



COURAGEOUS KIDS CHRONICLES

April 1, 2021

FREE climbing opportunities for people with special needs!

GOALS OF OUR NEWSLETTER:

1. To share information with emergency responders as it relates to working with people with special needs.
2. To share with parents and caregiver's information about our upcoming opportunities for people with special needs.
3. To share information on the benefits of the various forms of rock climbing for people with special needs.

We hope that there is something for everyone in this newsletter!

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From the Editor,

Welcome to the spring 2021 edition of our newsletter! You are one of over 2500 people from across the United States that is reading this newsletter!



While looking through some files of old photographs, I found this interesting photo of me wearing a different type of harness. I am learning how to descend in a parachute after ejecting from a U-2 spy plane – all in virtual reality! During this trip, I also flew the U-

2 flight simulator and observed the launch and recovery of the U-2 DragonLady.

The Idaho Climbing Series has been out of action for a couple of years, but an effort is underway to resurrect the competition, which will be held at several climbing gyms across Idaho. The new organizers have expressed an interest in adding a climbing category for people with special needs, using a format similar to the Special Olympics. Should they elect to move forward on this idea, Courageous Kids Climbing will be coordinating this opportunity.

No one knows what the future holds, especially in the case of the current pandemic. Courageous Kids Climbing is pressing forward with the planning of events. Please follow our Facebook page to find out what events are happening in your area and if they are still on schedule.

While on the subject of events, we have added two events to the Seattle, Washington area and will be returning to Driggs, Idaho.

We are planning a fundraiser for the Pacific-Northwest area. On June 12, we be conducting a climbing competition for first responders at The Commons Climbing Gym in Boise. If this is a success, then we hope to have additional events in other locations. Boise Mobile Equipment, Inc., a manufacturer of fire apparatus and Lithia Ford of Boise is the major sponsors of this event.

https://www.firehouse.com/rescue/rope/press-release/21212721/bme-sponsoring-charity-first-responder-climbing-event?fbclid=IwAR29tXUCNLH6iA4XI43hX_foGd3ji_D1HcP9NCytM8821OCD6NO5Wak



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<https://www.emsworld.com/press-release/1225627/boise-mobile-equipment-holds-first-responder-climbing-event>

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<https://www.lithiafordboise.com/blog/2021/march/16/lithia-ford-sponsors-local-climbing-event.htm>

As with all of our activities, we are always looking for volunteers to help us organize and conduct these events. Drop us a note if you would like to become more involved.

Visit our Facebook page to learn more about events that may be happening near you.

TRIVIA: How high can the U-2 DragonLady fly?

RISE ABOVE!

Jeff Riechmann
Event Coordinator
Courageous Kids Climbing

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FREE STUFF!

Our friends at HMH Outdoors have graciously donated a few brand spanking new items to our stash of stuff to give out to our courageous climbers!!! These items are absolutely FREE, we just ask that you pay the shipping costs or make other arrangements. These items are on a "first come, first served" basis. We also ask that these items be provided to children with special needs who want to continue to participate in rock wall climbing opportunity outside of as well as in addition to Courageous Kids Climbing events. Contact me if you are interested in obtaining one of these items for your courageous climber!

- 4 pairs, Senegi, size 5 climbing shoes
- 3 pairs, Habara, size 3.5 climbing shoes
- 6 chalk bags with chalk.


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Thank you to HMH Outdoors for providing this climbing equipment and helping us to get more kids climbing!

FOR THE RESCUER

ROOFER RESCUE:

On March 2, we were invited by the Clarkston (WA) Fire Department to provide their full-time and volunteer firefighters



with our briefing on preparing for rescuing a worker suspended in a fall arrest harness at a construction site. We also discussed some of the things to think about when responding to emergencies involving people with special needs. Thank you, Clarkston Fire, for this opportunity!

ROPE TRAINING: We are currently working with a couple of agencies on organizing a one-day class to train first responders who lack rope rescue skills in how they can support a rope rescue. Our goal is to develop a program and then offer the training throughout the western US. Contact us for more information.

RESCUE TIP: When visiting schools, be sure to spend time with the special education classes. Remember, many of these kids are afraid of people in uniform. You need to show these kids that people in uniform are there to help, so you don't need to be afraid of them.



