

## GSA for Safe Schools Walk/Run/Eat 2008 Event Proposal

On Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008, the Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools (GSAFE) will host a walk/run event in Madison's Warner Park to raise money for GSAFE, to create further awareness of GSAFE's mission, and to provide an opportunity for people who share GSAFE's vision to socialize and network with one another in a fun, high-energy setting. This is not a new event for GSAFE, but we have not used Warner Park for this event since 2004, when the organization had a different name (GLSEN-SCW) and a different event organizer.

The walk/run portion of this event will have three components: a two-mile walk, a 5K run and a 10K run. The routes have not yet been determined, but for a past event (held in 2004), we used a USA Track and Field-certified course that did not require the closing or barricading of any streets. For this year's event, we plan to find a similar route and will submit a parade permit to the City of Madison Police Department to secure that route.

GSAFE has reserved the Warner Park Community Recreation Center (WPCRC), where race participants will be able to register the morning of the event and will be provided lunch after the race. Queen Anne's Catering of Madison has donated a lunch to our event, and all catering and serving of food will take place inside the WPCRC.

We expect to begin setting up the course early on the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup>. Adequate course marshals will be on hand to ensure the safety of the runners, and to ensure that traffic is not being impeded by the race. Since we expect that the event will attract over 300 participants, we will also submit the necessary security and medical plan to the City of Madison Police and Fire Departments.

Below you will find my contact information, the event organizer, as well as the forecasted details of the event, based on the turnout for the 2007 GSA for Safe Schools Walk/Run/Eat:

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**Name of Event:** GSA for Safe Schools Walk/Run/Eat 2008  
**Date of Event:** Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
**Location:** Warner Park and Warner Park Community Recreation Center, Madison, WI

**Estimated Times:** Course set up begins at 7:00AM (in Warner Park)  
Registration opens at 8:30AM (in WPCRC)  
Race begins at 10:00AM (in Warner Park)  
Race is over and lunch is served at 11:00AM (in WPCRC)  
Event is over and clean up is finished by 1:30PM

**Estimated Number of Participants:** 350 people

There will be two to three temporary water stations set up along the 5K and 10K routes, but no food will be served or sold outside of the WPCRC. There will be a brief, amplified speech at the beginning of the race, between 9:45AM and 10:00AM.