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# RISE Above and Beyond

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**In this issue;** RISE Adventures introduces two major events, update on new programs, new line of RISE Adventures apparel, a special on Camp Craig Allen and the TEAM RISE Volunteer staff tells you what exciting things they are working on.

**RISE Events**

RISE Adventures Dinner/Sunset Cruise  
 "Fundraiser"

RISE is holding our first ever fundraiser on September 18th. Our Dinner/Sunset cruise is on Lake Lewisville aboard the Chamonix II sailing yacht. Live music is provided by "Emerald City", voted "Dallas Best". To learn more about this event please visit the [RISE website](#).

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### Our Mission

"To help persons with physical challenges gain independence through a learning experience in adaptive outdoor adventures and sporting programs"

RISE Above and Beyond is a monthly publication provided by RISE Adventures, Inc. This publication will be sent out on the 15th of each month. If you have any pictures, articles, events or fundraisers you would like us to publish, please submit them to [Joel Hendrix](#) by the the 10th day of the month. Any information obtained after this date will be published in the following issue.

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RISE Adventures  
"END OF SUMMER BASH, 2007"  
"All Access Sporting Event"

Presented by

*Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation  
Lone Star Paralyzed Veterans of America  
Spina Bifida Association of North Texas*

Sponsored by

*Allumed Medical Supply*

Saturday, September 29, 2007  
10:00 am until 4:00 pm  
Lewisville Lake Park, Lewisville, Texas

Physically challenged persons of all ages and levels of disabilities are welcome and the event is FREE for all participants.

Handcycling, Kayaking, Canoeing, Water Skiing, Fishing, Sailing, Speed Boat Rides, Yacht Rides, Jet Skis, and more...

Additional Venues:

Food and drink Stand, Vendor Booths

For more information and location please visit the [RISE website](#).

### RISE Programs

#### **RISE Program Schedule**

These active RISE Programs are FREE for Members.

***SIGN UP NOW!!!***

#### ***RISE Handcycling***

This program is open to all ages and levels of physical disabilities.

**RISE Handcycling** is for members of all ages. Our next activity will be held at Bachman Recreation Center at 2750 Bachman Road in Dallas on Sunday, August 19th, from 9:00-1:00. If you do not have a handcycle, we will provide one. We are moving to Saturdays starting in September. The next activity will be at Bachman on Saturday, September 8th and every other Saturday through November. For more information or to sign up, click on this Handcycling link. [Handcycling](#)

#### ***RISE Kayaking***

This program is open to all ages and levels of physical disabilities.

**RISE Kayaking** is for members of all ages. This activity is every Thursday through November at White Rock Lake, Dallas. For more information or to sign up, click on this Kayaking link. [Kayaking](#)

#### ***RISE Sailing***

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[Texas Parks & Wildlife](#)  
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## **Coming In** **September**

- Update on Major Events
- Update on Programs
- Allumed Medical Introduction
- Special "Lone Star Paralyzed Veterans of America"

This program is open to all ages and levels of physical disabilities.

**RISE Sailing** is for members of all ages. This program has really taken off. Our next activity is Sunday, August 26th. We will then move to Saturday mornings starting September 15th and every other Saturday through November. For more information or to sign up, click on this Sailing link. [Sailing](#)

### ***RISE Camping for Children***

This program is open to children ages 8-16 for all levels of a physical disability.

**RISE Camping** will hold its first campout on Friday, September 29th, at Lewisville Lake Park. For more information or to sign up, click on this Camping link.

[Camping](#)

### ***RISE Fishing for Children***

This program is open to children ages 8-16 for all levels of a physical disability.

**RISE Fishing** is scheduling a dual fishing/hunting event in Houston for October. For more information or to sign up click on Fishing link. [Fishing](#)

### ***RISE Hunting for Children***

This program is open to children ages 8-16 for all levels of a physical disability.

