



COURAGEOUS KIDS CHRONICLES

January 1, 2022

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.

TO DATE, SINCE 2014: We have conducted **97** events with **1023** participants in **5** states! (256 participants in 2021!)

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!



From the Editor,

Welcome to the Winter 2022 edition of our newsletter! You are one of over 5000 people from across the United States that is reading this newsletter!

As the year 2021 comes to a close, we have been busy in organizing some new activities. Watch our Facebook page to find out the latest information.

We've been hard at work with our fundraising efforts. These efforts are very important as the funds that are collected help us to continue our events throughout the western US. To date, we have raised 31 percent of the funds that we need to meet our budget. We need your help!

Please keep in mind, 100 percent of all monies that we collect go to conducting our events. No one is on the payroll!

As always, we are also looking to purchase some new equipment. This equipment includes a motion capturing double pully and a pull up bar that will allow climbers with physical challenges to pull themselves up the wall. Contact me if you would like to purchase one of these items – they are each under \$300.00!

RISE ABOVE!

Jeff Riechmann
Event Coordinator
Courageous Kids Climbing

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WASHINGTON STATE COMBINED FUND DRIVE

As a member of the Washington State Combined Fund Drive, we are part of a statewide organization in Washington that is helping make a positive change in the communities of Washington. Thousands of state employees across Washington use this method to give to charities like Courageous Kids Climbing. Our charity code is 1483008.

FOR THE RESCUER

AUTISM IN THE WILD: For the past two years, we have hosted a team from **The Isaac Foundation** of Spokane, Washington so that they could provide this exceptional training to area first responders. The training provides information on how to respond to incidents involving people with autism.

In the past, this training was held in McCall. On February 26, 2022, we will be coordinating the training in Asotin, Washington. The training will be hosted by the **Lewiston Police Department**.

We are looking into the possibility of live-streaming the training again this year as interest in this program is growing across the US. Contact us for more information.

FIRST RESPONDER NEWSLETTER

Because of the many things going on with Courageous Kids Climbing that relate to first

responders, we have decided to publish a quarterly newsletter sharing information on rope rescue as well as working with people with special needs directed towards first responders. If you would like to receive this FREE newsletter, please email us a note and we will forward it to you.

We also encourage you to “LIKE” Slick Rock Rescue Co. #3 on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/247904873766640>

TEDDY BEARS:

This past October, we provided over 100 stuffed toys to first responders in eastern Oregon and northern Idaho. These were provided to us from Go Calendars, Games and Toys at the Towne Square Mall in Boise, Idaho.

Just before Christmas, we received another 30 Teddy Bears. All of these bears went to law enforcement agencies who had asked for our support.

THANK YOU!

FUNDRAISING – WINE



Courageous Kids Climbing is very excited to announce that we have joined forces with Basalt Cellars of Clarkston, Washington. Their 2016 GSM wine is now the **OFFICIAL** wine of Courageous Kids Climbing!

The traditional blend of Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre brings out the best each grape has to offer. Complex fruit, elegant mouth-feel and perfect balance deliver great sipping.

Amongst its accolades: 90 pts.- Int'l Wine Report

This bottle sells for \$36.00. If you purchase a bottle, \$5.00 of each sale will go to Courageous Kids Climbing. In order for us to receive the support, you must call the winery at (509) 758-6442 and mention *Courageous Kids Climbing*. This special offer is NOT available for on-line orders.

FUNDRAISING – KEG-CLIMBIN’

We are planning a special series of events that will be called “Keg-Climbin’”.



PART 1: We are planning special evenings at a restaurant / bar in Twin Falls, Boise, McCall, and Moscow. At these events, a portion of the sales from the evening event will be donated to Courageous Kids Climbing.

On Monday, May 23, we will be at **Salmon River Brewery** in McCall, Idaho from 6:00 pm until 10:00 pm. We have a “tentative interest” from a local band to perform that evening.



On Wednesday, June 22, we will be at **Lost Grove Brewery** in Boise from 6:00 pm until 10:00 pm.



On Thursday, July 13, we will be at **Milner’s Gate** in Twin Falls from 6:00 pm until 10:00 pm.



On Tuesday, August 23, we will be at **Slice Taphouse and Pizza** in Moscow, Idaho from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. This event will include an open mic! We will also be drawing our raffle prize winners at this event.



PART 2: We will be having a raffle. Tickets will go on sale on January 28 and 29 at the Boise State University vs. Oregon ice hockey games in McCall, Idaho during the McCall Winter Carnival.

The raffle drawing will be held on August 23 in Moscow at **Slice Taphouse and Pizza**.

Here are the raffle prizes:

A ski vacation package at **Tamarack Resort** in Donnelly, Idaho.



A guided fishing trip for five on Lake Cascade provided by **Tackle Tom’s** of Cascade, Idaho.



A jet boat tour on the Snake River through Hells Canyon provided by **Hells Canyon Adventures** of Cambridge, Idaho.

NOTE: Sadly, we will not be selling the raffle tickets outside of Idaho. Even though we will be traveling through Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada and Arizona, due to legal requirements, it makes selling the tickets in these other states somewhat challenging. Yes, we are an approved charity in all of these states! However, as an example, we could sell raffle tickets in California, but they place an 80% tax on the profits from the raffle! In some places, a raffle is considered gambling!

