

**A Half Marathon is equivalent to running around**



The San Francisco 49ers Football field 67 times, or  
The New York Yankees baseball diamond 192 times, or  
The Augusta National Golf Course 11 times, or  
Stadio Olimpico in Roma 77 times...

**13.1 Miles!**

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Dear MCMA friends From **Bill Parks #129**

This is a letter I never thought I would be writing and probably one you never thought you would receive from me. Hold on to your seat: I'm training to run the San Diego Half Marathon (Yes that's right, 13.1 miles) in June 2010!

To help me cross the finish line, I joined an organization called Team In Training. This program provides runners with a four month training program with professional coaches, workout schedules, and other crazy marathon runners so the daily training is a bit more bearable.

In return, I am committed to raising **\$2,500** for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS), a national voluntary health agency dedicated to curing leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improving the quality of life for patients and their families. Funds raised by LLS go to research, public education and patient services. It is a highly regarded nonprofit organization.

As an added inspiration to my goal of successfully completing an endurance event, I am running for an honoree who is currently going through treatment for leukemia. Isabelle is a six-year old girl who was diagnosed a year ago. She has undergone a year of chemotherapy and endured punishing side effects, numerous surgeries, spinal injections, and the loss of her hair. She still has two years of treatment to go. **If there is anyone in your life that has been affected by cancer, please let me know, as I would love to run in his or her honor!**

I am asking for your support for this great cause. Your donation goes directly to research and patient programs and is 100% tax-deductible! Please contribute as you can—every dollar makes a difference. If you prefer the ease of online donations, please visit my donation webpage at <http://pages.teamintraining.org/rw/rnr10/wparksgizb> where you can securely contribute using your credit card. If you prefer using the mail, please make a **check out to LLS** and mail it to me by April 30th.

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Thank you for taking the time to consider supporting me and donating to this worthy cause. Please know that your support will help me cross the finish line this June, but more importantly help so many patients and their families cross the finish line to a healthy life.

**Sincerely**

Bill Parks