

**Sparkee, the official mascot of the Somerset Patriots,  
will be on hand at Saturday's walk in Mendham!**



Can you believe the second annual **New Jersey Walks for TS** event is less than a week away? Neither can we! In five days, on Saturday, Nov. 19, hundreds of walkers, runners and volunteers will converge upon Mendham's Borough Park to help raise money to benefit the New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome & Associated Disorders (NJCTS).

This year's **New Jersey Walks for TS** event -- which will kick off with registration and stretching at 9:30 a.m., followed by the walk/fun run at 10 a.m. -- is shaping up to be even more special than last year's inaugural event, for many reasons.

One of the top reasons is the broad range of entertainment options slated to appear to delight participants before, during and after the main event. One of those options is an appearance by Sparkee, the official mascot of the Somerset Patriots baseball team!

Sparkee will be on hand from 10:45-11:45 a.m. to meet and greet participants, as well as sign autographs, pose for pictures and have a great time with the crowd! Sparkee, along with NJCTS, also wants to encourage **New Jersey Walks for TS** event-goers to purchase tickets to a special Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day on Sunday, April 29, 2012, at the Patriots' home stadium, TD Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater.

The 1:05 p.m. game will bring to a close the Patriots' season-opening series against the Long Island Ducks and represent a golden opportunity for the TS community to come out in force and further support NJCTS. More information and these special tickets will be available at the **New Jersey Walks for TS** event and in the near future at [www.njcts.org](http://www.njcts.org).

Opportunities to register both individuals and teams, as well as donate and fundraise, for the walk are still available by visiting <http://www.active.com/donate/MendhamWalksForTS>. Prizes will be awarded for the best team banner, best hat and the top individual and team fundraisers, with one of the team fundraiser prizes being a four-pack of tickets to a 2012 Somerset Patriots game!

There also are other ways to help bolster the event, which will help aid NJCTS' efforts to support the 28,000 kids and families across the Garden State who live with TS and for those about to start off on the journey of living with this neurological disorder. Anyone can:

- Start a team and recruit friends and family to walk, too
- Reach out to personal networks or corporations to gain pledges
- Make this part of a child or teen's service requirement for school or religious education
- Post a link to <http://www.active.com/donate/MendhamWalksForTS> on Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr or other social media platforms.

Don't wait another minute to register and participate in what is shaping up to be a great day for a great cause. Sign up today.