**RISE Hunting** has scheduled our first hunting activity of the year. It is for children between the ages of 8 to 16 and one parent. The hunt is at the historic YO Ranch in Mountain Home, Texas, September 14-16. Experienced guides, lodging, food, and a guaranteed kill are a part of this all inclusive package. Space is limited and is filling up fast. For more information or to sign up now click on Hunting link. [Hunting](#)

### ***RISE Photography***

This program is open to all ages and levels of physical disabilities.

**RISE Photography** is for members of all ages. We have scheduled our first camera outing at the Dallas Arboretum on Saturday, October 20th at 11:00 am. "Autumn at the Arboretum; The Great Pumpkin Festival." For more information or to sign up, click on this Photography link.

[Photography](#)

### ***RISE Health and Fitness***

This program is open to all ages and levels of physical disabilities.

**RISE Health & Fitness** is every week throughout the year. To learn more about this program please click on this Health and Fitness Link.

[Health & Fitness](#)

## **Letter from the CEO**



With the introduction of two more major events and more programs setting dates for activities this month, we are getting very busy.

Jackie Bartels, our marketing director, completed our new logo and introduced our new line of apparel. She also did the brochures for our events. This month she will complete our new marketing materials, business cards, and stationary.

Joel Hendrix, our program director, finalized dates for our new programs. He continues to organize the activities and schedule members. He serves a dual position by doing all of the website work for RISE as well as helping our vital partners with their sites.

I continue to attend numerous meetings with our collaborative partners. In doing so, we are forming important partnerships that will help solidify our current and future programs in the sharing of information and direction.

I would like to thank all of you that have opened your doors, and allowed RISE to team with you, to further our mission.

Paul Gray/CEO/RISE Adventures, Inc.

### **Outreach Director**

I continue to provide outreach in visiting with patients at BIR. I sit on various board and committees and work with our vital partners.



Steve Carlson/Outreach Director/RISE Adventures, Inc.

### **Program Director**

As the RISE Program Director, I continue to evaluate and upgrade our programs. This month I have set dates for new programs. In the evaluation process, I have also changed some venues and dates. This will make our existing programs more functional. In doing this, we can better serve our members.



I work with all members, new and old, in scheduling them for the activities they are interested in. I also work on the specific accommodations that meet their needs. I want to make sure the activity is exactly what they expected so they can get the most out of attending our RISE Programs.

I would like to thank all of the members that have attended our programs, for their valuable input in helping me make each activity a rewarding experience.

Joel Hendrix/Program Director/RISE Adventures, Inc.



## Marketing Director

I have just completed the new RISE Adventures logo. Our new line of RISE apparel is now available online. The event brochures are completed. I hope you like all of this and any comments or suggestions would be very helpful.

### [RISE Adventures Store](#)



After a week in Washington D.C., I returned to Texas with more energy and empowerment than ever before. I heard amazing stories, from women from all over the country that touched me in a profound way. Their inner and outer beauty, wisdom and passion to make a difference in the world of disabilities is unbelievable. I am forever changed by my experiences. The week was filled with seminars about ADA laws and ways to enforce it. There were several workshops about having a Healthy

lifestyles and disability and relationship issues. I had several judging sessions with a panel of five judges, were they asked me questions pertaining to disability advocacy. At the end of the week, the judges selected the top 5, after which we were asked two on stage questions. I placed 3rd and was selected Ms. Congeniality. I learned that it is possible for one person to impact the lives of many and to make a difference, but more powerful when we unite hundreds of people who are all fighting for the same cause.





Jackie Bartels/Marketing Director/RISE Adventures, Inc.

## **Website Update**

Our website has gone hi-tech. In a continuing effort to update our technology communication venues we have added; a Blog, Myspace, Facebook, and Youtube to the top right portion of our website. Go online and check them out!

