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RISE Summer Program Schedule

All programs are FREE for persons with physical disabilities and family members! Programs Require Mandatory 48 Hour Advanced Online or Phone Reservations! Some dates are blacked out for group events. Check the [RISE Calendar](#) for availability. Group reservations are available at optional dates and times. Outdoor Programs, Weather Permitting.

RISE PROGRAMS

Water Skiing, Tubing, Boating, Jet Skiing, Swimming, Fishing, Kayaking - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 am -1:00 pm –



Saturday's and Sunday's 9:00 am –12:00 pm, Meadowmere Park, Grapevine, Texas (Reserve exactly which program you will be participating in)

Sailing – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm plus Saturday and Sunday day outings.

Golf - Once a week, various times and locations. Please check calendar for availability.

Rugby - Friday Night's, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Georgia Farrow Recreation Center, Irving, Texas (NO reservations required)

Handcycling –Saturday's, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, [Sam Houston Trail Park, Irving, Texas.](#)

Photography – Cavanaugh Flight Museum, Saturday, June 18th, 12:00 – 3:00 pm

Camping – July, exact dates and times being worked out. Please check [calendar](#) for availability.

Scuba - 'Discover Scuba', Kirby Creek Natatorium, Grand Prairie, Texas - June 12th 8:00 am-1:00 pm and June 26th, 8:00 am-1:00 pm.

Advocacy – Various activities check calendar for locations and times.

RISE COLLABORATION & SEASONAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

- REACH Water Sports Picnic - Saturday, June 18th, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Metroplex Adaptive Water Sports Clinic - Saturday, June 25th, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Texas Rangers vs. Florida Marlins RISE Night at the Ballpark - Sunday, July 3rd, 7:05 pm
- Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Water Sports Picnic - Saturday, July 9th, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Spina Bifida/Scottish Rite Water Sports Picnic – Saturday, July 23rd, 9:00 am -1:00 pm
- Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation Water Sports Picnic – Saturday, August 6th, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Dallas Junior Wheelchair Mavericks Water Sports Picnic – Saturday, August 13th, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- RISE Sponsor Party at the Lake – Saturday, August 20th, All Day/ Invitation Only!
- Texas Rangers vs. Los Angeles Angels RISE Night at the Ballpark - Sunday, August 28th, 7:05 pm
- RISE End of Summer Bash VII - Saturday, September 24th, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Letter from the CEO

It has been a very busy winter and spring for everyone involved with RISE Adventures, Inc. RISE is proud to announce our 2011 Summer Program Schedule. This summer we are offering over 400 Program Dates for a variety of programs, dates, and times. RISE purchased more equipment for various programs in the off season which included a Malibu Ski Boat from Metroplex Adaptive Water Sports. Over the last several months we worked very hard at upgrading and consolidating program locations. This has been an arduous task to say the least and a lot of our lofty goals weren't met.

RISE entered into a contract with the United States Olympic Committee, (USOC) as a Paralympic Sports Club, "Paralympic Sport North Texas, A Program of RISE Adventures". RISE will remain true to our mission of therapeutic recreational sports programs only. This partnership allows us to build stronger programs and enhances our ability to give elite athletes a path for growth.

RISE was offered a small lake closer to our constituency for our water sports programs. A lot of time and energy was focused on constructing an all encompassing Adaptive Water Sports Park. RISE received funding and met our obligations to open the park on June 1, 2011. RISE has a total financial obligation of over \$300,000.00 in this endeavor. Unforeseen circumstances arose between our two major partners. The partners are still moving the project forward as they attempt to work out details. Given the uncertainty of the project we will continue to host these programs in Grapevine with our long standing partner, Grapevine Parks and Recreation Department.

RISE was also offered exclusive use of a 23,000 plus acre (6 mile by 9 mile) ranch only a two hour drive from Dallas. The ranch is breathe taking with its rolling hills and landscape. We are in the process of working out the details for numerous activities including year round camping, hunting, fishing, and other outdoor nature programs.

RISE instituted a [NEW 48 HOUR MANDATORY PROGRAM RESERVATION SYSTEM](#). Reservations are required 48 hours in advance of the requested program start time. Reservations can be made via our new online reservation system or via phone. We had to implement this new system to manage the large amount of equipment and volunteers it takes to facilitate the number of participants and family members each program date.

RISE recently celebrated our 4th Birthday in March. All RISE Programs continue to grow. We are very proud to accomplish this growth with all volunteers. RISE has no salaried employees.

Volunteers are essential to our continued success. Each and every volunteer is very important to our mission as well as our Corporate Volunteer Sponsor Teams from PepsiCo Enable, Southwest Airlines, and Tom Thumb Food Stores.

Our two major corporate sponsors, [C & R Medical Supplies](#) and [Lift-Aids, Inc.](#) provide revenue for program operating expense, ability to write over 100 foundation grants each year for equipment, financial audits, numerous insurance policies, marketing, and all of the other associated costs of doing business. RISE maintains all of our programs will always be FREE for participants and family members because of our sponsors. Please switch and do business with our sponsors as they support RISE!

Thanks to all TEAM RISE Members for helping RISE Adventures continue to accomplish our very important mission each and every day. Hope to see you soon!

[Paul Gray](#), CEO/ RISE Adventures, Inc.

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