

March of Dimes walkathon set for Saturday

Officials for Lincoln's fourteenth WalkAmerica, which will be Saturday, say their goal this year is to raise more money and attract more participants than in the past. WalkAmerica's 500 participants raised \$21,000 in 1983 for the March of Dimes.

WalkAmerica will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Lincoln High School, 2229 J St., and will weave its way through Lincoln, accompanied by the Lincoln High School band.

Sponsors will pledge money to walkers on a per mile basis. The adult walker with the most money from sponsors will win a weekend at Hyatt Crown Center in Kansas City. The child walker who raises the most funds will win a family pass to Kansas City's Worlds of Fun.

Anyone wishing to join in the WalkAmerica

walkathon can pick up a sponsor sheet at any Lincoln school or call the March of Dimes at 476-0118.

The Lincolnwalk is one of many nationwide, according to promotion Chairwoman Denise Glissman. She said that more than 1.5 million people will walk this weekend nationwide in support of the March of Dimes.

Glissman said 28 Lincoln companies formed teams to compete for most funds raised in the walk. UNL fraternity Delta Sigma Phi also will compete in the team walk, she said.

Several celebrities will participate. They include Turner Gill and Lincoln's Mary Ann Gemrich and her quadruplet sons, Patrick, Nathan, Matthew and Andrew.

KXSS general manager walks to promote March of Dimes

The president and general manager of Lincoln's KXSS radio station will walk 50 miles from Papillion to Lincoln today in support of Saturday's March of Dimes WalkAmerica walk-a-thon in Lincoln.

The purpose of the walk is to publicize the March of Dimes and its fight against birth defects, along with the WalkAmerica effort.

Sam Sabean will walk from Papillion to Lincoln by way of Highway 370 and Highway 6. He will start his walk before the sun rises, and hopes to finish up in Lincoln between 6 and 7 in the evening at Lincoln's County City Building at 555 S. 10th St.

In downtown Lincoln, Sabean will be joined by the Southeast High School band and the Kiss-Strohmobile to form a parade. Mayor Roland Leudtke and a March of Dimes representative will welcome the procession at the

County City Building.

Sabean will ask people to pledge money for every mile he walks. He said he also will encourage people to register for Saturday's WalkAmerica. Pledges may be made on Sabean's behalf for the March of Dimes by calling 476-0118.

"We would like to make people aware that there is a big event on Saturday," Sabean said.

Sabean is 53 and considering his age will establish a world's record if he completes the walk.

When he was a disc jockey in Minneapolis, Sabean set a world's record for continuous bowling to raise money for the Cancer Society.

Sabean said the possibilities of what the March of Dimes could accomplish gave him an incentive to walk 50 miles.

Sponsors for the walk include Qualico Van Conversions, Russ' B & R Supermarket, and The Athlete's Foot.

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