



Race Location

Duke Energy Center
550 S. Tryon St.
Charlotte, NC 28202

Directions from North – I-85 South to I-77 South, exit 9B onto 277 West. Take exit 1E exiting onto College St. turn left on West Stonewall. Parking entrance on right after passing over South Tryon St.

Directions from South – I-77 North, to exit 9B onto 277 West. Take exit 1E exiting onto College St. turn left on West Stonewall. Parking entrance on right after passing over South Tryon St.

Parking

Parking will be available in the Duke Energy Center parking garage. Please enter and exit off of Stonewall as that will be the only location with a cashier. Please follow the signs within the elevator as to where you will exit.

Parking will be \$5 for the entire day.

Check-in

Check-in & Packet Pickup

Check-in should be your first stop upon arriving at the Duke Energy Center. Please look for the tents in the retail breezeway between the Mint Museum and the Duke Energy Center tower.

All packet pick up will occur at the race site. At that time you will receive your goodie bags, t-shirts, bibs and timing chips.

Note: Registration closes on Tuesday, March 21st at midnight or whenever the 750 climber cap is reached. There will be NO registration day-of.

Bag Check

There will be a bag check in the retail breezeway for all climbers as you will **NOT** be permitted to bring anything in the stair ways.

Race Logistics

Timing

The race will begin at promptly 9 am. Please locate your flight and check-in time by last name on www.charlottesports.org/racetothetop. You will be asked to **arrive 1 hour prior to your flight** as check-in and parking may take time. Please line up in the 'on deck' position in the retail breezeway **15 minutes before your flight**.

Course Information

Please carefully read the following information:

- Duke Energy Center stairwells turn to the right
- While climbing, please climb on right side of stairway
- If passing, pass on the left side only
- At 2nd story is hallway of approximately 15 yards please follow directional signs and volunteers to main stairwell

Upon completion of the race please continue through the hallway to make room for other finishers. From there, will be asked to turn in your timing chips and will be brought back to the main lobby via service elevators.

Restrictions

The carrying of any objects is strictly prohibited in the stairwell including but not limited to the following:

- Ipods or music devices
- Water bottles
- Children
- Water belts with removable bottles (**Camelpacks acceptable**)
- Keys, cell phones, PDA
- Cameras (Video or still)

Only participants, staff and volunteers are permitted in the stairwells.

Water, Restrooms, and Bailout

Bailout points and water stops are located on:

- 14th, 26th, 34th and 49th floors
- On the 14th and 34th floors you will have access to water fountains
- The 26th floor will have a cooler with water cups
 - **Runners will need to carefully exit the stairway and finish water before returning**
- Once you reach the 49th floor, you will receive a Race to the Top water bottle.

Emergency Situation & Injuries

Emergency call buttons will be located in the stairwell:

- On floors 1-35 they are located every 5 floors
- On floors 36-48 they are located on every floor

If you are unable to complete the climb, please stop and press an emergency call button. Please step into the corner of the landing and speak with security services. Medic and security will report to your floor and escort you to the lobby via elevator. Once you have abandoned the race you will not be permitted to return to the building.

If you are unable to reach an emergency call button, please ask someone to notify a volunteer at the next closest bailout point or to press the emergency call button for you and speak to security services.

Security and Medic will be located on floors 1, 14, 26, 34, and 49.

Post Race Party

Post Race Party will begin at 9:00 am and run until noon. Music, food, drink and vendor booths will be set up along the Levine Avenue of the Arts. Beer will be supplied but you must show a valid driver's license or passport. **You cannot use your bib as identification!**

Awards

Awards will be distributed at a presentation on Tuesday the 89th of March at 8 am, at a location to be determined. Awards will be given out to the 3 fastest men's, 3 fastest women's climbers, and the fastest firefighter. Winners will be notified of the details by Sunday the 26th. A light breakfast will be served. This event is not open to all Race to the Top participants.