

Over the Edge Frequently Asked Questions



GENERAL

What is Over the Edge? Over the Edge is a signature fundraising event that sends participants rappelling down the side of a 23-story building (290') in downtown Indianapolis. Not only is it a once-in-a-lifetime experience, but also raises money for a great organization – United Way of Central Indiana.

When is the event? Friday, August 13, 2021 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where is the event? 220 N. Meridian St. (Keystone Tower)

How does it work? The event is limited to 80 rappel spots. To go Over the Edge, individual participants must raise a minimum of \$1,000. Most of the fundraising is managed online through our donation portal. View uwci.org/ote to see everyone who is participating and to donate to the edger of your choice.

Is there a registration fee to participate? Yes, all participants must pay a \$50 nonrefundable reservation fee to begin the fundraising process. This reservation fee counts toward your \$1,000 fundraising goal.

How will the event address safety precautions in a post-COVID-19 world?

Reduced contact for participants: In coordination with local guidelines at the time of the event, all current CDC guidelines regarding group size will be in place for Over the Edge. One person in charge of safety equipment will be the only close contact with each participant and will wear a mask and gloves.

Masks and Gloves: Over the Edge will provide masks and gloves to every participant.

Equipment: Helmets and harnesses will be disinfected after every use.

Social distancing: Social distancing guidelines will be in place and marked for all areas of the building.

What will the funds be used for? All money raised will go towards United Way's Basic Needs Fund. This fund represents the foundation of United Way's work. We know that in order to achieved self-sufficiency, an individual must have their most basic needs met. Now more than ever, this fund helps ensure our Central Indiana neighbors and those in the midst of a crisis have access to life's essentials including:

- Safe and affordable housing
- Healthy food
- Physical, mental and behavior health
- Transportation

Who can go Over the Edge? Anyone who has met their \$1,000 fundraising goal and weighs between 100 and 300 pounds is eligible to participate. For those under the age of 18, a legal guardian must sign a waiver onsite to be eligible. We can accommodate almost all special needs; however, we will need to know the details of the needs to properly prepare. Please contact us at jody.pope@uwci.org to plan your rappel.

How do I sign up to go Over the Edge? Spots are going quick. To reserve your spot, contact Thomas Benoist at Thomas.benoist@uwci.org

EDGERS

What should an Edger wear? Sneakers, light hikers, climbing shoes or footwear with a soft, light-colored sole are recommended. No slippers, sandals, slip-on shoes, high heels, or steel-toe boots are allowed. We recommend wearing long pants and a long sleeve shirt. Athletic pants, tights and jeans are suitable. The harness goes around your legs, waist and shoulders, so it is best to avoid anything too bulky. Long hair must be tied back. Glasses will need to be secured with an eyewear retainer to keep them from falling. You will be given a pair of gloves and a helmet to wear while you rappel. You will be required to leave droppable items like keys and cell phones or jewelry that can get caught on things at registration.

Are costumes allowed? Many people choose to wear costumes for their rappel. All costumes will need to meet the same standards as listed above. Over the Edge reserves the right to approve or reject any costumes that do not meet the safety standards. If you have any questions about your costume, please email pictures of your costume two weeks prior to the event to jody.pope@uwci.org.

Can I bring my camera and phone? For everyone's safety, we do not want any objects dropped over the side of the building. Therefore, you are not allowed to bring your phones or cameras to the roof. Family and friends are encouraged to take pictures from the landing zone area. Go Pro cameras will be provided for Edgers who have raised \$1500 or more by August 1. Only pre-mounted Go Pro cameras provided by Over the Edge are allowed. We will provide your Over the Edge video to you directly following your rappel.

Can friends and family watch me as I go Over the Edge? Supporters are encouraged to attend the event and watch you rappel down the building from the Landing Zone. Unfortunately, friends and family will not be allowed on the rooftop, since only those with safety harnesses and anchors will be admitted.

Do I need any experience? No prior rappelling or climbing experience is necessary. When you arrive on site, you will be given instructions on how to use the equipment.

What will training be like for Edgers? Each Edger will be given a specific time for their arrival and rappel. When an Edger arrives on site, they will be given training and will practice rappelling a shorter distance to experience hanging in the harness and using the descender. Proper rappelling position, where to keep your feet and hands, and use of the radios that participants wear will be discussed during their training session. What can I do to practice? Although no practice or prior climbing experience is required, rock climbing at a local climbing gym will

strengthen your forearms and allow you to hang in a harness. Although the harnesses we use are different, you will still get an idea of what muscles it takes to stay upright.

How long does the event take? Registering, training and rappelling will take approximately 1.5 hours to complete. The actual rappel will last approximately 10-15 minutes depending on the individual participant.

Can I go over with a friend? Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that you will be able to go over the edge side-by-side with your friend; however, we can schedule you close to each other. Please reach out to jody.pope@uwci.org to let us know you like to be scheduled around the same time. We will absolutely do our best to schedule your rappel together, however we can't guarantee.

What if there's inclement weather? Typically, an Over the Edge event can continue to operate in rain. A weather-related delay will be initiated when heavy rain causes people to lose their vision, if lightning is observed nearby, or if heavy winds increase the risk of injury to participants.

FUNDRAISING

What happens if I do not raise at least \$1,000? If the minimum fundraising goal of \$1,000 is not reached by August 10, 2021, you may provide a credit card to cover the balance to secure your spot to go Over the Edge. You will have up to two weeks after the event to raise the remaining funds. If the amount is not met, your credit card will be charged. All funds raised are tax deductible donations United Way of Central Indiana and are nonrefundable if the minimum fundraising goal is not met

How do I raise enough money to go Over the Edge? You can collect online credit/debit card donations by sending your friends and family a link to your personal fundraising page after reserving your spot to go Over the Edge.

What if someone wants to write a check or donate cash? Checks should be made payable to United Way of Central Indiana with Over the Edge and your name written in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to 2955 N. Meridian St., Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46208. Please do not mail cash. If you receive a cash donation, please use a cashier's check to submit those funds. Please keep in mind these donations will take longer to process and be reflected on your personal fundraising page.

Are donations tax deductible? Yes, all donations are tax deductible. Each donor will automatically receive a receipt confirming their electronic donation.