



The Run Against Rape 2008

Primary Sponsors:

The K-State student group Wildcats Against Rape **(W.A.R.)**

K-State Women's Center

PURPOSE:

To raise awareness about the crime of rape on our campus, in our community, and worldwide, and to offer the campus and the Manhattan area community a way to directly support the KSU Women's Center, the Wildcats Against Rape KSU student group, the SANE SART (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner-Sexual Assault Response Team) Program at Mercy Hospital, and the Panzi Hospital in Bukava, Congo.

GOAL:

Our goal is that many teams from the campus and community will contribute to run/walk a total of 412¹ miles on the Ahearn track at the Old Stadium, during which information and entertainment from local vendors, groups, and offices will be offered to participants and visitors. We hope to collect clothing (sweats) for the hospital's SANE SART staff, which is given to crime victims to wear home when clothing has been collected for evidence. We hope to receive monetary donations to provide funding for community education materials and support through the KSU Women's Center and the student group Wildcats Against Rape. Half of all monetary donations will be sent directly to the Panzi Hospital in Bukava, Congo.² The widespread, unprintable savagery of crimes against women and children in the Congo has reached epidemic proportions and worldwide attention.

¹ The number of rapes estimated to occur on a typical campus the size of KSU. (U.S.Dept. of Justice; <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/182369.pdf>)

² <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2008/01/11/60minutes/main3701249.shtml>

<http://reversecowgirlblog.blogspot.com/2007/11/congo-rape-epidemic-and-what-you-can-do.html>

Method:

Teams will sign up through Wildcats Against Rape³, the organizer of this event. Teams will pledge to run a certain number of miles. One member of each team will be on the track at any given time and miles will be tallied on the large scoreboard in the stadium. This is not a race but a cooperative effort to complete the 412 miles. More team details will be posted on this site. The run will begin at 3 pm on October 11, 2008 and will conclude at approximately 7 pm.

Donations:

Donations of new sweatpants & sweatshirts, and monetary donations will be accepted as visitors enter the stadium and at the W.A.R. table. All clothing received will be donated to Mercy Hospital's SANE SART program. Monetary donations will be distributed as follows: Wildcats Against Rape, 25%; K-State Women's Center, 25%; Pinya Hospital in Congo, 50%. (T-Shirt sales to the public are part of a separate fundraising effort of W.A.R. and those profits, if any, will be maintained in the W.A.R. T-shirt fund.) Donations may be made directly to the KSU Foundation account (earmarked specifically for the KSU Women's Center, or contact Mary Todd, Director, at 785.532.6444).

Teams:

Teams will pay a \$25 donation fee and will receive a discount on T-Shirts. Any money remaining from these sign-up fees after event costs will be put into the donation fund. Teams will submit a TEAM NAME and the names and contact information for team members. Teams may be of any size but should have enough team members to finish the number of miles submitted. In the week prior to the event, teams will be assigned the details of the 3:00 pm start time. (No refunds for no-shows.) Single entrants will be combined into 5-person teams (\$5.00 entrant fee per person) if desired.

Prizes:

Many area merchants have generously donated gifts or services to be awarded as prizes at this event. There will be both random (chance) and skill opportunities to win these prizes, both for runners/walkers and for spectators.

³ mpainte2@ksu.edu or 785.532.6444 or facebook group "W.A.R. Wildcats Against Rape" or 206 Holton Hall