

Exciting program news from RISE Adventures

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Exciting answers to your 2011 RISE questions! We've been working hard to offer you FREE recreational programs this year. We can't wait for the summer months!

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RISE Kickin' off Summer Bash II

(Printable Event Flyer Available April 1st)

Saturday, May 7, 2011, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm



Meadowmere Park, Grapevine, Texas

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This event provides a wide variety of recreational activities for those in the community of all ages with physical disabilities and their families. Participate in all RISE Programs at one location on the same day. Activities include; Camping, Fishing, Golf, Hand Cycling, Air Rifles, Archery, Jet Skiing, Kayaking, Boating, Photography, Rugby, Sailing, Tubing, Scuba, Swimming, Water Skiing, Basketball, Sled Hockey demo, Pony Rides, Fencing, and much more including Face Painting, Climbing Wall, Petting Zoo, Live Music on the C & R Medical Music Stage, plus free hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks at the Grapevine Parks Food Court.

Visit the numerous Collaborative Partner and Sponsor Exhibits including; C & R Medical, Lift-Aids, Grapevine Parks and Recreation, Baylor Institute of Rehabilitation, Muscular Dystrophy Association, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Texas Department of Rehabilitative Services (DARS), Spina Bifida Association of North Texas, Canine Companions for Independence, Hero's on the Water, Classic Chevrolet, Grapevine AMBUCS, Infinity Air Promotions, IARTD- International Association of Recreational & Technical Divers, Fencing Institute of Texas, Inc., White Rock Marathon, International Institute of Sport, Paralympic Division U.S. Olympic Committee, and more...

Live performance by the Mateki's and more! Don't miss the Rusty Gear, Interactive Robot Show!

The event and food are FREE for participants, family members, and friends!

Want to become a sponsor? Check out our [2011 Bash Sponsor Brochure](#)

For information on **Sponsor Opportunities** contact Julie Saeger at jsaeger@riseadventures.org or (817) 909-3750.

For **Collaborative Partner** booth information contact Paul Gray at pgray@riseadventures.org or (469) 762-5075.

For **Volunteer Opportunities** contact Annette Brauer at abrauer@riseadventures.org or (972) 978.8903.

Spring Program Schedule

- St. Patrick's Day Greenville Avenue Parade - Join TEAM RISE to ride on our float or roll in a handcycle! The event is Saturday, March 12th from 9am-1pm. Contact Paul Gray at pgray@riseadventures.org or (469) 762-5075.
- Collaboration with Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation Handcycle Clinic - The event is Saturday, April 9th from 9am-1pm. Contact Lea Stewart at leas@baylorhealth.edu.
- Collaboration with Challenge Air - Join TEAM RISE in the air! Register with [Challenge Air](#) to fly a plane! The event is Saturday, April 9th from 9am-1pm.
- Collaboration with Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children Easter Egg Hunt - The event is Saturday, April 16th from 11a-1pm.
- RISE Golf, Handcycling, Hunting, Photography, Sailing and Rugby are in full swing! Check the [RISE Calendar](#) to make your reservations today!
- RISE Summer Programs (Adaptive Water Skiing, Boating, Tubing, Kayaking, Jet Skiing, Fishing, Swimming, Scuba, Camping) begin June 1st. Check the [RISE Calendar](#) to make your reservations today.

New Online Program Registration

Effective March 1st all reservations must be made 48 hours prior to program start time. Reservations can be made by [going to our website](#), clicking on the [Calendar](#), selecting the program and filling out the [reservation form](#). All participants must be registered as a TEAM RISE member. All family/friends attending with participant must be registered as a TEAM RISE volunteer. RISE can only accommodate those who have registered (including friends and family).

To register, please go to <http://www.riseadventures.org/join-rise/>.

RISE will still maintain phone reservations and information by contacting Annette Brauer at abrauer@riseadventures.org or (972) 978.8903.

Dallas Harlequins Support RISE through Casino Night on April 9th

The [Dallas Harlequins](#) are holding their annual Casino Night and donating the proceeds to RISE! If you're interested in a night of

casino games, check out the [ticket information](#). You can [purchase tickets](#) by visiting the RISE [donation page](#).