FIRST RESPONDER CLIMBING COMP:

We will be conducting a first responder climbing competition at The Commons Climbing Gym in Boise, Idaho on

Saturday, June 12. This event is for fire, police, EMS and SAR, active, retired, contractor, seasonal or volunteer. This will be a fundraiser for Courageous Kids Climbing. We are looking

for a couple of sponsors to donate door prizes for the event. Contact us for more information.



BUTORA

At the First Responder Climbing Competition, we will be giving away a bunch of door prizes, including a free pair of climbing shoes, courtesy of Butora! How cool is that?

MULTIPLE EVENTS: Check out this link on the Firehouse magazine website for information on some of our upcoming events of interest to first responders.

<https://www.firehouse.com/operations-training/press-release/21204721/training-opportunity-offered-for-responses-involving-people-with-autism>.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for the contributions from Krahn's Home Furnishings in McCall, ID!



Thank you for the contributions from McCall Jewelry Store in McCall, Idaho!



Thank you to Perpetua Resources for the donation! This donation will help to cover some of our expenses when traveling to the various events around the western US.



Thank you to Rogers Toyota of Lewiston, Idaho for sponsoring our Climbing On Stuff event with the Idaho State Police! This event will give school age kids who are blind the opportunity to learn firsthand about the Idaho State Police!



Thank you to Cascade Hardware in Cascade, Idaho for the contribution of a pair of protective chaps that are used by people when working with a chain saw. These chaps will be used to protect the lower legs of our climbers when being raised in our haul system.

Thank you to The Sharp End Physical Therapy for the contribution of a door prize for our First Responder Climbing Competition in Boise, ID.



Thank you to Happy Day Restaurants of Lewiston, Idaho for the contribution of four \$25 gift cards for their restaurants.



Thank you to Play It Again Sports of Boise, Idaho for the gift cards that will be given away as door prizes for our first responders climbing competition.

IN THE NEWS:

Check out this article that appeared in the Lewiston Tribune a couple of months ago...and we just found!

https://lmtribune.com/northwest/he-finds-walls-but-not-limits/article_7eb43ceb-201e-5308-86ce-b214ff13f6f0.html

COURAGEOUS KIDS SCHOLARSHIP:

This is an annual \$1000 scholarship that is awarded by the University of Idaho to a new or returning student to the University of Idaho that has special needs. If your child is interested in attending the University of Idaho, please look into having them apply for this scholarship. If you have any questions, drop me a note.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

In addition to covering the costs of our specialized equipment, we also spend a significant amount of money on travel-related expenses like gas and lodging. We try very hard to bundle events in an effort to keep costs to a minimum, but the expenses still add up!

As long as I am the leader of this organization, we will never charge anyone to participate in any of our events.

I understand that money doesn't grow on trees! I also understand that there are things that you do need to purchase, like food! Please consider joining the rewards programs for the following businesses and then identify Courageous Kids

Climbing as the charity that you would like to support. A portion of the money that you spend at these businesses will then be donated to Courageous Kids Climbing.



You can also make donations and purchases on PayPal:

<https://www.paypal.com/us/webapps/mpp/givingfund/home>

Or on ebay:

<https://www.charity.ebay.com/>

You can also make donations through GoFundMe:

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/ckc-2020-campaign>

Network For Good:

<https://www.networkforgood.org/donation/MakeDonation.aspx?ORGID2=833628817>

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

3/27/21 – Vertical View Climbing, Meridian, ID: Fifteen courageous climbers between the ages 4-years and 53-years joined us for our first event of 2021 AND our first ever event at Vertical View Climbing in Meridian, Idaho.



To see more photos from our events, visit <https://www.facebook.com/CourageousKidsClimbing>



CLIMBING ON STUFF

Climbing on Stuff is our program which provides FREE opportunities for school-age children who are legally blind to “look” at something unique with their hands. In the past, we have looked at aircraft, smokejumpers and Native Americans. If you have an idea for a *Climbing on Stuff* adventure in your area, please drop us a note!

We will be conducting a Climbing On Stuff adventure in Bakersfield, California on Sunday, April 11 from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm as we will be taking the kids who are legally blind to look at fire trucks at the Olive Drive Fire Training Facility. Thanks to the Kern County Fire Department for hosting this event.

