



Frequently Asked Questions

About QUASH

1. What is QUASH?
QUASH is an acronym for the event's full name – **Q**uest to **U**n unravel **A**lzheimer's, a citywide **S**cavenger **H**unt. More specifically, QUASH is a part physical, part mental urban scavenger hunt that raises awareness and funds to benefit the Alzheimer's Association, the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care, support and research. For a more detailed description of the event, visit quashnow.org and click on the "What is it?" page.
2. How do I register to QUASH?
Registration is not yet open for the 2009 season. However, we are currently collecting contact information from interested participants. To be among the first to hear about our 2009 QUASH schedule, please fill out the [request for more information](#) on quashnow.org.
3. What time does QUASH start? How long does it last?
The event will last approximately two and a half hours, finishing in the early afternoon. After all teams complete the event, lunch will be served, followed by an awards ceremony.
4. How far will I have to travel during the event?
All of the QUASH clues will lead your team to a location within the immediate city limits. How far you travel is really up to you! When your team arrives at check-in, you'll receive a packet with clues and a map denoting the northern, eastern, southern and western boundaries of the hunt. You will then decipher the clues and decide upon the most efficient route from point to point.
5. How do you win?
Teams win QUASH by earning the most points. Each clue that you solve will lead you to a specific city attraction, where you will be asked to perform a challenge or to collect detailed information. Upon completion of this task, you will earn a number of points based on the difficulty of the assignment. (You can see the number of points the clue is assigned on the QUASH card that you receive when you check in.) When you arrive at the finish line, a QUASH Corp Volunteer will tally your team's points.
6. Is there a minimum age requirement to register for QUASH?
QUASH participants must be 18 years of age or older on the day of the event.

Teams

7. How do I start or join a team?
The easiest way to start or join a team is when you register. Registration is not yet open for the 2009 season. However, we are currently collecting contact information from

interested participants. To be among the first to hear about our 2009 QUASH schedule, please fill out the [request for more information](#) on quashnow.org.

8. How many players are on a team?
A team is composed of four players. If you are having difficulty finding enough players, contact your QUASH support team at info@quashnow.org. They will be available during the 2009 season to connect you with other players looking for a team.
9. How do I sign up as a Team Captain?
If you would like to start a team and serve as the Team Captain, you should choose the "Start a Team" option at registration. Then your other potential team members will be able to visit www.quashnow.org and join your team. Registration is not yet open for the 2009 QUASH season.
10. Can team members share or split donations?
Each team member is responsible for raising a minimum of \$200. Online donations cannot be split or transferred to another team member. Your QUASH support team is available to help you reach your fundraising goal. Contact them at info@quashnow.org.

Volunteer

11. How do I sign up to be a volunteer?
Volunteer registration is not yet open for the 2009 season. However, we are currently collecting contact information from those who are interested in participating. To be among the first to hear about our 2009 volunteer opportunities, please fill out the [request for more information](#) on quashnow.org.
12. Can I choose my volunteer responsibility?
In most instances, we will offer you a choice of several volunteer activities; however, we may ask you to serve in a specific role when we're short-handed.
13. Is there an age minimum to volunteer for QUASH?
QUASH volunteers must be 18 years of age or older on the day of the event.

Fundraising and Donations

14. Is a portion of my registration fee a donation?
No, your registration fee does not count toward your \$200 fundraising minimum.
15. Is my registration fee tax-deductible?
The registration fee is not tax-deductible. It is also non-refundable and non-transferrable.
16. Are all donations tax-deductible?
Yes, all the dollars that you raise are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by the law. Our federal tax ID number is 13-3039601.
17. If I can't participate in the event, what happens to the donations that I have raised?
All donations and registration fees are non-refundable. All of the funds raised through QUASH go to support Alzheimer research, care and support.
18. What if I haven't raised the \$200 fundraising minimum in time for event day?
Don't worry! You can choose one of three options so you can still participate.

1. You can pledge a self donation to make up for the difference.
2. You can make a delayed pledge to yourself to make up for the difference. This involves placing your personal credit card on file so that you can participate in QUASH and continue fundraising after the event.
3. Before event day, reach out to the QUASH support team by e-mailing info@quashnow.org. This group of fundraising experts can help you reach your goal.

19. Who should I make my check out to?

All donations given via check should be made out to the Alzheimer's Association.

20. How do I turn in my donation checks?

Please download the donation form that is available in your Participant Center at www.quashnow.org and mail checks to the address listed on the form. Include one donation form per check. You may also bring your checks with you on event day.

21. Do all donors receive a receipt?

All donors who give online will receive a receipt as part of an automatic response thanking them for their gift. Donors who submit gifts via mail will receive an acknowledgement letter.

22. What is a matching gift and how do I apply for one?

Many organizations have a program where they will match a certain amount of money that their employees contribute to a cause. Simply check with your company's human resources department to obtain a matching gift form or to ask about participation in the program. For more information on matching gifts, visit <http://www.matchinggifts.com/alz/>.

23. How does the Alzheimer's Association use my donations?

The Alzheimer's Association national organization meets or exceeds relevant watchdog standards in its allocation of donor dollars. According to the BBB Wise Giving Alliance, nonprofit organizations should spend at least 65 percent of its total expenses on program activities, with remaining funds going to administrative and fundraising expenses.

The national Alzheimer's Association organization continues to meet and exceed these minimum standards with 82 percent of our total annual expenses going to care, support, research, awareness and advocacy activities.

24. How do I find a participant's personal Web page?

Visit www.quashnow.org and click on "Donate." Search by the participant's first or last name.

25. Why is the "Donate" search not finding a participant that I know has registered?

You must type in the first name or last name of the participant exactly how it is spelled. The online database is not case sensitive. If you're having trouble, try entering just the first few letters of the participant's name. If you have a problem locating a participant that you are sure has registered, send an e-mail to info@quashnow.org.