Info for marching groups at the Fulda March 2021

Dear marching friends,

Corona is not over yet, but the numbers have been low in the last few weeks and more and more people get vaccinated. So we are positive to be able to organize some sort of event in October. Since nobody can tell us how the situation will be at that time we plan to organize a very basic event to have better chances for an ok from the authorities.

Registration opens July 1st, please use the new group registration sheet 2021.

The distances for the 2-days march will be 21, 30 and 42 km on Saturday (no bus transfer necessary this time) and 21 km on Sunday. There also will be an 11 km route for walkers over 70 years. You will get info about the exact starting times with a later update.

We plan to add a nearby school as a second start/finish location so the crowd of walkers won't get too big.

This will be strictly a walking event – no seating or the usual festivities in the hall. We also will not have an opening and closing/award ceremony this year since at the moment it is not allowed to have bigger crowds of people inside a hall.

We don't offer mass accommodation in sports halls this time. The authorities will not give their ok for putting 100 persons in a hall for accommodation. So when you register a group for the walk, please be shure you have organized accommodation for your group somewhere else in advance! When we get the ok from the authorities in mid September to organize the event, we might check the Corona situation and maybe try to get one hall for accommodation. But this would be for a very limited number of walkers and you can not rely on it. So again, please book your own accommodation beforehand, it is not our fault if you show up at the walk without having done so!

There will be **no breakfast or evening buffets** this time, long waiting lines inside the building are not conform with the Corona rules. There will be food trucks in front of the hall.

At the moment we plan to organize the event with **a limited number of 1000 participants**, so the registration is open till we reach this number. Since we don't get the ok from the authorities before mid September this number can change (up or down). Should we only be allowed to organize with a lower number of persons, we might have to reject walkers that already registered and payed for it. Criteria for deciding who is in or out would be the date of the bank transfer of the registration fees. The rejected walkers would get noticed by email and get a refund of their starting fees. The same applies if we should have to cancel the event, there would be a complete refund of the fees.

Groups: If you want to register a group for the event you have to let us know about it before via <u>anmeldung@fulda-marsch.de</u> and tell us the planned size of your group. We will then send you our **new group registration form** and you have to fill in name, address, birth date, phone number of your group members and also the ID numbers of the last participation in Fulda (if known). When you send it back please transfer the starting fees in one total amount. You can also divide your group members that are shure they can attend the event. **The deadline for registrations/name changes/cancellations will be Sept.15**th via email and confirmation with us. There is **no chance for late registrations, name changes and cancellations at the day of the event!**

After the payment we will send the start cards to the group leader and he (or she) can forward them to the group members.

During the event marching groups have to stick with the Corona rules! Since there is no leaflet about the event this time, please keep yourself informed via <u>www.fuldamarsch.de</u> and Facebook!