On Saturday, October 2, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, we will be visiting the Idaho State Police in Lewiston, Idaho. This will be an opportunity for the kids to look at police cars and meet some of the Idaho State Troopers!

On Saturday, November 13, we will be visiting Palmdale, California for a special event to be conducted by one of the major aerospace companies. This event will run from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm.

2021 EVENT SCHEDULE

[April 11, 2021](#) – Climbing On Stuff – looking at fire trucks, Bakersfield, Ca. 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm.

[April 17, 2021](#) – Action Sports, Bakersfield, CA. 10:00 am until noon.

[April 18, 2021](#) – Nevada Climbing Center, Las Vegas, NV. 10:00 am until noon.

[April 19, 2021](#) – The Rock Gym – Rexburg, Rexburg, ID. 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm.

[April 24, 2021](#) – Wild Walls, Spokane, WA. 10:00 am until noon.

[April 25, 2021](#) – Riverfront Climbing, Wenatchee, WA. 10:00 am until noon.

[May 1, 2021](#) – University of Idaho Climbing Center, Moscow, Idaho. 10:00 am until noon.

[May 15, 2021](#) – Gemstone Climbing Center, Twin Falls, ID. 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

[May 16, 2021](#) – Wings Center, Boise, ID. 10:00 am until noon.

[May 22, 2021](#) – Camp Pinewood, McCall, ID. 10:00 am until noon. NOTE: This is an outdoor event in which the kids will have the opportunity to climb on large boulders and ride in UTVs.

[June 5, 2021](#) – Auburn, Washington YMCA, 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm. NOTE: Age restrictions!

[June 6, 2021](#) – YMCA Northshore Climbing Tower, Bothell, Washington. 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm/ NOTE: Age restrictions.

[June 12, 2021](#) – First Responder Climbing Comp, Boise, Idaho (Fundraiser)

[September, 11, 2021](#) – Downtown YMCA, Boise, ID. 10:00 am until noon.

[September 12, 2021](#) - Gemstone Climbing Center, Twin Falls, ID. 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

[September 18, 2021](#) – Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA. 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm.

[September 19, 2021](#) – YMCA Camp Colman, Longbranch, Washington. 10:00 am until noon.

[September 25, 2021](#) – YMCA, Spokane Valley, WA. 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm.

[September 26, 2021](#) – Washington State University, Pullman, WA. 9:00 am until 11:00 am.

[October 2, 2021](#) - Climbing On Stuff, Idaho State Police, Lewiston, ID. 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

[October 23, 2021](#) – Teton Rock Gym, Driggs, ID.

[November 6, 2021](#) – The Pad Climbing Center, Henderson, NV. 10:00 am until noon.

[November 7, 2021](#) – Gripstone Climbing, Prescott, AZ. 10:00 am until noon.

[November 13, 2021](#) – Climbing On Stuff, Palmdale, CA. Stay tuned for more details!

2022 EVENTS:

[February 26, 2022](#) – Autism In The Wild training, Lewiston, Idaho. 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm.

[March 26, 2022](#) – Climbing at Vertical View in Meridian, Idaho from 10:00 am until noon.

For more information:

1. On Courageous Kids Climbing
2. Reserving a spot for your child at an event
3. Regarding volunteering
4. On being a sponsor or host for an event

Please drop us a note at:

courageouskidsclimbing@gmail.com or please visit Courageous Kids Climbing on Facebook.

Please feel free to share our newsletter with anyone who might be interested.

TRIVIA ANSWER: The U-2 DragonLady provides day and night, high-altitude (70,000 feet, 21,300 meters), all-weather intelligence gathering. Lockheed Corporation originally proposed it in 1953, it was approved in 1954, and its first test flight was in 1955. It was flown during the Cold War over the Soviet Union, China, Vietnam, and Cuba. The U-2 continues to fly today with the U.S. Air Force.

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RISE ABOVE!

Where have we been? These flags represent the states that we have visited to share our rock climbing, slacklining adventures and other support! We *will* be adding more flags in the future!



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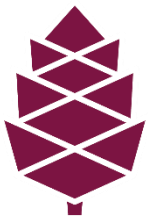
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