or too large.

Thank you for your support. I believe that with friends, family, and colleagues like you, Hemophilia of Georgia can continue their mission of ensuring that people affected by bleeding disorders can live as normally and productively as possible.

Thank you again for your consideration and support.

[Sign Here]

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# **Event Day**

What to Expect Day of Event



### **Ticket Types**

**Individual 5K Walk (Untimed):** Admission for one participant for the Trot to Clot Walk. Participants may choose to walk the 5K route OR the family 1-mile route.

**Individual 5K Run (Timed):** Admission for one run participant to our Trot to Clot 5k Run.

**Virtual Walker Registration:** This registration is for out-of-towners or anyone who cannot join us physically at The Battery. Walk with us where you are! The cost of the registration covers the cost of an event t-shirt.

Ages 7 and Under (Free): Participants ages 7 and under - walkers, runners, crawlers, jumpers, joggers and/or climbers! Under 7 is FREE to attend the event! We just want to know how many young future fundraisers we are expecting at this year's Trot to Clot event.

#### Register by March 22nd for early-bird pricing!

Ticket prices go up \$10 after March 22nd.

What's Included: All tickets include a light breakfast, water on the course, t-shirt, & swag bag!







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**Event Day and Awards** 



### **Prepare for the Day-Of-Event**

**Plan Ahead:** Check hog.org/trot for information on packet pickup times and location

**Communicate:** Check in with your team members. Make sure they are joining the walk and ask if they know the plan.

**Organize:** See if you can carpool and/or make plans to celebrate success before or after the event.

**Capture the Moment:** Be sure to take and share team photos before, during, and after the event.

**Celebrate:** Appreciate everyone's hard work. When people feel valued they show up, put in the effort, and they'll walk again next year.

#### **Awards**

- The team with the most funds raised will receive **FREE** admission (for all team members) to our Hops for Hemophilia event on August 24, 2024 at Atlanta Hard Cider.
- Recruit a team of **25+ members** and get your team name on the event day banner!
- Recruit a team of **12+ members** and get your team name announced at the event!
- Prizes will be awarded to the top 2 individual fundraisers.
- 5K run awards given to 1st place overall finished (male and female) and 1st place 5K winners (male and female) by age group.