Luminary event instructions

Luminaries should be prepared ahead of time –

* bags rolled
* blocks put in bags
* candles securely in blocks
* lighters filled
* multiple boxes of kitchen matches put with other supplies

The Meadow Loop works well for the luminary walk. If you want to shorten it slightly, you can use the Field Trail from behind the CLC at the west trailhead to the Meadow Loop, but the ground is slightly less level than on the crushed gravel.

Luminaries should be placed roughly 12 – 15 stride lengths apart on the same side of the trail. Once lit, this provides enough light, even if one happens to go out.

It takes two people about an hour to place and light the luminaries. Have the luminaries lit at least 20 minutes prior to the start of the event to not be rushed. Luminary lighters should carry their cell phones (exchange numbers ahead of time with staff), lighters, extra candles and matches.

One or two volunteers working together should be “sweepers” – people who walk the loop occasionally to relight and replace candles and do one last walk to make sure everyone made it around before candles are extinguished and picked up.

The Meadow Loop requires approximately 90 – 100 candles. This is enough to also light the way over Pike Passage Bridge to the Council Ring if a fire is part of the event. It is also enough to have a few candles on the steps of the CLC or up to the bathrooms.

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