## **Camp Craig Allen**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

Camp Craig Allen partners with RISE Adventures

Teaming up with other non-profit organization with the common goal to serve the physical disability community  
August 2007: Non-profit organizations that focus on the abilities of physically disabled children or adults is what Camp Craig Allen has been advocating promotion of. Making these contacts, friendships and being able to help one another's organization has been beneficial for everyone.

Camp Craig Allen, a newly formed non profit organization, is dedicated to building a 300 acre camp facility completely built to accommodate the most severe physically challenged child or adult. Their focus on building this facility with the technology advancements and the current medical equipment that is more portable, the camp facility will provide the environment for a person with the highest level of disability to come and spend a week in this the environment that will provide recreational programs for the wheelchair bound.

Building Camp Craig Allen will take years, with a projected goal of opening year round by 2011. With a future date of providing activities and programs, the current challenge they face is getting the disabled folks involved in activities now, rather than waiting.

RISE Adventures, another newly formed non-profit organization, focuses on the programs and activities with disabled children and adults now and relies on private and community support to host the activities at different locations around North Texas. "Our first call to one another was the perfect fit" recalls Dawn Cruzan Fournier, Founder of Camp Craig Allen. "Their (RISE Adventure's) energy, passion and drive for getting disabled people involved right now in sports and activities are our same goals. Building our

camp wouldn't happen overnight, so to have people get involved in activities now; it couldn't be a better organization to be working with!"

Helping each other to reach the goals in one another's organization is what the Founders of Camp Craig Allen and RISE Adventures are committed to do with each other. Currently, RISE Adventures has several programs for the physically disabled going on, which include the sailing program on Lake Lewisville and the bicycling program in Dallas, and more outdoor programs planned in the upcoming months. "Our goal is to have activities all year long in all different programs that give variety for those confined in wheelchairs" states Paul Gray, RISE Adventures CEO. "The partnering up with Camp Craig Allen and their goals, enable us to provide the activities now, and to provide more activities and programs upon their completion of their camp facility, it's a TEAM approach."

Marketing Directors from both organizations, Amanda Baze, Camp Craig Allen and Jackie Bartels, RISE Adventures, are working together to promote each other's fundraisers and provide community resources to help each other.

Incidentally, both women are physically disabled; both extremely active in their separate communities and both women lead disability advocacy groups where they work with others to promote independence.

If you are interested in making a donation, getting more information, or participating in the upcoming fundraisers and/or for more information and getting involved in programs and activities now, please visit [www.campcraigallen.org](http://www.campcraigallen.org).

### **SBANT Bowl-A-Thon, August 4, 2007**

Paul Gray and Joel Hendrix bowled in the Spina Bifida fundraiser on August 4<sup>th</sup>. We teamed with Robby, Gayle, and Jenna Martin. Shannon Burns subbed for Gayle in the second game. We had a great time and actually bowled fairly well. The final scores were not as important as all of the nice folks we met and the camaraderie we experienced.



If you would like to make a donation to this great organization, please access their website - [SBANT](http://www.sbant.org).

### **TEAM RISE Volunteers**

As RISE Adventures continues to grow we continue to need quality volunteers. We are adding new volunteers daily but with all of the

programs and activities we can always use more. If you are interested in volunteering please go to our website and [Join Us](#).

## Texas Parks & Wildlife Department News

Below are news release(s) from Texas Parks & Wildlife.

Please access the link(s) below to view the news or go to [TP&W News](#) for more information.

[TPWD News August 6, 2007](#)

[TPWD News August 10, 2007](#)

## POWER

SPORTS FEST 2007 presented by POWER

Saturday, September 15th · Lake Gladewater · 10am-4pm

The East Texas Sports Fest is a day long event at Lake Gladewater where people with disAbilities can experience many clinics and activities including adaptive water skiing, archery, fishing/casting, a wheelchair basketball exhibition, paint ball, petting zoo, dunking booth, great food, prizes, vendor booths and a lot of fun - AT NO COST! All ages and abilities are welcome along with their families or caretakers/guardians. This groundbreaking event in the East Texas area is open to the public.

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