

Rusty Rolls 5K Race / Walk

Sponsored by Priority Real Estate Group and Rusty's Market

This is the second annual Rusty Rolls 5K. Last year was a tremendous success and Rusty plans to make this year's race even better.

Rusty Wilkins is a 2017 graduate of Mt Ararat High School. He has cerebral palsy and is confined to a wheel chair. Rusty communicates through his laptop. A couple of years ago, Rusty and his cousin, James Anderson were inspired by the accomplishments of Team Hoyt, the father / son team that has gained world-wide recognition for their racing and fund-raising abilities. James, who was a track star at UNH, asked Rusty if he would be interested in running with him. He didn't have to ask twice as Rusty's expression immediately brimmed with excitement. Since then, they have run several 5 and 10Ks and have completed 3 marathons, most recently the Marine Marathon in Arlington, VA. Rusty wants to become a full time fund raiser. This year's race is dedicated to **Rusty Rancourt** and **Russell Packett**, who both passed away this past year (see back of form). All proceeds from the race will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

WHEN: April 7, 2018 – 9:00 AM

WHERE: Topsham Rec Field, Foreside Road, Topsham, ME

POST RACE FESTIVITIES: Live entertainment includes Mike Crawford on the bagpipes and Astral Pines, a local band – Free Food and drink provided by Rusty's Market. There will be a corn hole tournament following the Awards Ceremony

AWARDS CEREMONY: In lieu of awards for top finishers, over \$500 worth of prizes prizes will be awarded via a lottery using bib numbers

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The 5K course is a generally flat course that travels from the Rec Field toward the Middlesex Road, goes past Rusty's Market, loops through the Arbor Avenue neighborhood, and returns past Rusty's Market and back onto the Foreside Road to the finish at the Recreation Field

COST: \$20 per person; \$30 per family (dogs free – must have leash)

Register on line at www.raceentry.com/races/rusty-rolls-5k/2018/register or fill out the form below.

Registration Form

NAME: _____

AGE: _____

SEX: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY OR TOWN: _____

STATE: _____

T-SHIRT SIZE: (Circle one) SMALL

MEDIUM

LARGE

X-LARGE

Make checks payable to: MTA Rusty Rolls

Topsham, ME 04086

Mail registration to: Race Director
41 Elm Street

Questions? E-mail webmaster@mtasports.com

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Rusty Wilkins is at it again. Rusty, a 2017 grad of Mt Ararat High School, is busy these days organizing the 2nd annual Rusty Rolls 5K Race / Walk. Rusty, who has cerebral palsy, will be racing in his racing wheelchair with his cousin James Anderson at the helm.

Rusty is organizing the race to fulfill a dream of becoming a professional fund raiser. All proceeds from this race will benefit the American Cancer Society. Rusty and his cousin James were inspired by Team Hoyt, the father / son team that are world famous for their participation in road races and triathlons and fundraising capabilities. Four years ago, when James approached Rusty with the idea of racing together, Rusty's expression filled with excitement. James and Rusty initially raced using a borrowed racing wheelchair. Two years ago, Rusty's school mates and friends raised more than \$7500 to purchase his own racing wheelchair. Since then, Rusty and James have run several 5Ks, 10Ks, and marathons. Most recently, they competed in the Marine Corps Marathon in Arlington, VA last fall where they recorded their fastest time (so far).

Last year's inaugural Rusty Rolls 5k race attracted 142 runners. Rusty wants to increase those numbers and has scheduled a full slate of events to help reach his goals. Mike Crawford will be playing the bagpipes before and during the race. The Astral Pines, a local band, will be performing after the race. Free food and drink will be provided by Rusty's Market. In lieu of prizes for top finishers, bib numbers will be picked out of a hat to select more than 25 runners who will receive gifts collectively worth more than \$500. A cornhole Tournament is scheduled immediately after the Awards Ceremony.

Last year's race was devoted to **Rusty Rancourt**, the long-time proprietor of Rusty's Market. Rusty was a big sports fan, a well known horseman, and a friendly raconteur who welcomed all and discussed everything at his iconic mom and pop store. Unfortunately, Rusty passed away last year after a courageous battle against cancer. Rusty W will continue to run this race in Rusty's honor.

Rusty Wilkins also wants to honor **Russell Packett**, who passed away earlier this year from cancer. Rusty and Russell both shared a passion for basketball. Rusty served as Mt Ararat's basketball manager for several years and watched Russell Packett referee many games. Russell always had a fist bump for Rusty before and sometimes even after games. Russell was well known throughout the state. He was active member in the Maine Parks and Recreation serving in many executive positions. He was the primary force behind the start up and development of the youth travel basketball teams and served terms as Recreation Director for Freeport, Yarmouth, and most recently Cape Elizabeth.

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