

Southeast Nebraska Relay For Life Coming Up at Auburn City Rec Sports Complex

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Plans continue for the 15th annual Southeast Nebraska Relay For Life Friday-Saturday, June 4-5, at the Auburn City Recreation Sports Complex. It will be held from 7 p.m. June 4 to 7 a.m. June 5.

There is a contest to decorate the best creative birthday cake. Cakes are to be brought to the Auburn Senior Center by 5 p.m. June 4. Each cake will be judged by the cancer survivors before their 5:30 p.m. dinner there. The survivors will vote for the best creative cake. The winner will be announced at 7 p.m. The winner will receive a special prize. For more information on this contest, please contact Jeni Adams at 402-274-9243; Pam Adams at 402-274-9240 or Michelle Dixon at 402-274-8888. Entrants are asked to please use disposable plates. Plates will not be returned. The entries will be served at the Celebrate Survivors cake reception at the City Recreation Complex.

The Survivors Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. that Friday. Letters were sent to cancer survivors living in Nemaha and Richardson counties. If you are a cancer survivor and have not received a letter, please contact either Pam Adams or Dixon.

There are a number of events during the night. They include a luminary ceremony, hot air balloon glow, Guitar Hero, Zumba exercise dance, frozen T-shirt competition, wet T-shirt competition, karaoke, jump rope competition, hula hoop competition, Name That Tune, Fear Factor eating competition and a singing bee.

June 5 at 7:01 a.m. will be a Cupcakes For Cure Quilt drawing. At 7:02 a.m. June 5 there will be a drawing for two autographed shirts. One shirt is autographed by members of the Nebraska Husker football team. The other is autographed by members of the Nebraska Husker women's basketball team.

Contact any Relay For Life team member or committee member for details and learn how to purchase a luminary.

In 2009, more than 14 teams and over 200 individuals participated in Southeast Nebraska Relay For Life. More than \$18,000 was raised for the American Cancer Society's research, education, advocacy and patient service programs.

2010 marks the 25th anniversary of the first Relay. It began in 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon in Tacoma, Wash., ran and walked around a track for 24 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Since then, it has grown from a single man's passion to fight cancer into the world's largest movement to end the disease. Each year, more than 3.5 million people in 5,000 communities in the United States and more communities internationally, gather to participate and raise much needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer. Each relay has certain traditions: The survivors lap, a time to celebrate; the luminaria ceremony, a time to remember and the Fight Back ceremony.