Photography Program

Welcome to RISE Adventures Photography Program. The idea of our program is to share photographic tips, tricks and techniques to improve your shots.

Whether you are a beginner or an experienced photographer, these adventures are aimed sharing ideas, meeting new friends and having a good time. We have something for everyone in the events planned ahead. Like all RISE Adventure programs and events, they are free to RISE participants, families and friends.

For people interested in floral and landscape photography there will be two shoots at the Dallas Arboretum and one at the North Texas Orchid Society Show. The Arboretum on March 5th and October 15th. The orchids show on April 10 will be a good place to get close ups of the flowers that are subjects in Georgia O'Keeffe's paintings.

Airplanes can be looked as sleek aluminum sculptures and make great subjects for photography. The Cavanaugh Flight Museum located in Addison will be the meeting spot for the May 28th and June 18th photo shoots. On the second date the "War Birds" will take to the air to celebrate the week of Flag Day.

This year the "Dog Days of Summer" will include the Lone Star Classic Dog Show at the Dallas Market Hall on July 9th. They say that dog owners sometime look like their animals – here is your chance to prove it in pictures.

For hotrod and muscle car enthusiasts, we will photograph vehicles from the Cruiser Club at the El Chico restaurant in Desoto on March 12th from 2pm-5pm and on May 14 from 6pm-9pm.

The Nasher Sculpture Garden located in downtown Dallas is great place to shoot 3D art. There are additional sculptures located in the public space in front of the Dallas Museum of Art. We will be shooting both areas on August 30.

The Plano Balloon Fest will be eye candy for any photographer on September 17th. Get ready for some sweet shooting on this all day event beginning with the teams inflating the balloons to a dramatic group take off.

Please check the [calendar](#) for detailed information and make a reservation.

Recreational Sports Help Dissolve Communication Barrier

A few weeks back at our Friday night rugby program, TEAM RISE participants and volunteers met Francillion Chery from Haiti. At just 10-years-old, Chery contracted an infection that permanently stunted the growth of his left leg, consequently forcing him to live as a grown man with the size leg of a 10-year-old and preventing him from ever walking again. Despite his lack of mobility, Chery survived the January 12 earthquake, but lost family members, friends, and his home in the tragedy. What he didn't know at the time was that his life would soon take a very positive turn.

After a brief intro (through a translator) we began introducing Cherry to the sport of quad rugby. Program Manager Andy Burton ran the participants through basic passing and route drills. Cherry quickly learned how to maneuver his wheelchair and what his role in the game was. He spent no time adjusting, he simply followed the lead of his teammates and played the game. Energy was high throughout the gym! Even though Cherry spoke French, our common ground was the love of sport.

Cherry also introduced TEAM RISE to the sport of Amputee Soccer. The game is played on crutches and man ... what arm strength Cherry and his teammates have! Incredible! He was so fast and agile on his crutches. Don't believe me? Look at these [pictures](#)! RISE would like to thank Dr. Fred of International [Institute of SPORT](#) for introducing us to Cherry!

RISE Continues to Advocate for the Community

TEAM RISE members have been hard at work for the disability community. This past month we've attending the HEB ISD Parent Resource Fair, the Plano ISD SAGE Summer Camp Expo and this weekend we'll be at Lewisville ISD Special Needs Activities & Resource Fair. We'll also be supporting the Muscular Dystrophy Association's "MDA Walk" at Cowboys Stadium this Saturday! Spreading the message that recreational sports can change lives is vital to RISE growth. Help us grow by spreading RISE news throughout your community.

Check out these [pictures](#) from this past months advocacy work.

RISE Announces New

Handcycling Program Manager

Mike Shelman has decided to come on board with RISE as our newest volunteer Program Manager. Mike will be integral in growing our handcycling program. He's an avid cyclist in his personal life and attends various marathons throughout our community. Mike has been participating in the RISE Rugby program for about a year so we're thankful for his crossover into handcycling. We look forward to cycling with Mike all spring and summer long! Join us in welcoming our newest TEAM RISE member!

RISE is now on Twitter

Yep you read that right ... we're now on Twitter so we can provide you with 140 character live updates! We'll be using this social media service in a variety of ways but it will mainly be used to inform participants of program updates. We'll also be posting pictures live from program locations! So [follow us on Twitter](#) today!

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