

OUR EVENT FAQs | 2017

Q) What happens on Thursday, March 9th?

A) Shavees and volunteers will come to Ri Ra Irish Pub for the St. Baldrick's event. The event starts at 6pm at Ri Ra at 1080 Peachtree Street in Midtown. The pub is on the back of the 1010 building (technically, it sits at the corner of 12th and Crescent). When you arrive at the pub, look for people in bright green St. Baldrick's t-shirts (with green shamrocks) -- they'll be able to answer any questions you may have. Once you arrive, go to the registration table and check in. The registration table will be in Ri Ra's Harbor Bar (just follow the directional signs). There, you'll turn in any checks or cash you may have (if you have the chance, submit your cash online prior to the event). You'll be given your t-shirt voucher (for those raising \$50 or more) and asked to head to the photo area where you'll have your "before" photo taken, you'll then head over to the stage and get buzzed, and then go back to have your "after" photo taken. Next, you'll return to the registration area and pick up your t-shirt. After that... hang out, have a few drinks, and watch your friends go bald for a cause.

Q) How do I submit my cash donations?

A) To help us reduce the amount of cash we'll have to handle at the event, we ask that you try to submit your cash donations online prior to the event. To do this, Just log in to your member's area, click "Donations," and use the simple tool in the "What do I do with my cash?" box. When you're finished, pay the total with your own credit card (or debit card with a Visa or Mastercard logo) and keep the cash as your reimbursement. Donations will appear online immediately. Try to do this today and again as you receive more cash leading up to the event. Of course, if you don't have a credit card, you may bring your cash with you to the event and turn it in at the shavee registration table.

Q) What do I need to bring?

A) Be sure to bring your white check envelope and yellow cash envelope the St. Baldrick's foundation sent to you. If you didn't receive one, don't worry. We'll have extras. If you didn't have any cash or check donations, you can still bring in your unmarked envelope and we'll return them to the foundation to help them save on printing costs.

Q) My friend wants to get shaved, but he's not registered. Can he come and participate?

A) Absolutely. Walk-in shaves are welcome. Just tell your friend to check in at the registration area and we'll make sure he (or she) gets shaved. Just make sure to tell him to bring an (optional) donation to help out the cause.

Q) I haven't raised any money? Can I still participate.

A) Sure thing. Remember... it's never too late to raise some funds and every little bit helps. If you don't have any funds raised by the day of the event, come get shaved anyway. When people ask why you're bald, you can tell them you did it to raise funds for childhood cancer research -- people can still donate even after the event is over! After the event, we encour-

age everyone to send out their St. Baldrick's link via email and Facebook along with their "after" photos and encourage people to give. Often, a substantial amount of money is raised AFTER people have proof that you've shaved your head.

Q) Do I have to show up at 6:00 and stay for the entire event?

A) Only if you want to. To make the shaving run smoothly, we've got a calendar of events -- most of the larger teams have a scheduled time so everyone on the team can be shaved at the same time. So, check out the schedule online -- if your team is listed, try to be there about 15 minutes before your team's time. Check out the team schedule at www.stbaldricks.org/events/americanira. If you can't come at your team's assigned time, don't worry... we'll do our best to accommodate your schedule. This year we'll have more than enough barbers on hand for the event.

That said, it's going to be a fun event, so feel free to show up early and stay as long as you'd like. Immediately following the event, we'll crank up the tunes and the party will continue. Here's the link to the online schedule: www.stbaldricks.org/events/americanira

Q) Are you going to use a shaving cream and a razor on my head?

A) No. Insurance regulations allow us to use clippers only. If you want to go completely slick bald, you'll be in a good position after your St. Baldrick's buzz to take a razor to it when you get home. Here's a link to some great tips for shaving your head with a razor: <http://menshair.about.com/od/malecelebrityhairstyles/a/headshave.htm>.

Q) How short are you going to buzz me down?

For those who are hesitant to take it all the way down to the scalp, we've got a few options. A #000 blade will take the hair almost completely off and leave just a little stubble. A #1 blade will leave about a 1/8" fuzz with some scalp exposure. A #2 blade will leave about 1/4" of hair with just a bit scalp exposure. One thing to keep in mind is that there's only about 10 days of growth between a #000 and a #2, so you won't be bald long if you take it all the way down. Another thing to consider is that children who have cancer often lose all of their hair -- they don't have a choice not to be bald, so I recommend going all the way in a show of solidarity with the kids. Also, people who have donated really want to see you bald, so let's give 'em a good show. By default, we'll be using a #000 blade, so be sure to tell the barber if you must have a longer blade. Here's a link to a graphic that shows the difference between blade sizes: <http://baldforacause.org/howbald.png>



Q) I've never shaved my head before. Do I need to do anything to get ready?

A) To help ensure your head looks good sans hair, be sure to wash your hair regularly in the days leading up to the event. You may also wish to consider exfoliating your scalp a few times with a face scrub like Nivea for Men Face Scrub (available at drug stores). Apply to the scalp and rub around in a circular motion for a few minutes. This will help remove any dead skin and make your head look great. If you have dry skin, this will also help as will using a leave-in conditioner. To make sure we get a quick, even buzz, make sure to shampoo on the day of the event and it will be helpful to come in without any gel or product in your hair. If you have any other scalp conditions, there's some great information at the following link: http://menshair.about.com/od/scalpcaretips/Scalp_Care_Tips_for_Men.htm

Q) What do I tell the barber before I get shaved?

A) By default, the barbers will be working with a 000 blade on the clipper (this is a clipper with no guard), so be sure to tell them if you require a #1 or #2 guard. Also, let your barber know if you have any moles, bumps, or scalp issues before he starts mowing.

Q) How long will it take to grow back?

A) Hair grows about 1/2" per month, so it'll be back quicker than you think. One thing you can do to help keep it looking great as it grows is to use your free "tune up" certificates at American Haircuts -- this way the hair looks neat and has some shape as it grows out.

Q) How do I care for an bald head?

A) After you've been shaved, your head may be a little white. A few minutes in the sun and an application of sunless tanning lotion will help balance it out and eliminate that freshly shaved look fairly quickly. Beyond that, apply a moisturizer (find one with an SPF) and your freshly shorn melon will look great.

Q) Where does the money go?

A) St. Baldrick's events have provided over \$178,000,000 research grants to enable doctors and scientists at over 200 institutions to pursue the most promising new cures for childhood cancer and to help make clinical trials available to more children than ever. Since 2010, our events at Ri Ra raised over \$1,012,781 and enabled the St. Baldrick's Foundation to fund an additional fellow at the Aflac Cancer Center at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Some of us had the chance to tour the facility and it's an amazing place doing great work.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A HEARO TO KIDS WITH CANCER!