PART 3: If you send us a photo of yourself at each of the four participating restaurants / bars between May 23 and August 23, we will toss four **FREE** raffle tickets into the hat in your name!

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.

If you would like to contribute to this fund, we can provide information. Of interest, if an additional \$1000 is placed in the fund, then an additional scholarship will be awarded!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

SLACKLINING:



10/23/21 – Teton Rock Gym, Driggs, Idaho:

We were joined by six courageous climbers for our return to Driggs after a couple of years away! Jacob did a great job setting up a

haul system that allowed the kids to raise themselves by pulling on a rope. Everyone had a great time!



10/30/21 – Wood River Community YMCA, Ketchum, Idaho:

Our first ever event in Ketchum, Idaho was a success with over six children with

special needs climbing the walls at the Wood River Community YMCA! Thank you to the Ketchum Fire Department for supporting this event! We are excited that this location is being added to our list of annual visits!

11/06/21 – The Pad, Henderson, Nevada:

Saturday, November 6 found Courageous Kids Climbing and 14 courageous climbers on the walls of The Pad Climbing in Henderson, Nevada. The kids had a ton of fun with many of the kids reaching new heights!



11/07/21 – Gripstone Climbing, Prescott, Arizona:

Sunday, November 7 found Courageous Kids Climbing in Prescott, Arizona. 17 courageous climbers came out to spend some time climbing the walls at Gripstone Climbing and Café. This event is one of the community outreach events that the Prescott Fire Department is involved in. They were supported by members of the Prescott Police Department and Lifeline Ambulance. The kids took advantage of meeting all of the first responders and getting personal tours of their emergency vehicles. Some of the kids even went home with balloons made from the protective gloves that the first responders use. Several of the kids also received medals from the firefighters and police officers. A physical therapist was also on-site to help offer suggestions on how to help the kids climb.



<https://www.signalsaz.com/articles/prescott-emergency-responders-host-2nd-annual-courageous-kids-climbing-event/>



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 an A-10 fighter jet, an Army helicopter, smokejumpers and race cars in the Treasure Valley of Idaho. The kids in the Lewis-Clark Valley have spent the day with the Nez Perce tribe and checked out police cars and officers. If you have an idea for a *Climbing on Stuff* adventure in your area, please drop us a note!

June 25, 2022 – Climbing On Stuff, **Idaho Army National Guard, Boise, ID.** 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. (Army tanks)

July 10, 2022 – Climbing On Stuff, **Stateline Speedway, Post Falls, ID.** 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. (Racecars)



IceClimbers: This is our program in which people with special needs are given the opportunity to go ice-skating. Events are

currently held in McCall, Idaho and Lewiston, Idaho.

We have special lifting devices and ice skate trainers which allow us to share the ice-skating experience with anyone, regardless of challenges!

January 29, 2022: **Manchester Ice and Events Center** in McCall, Idaho from 10:00 am until 11:00 am.

February 27, 2022: **LC Ice Arena** in Lewiston, Idaho from 12:00 pm until 1:00 pm.

2022 EVENT SCHEDULE:

[January 13, 2021](#) – Cops and the Blind, a program to educate first responders in how to better work with the visually challenged. 2:00pm, 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm. Clarkston, WA.

[January 29, 2022](#) – IceClimbers, Manchester Ice and Events Center, McCall, Idaho 10:00 am until 11:00 am.

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

[February 27, 2022](#) – IceClimbers, LC Ice Arena, Lewiston, Idaho 12:00 pm until 1:00 pm.

[March 12, 2022](#) – Climbing at Vertical View, Meridian, Idaho from 10:00 am until noon.

[April 5, 2022](#) – Board of Directors meeting at Our Savior Lutheran Church, McCall, ID. 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

[April 16, 2022](#) – Climbing at Action Sports, Bakersfield, CA 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

[April 17, 2022](#) – Climbing at the Nevada Climbing Center, Las Vegas, NV. 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

[April 18, 2022](#) – Climbing at The Rock Gym, Rexburg, ID 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

[April 23, 2022](#) – Climbing at Wild Walls, Spokane, WA. 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

[April 24, 2022](#) – Climbing at Riverfront Climbing, Wenatchee, WA. 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

[April 30, 2022](#) – Climbing at University of Idaho, Moscow, ID. 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

[May 14, 2022](#) – Climbing at Gemstone Climbing, Twin Falls, ID 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

[May 21, 2022](#) – Climbing at Camp Pinewood, McCall, ID. 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

[May 23, 2022](#) – Fundraiser at Salmon River Brewery, McCall, ID. 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

[June 4, 2022](#) – Climbing at YMCA, Auburn, WA. 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

[June 5, 2022](#) – Climbing at YMCA, Bothell, WA. 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

[June 22, 2022](#) – Fundraiser, Lost Grove Brewing, Boise, ID 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

[June 25, 2022](#) – **Climbing On Stuff**, Idaho Army National Guard, Boise, ID. 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

[July 10, 2022](#) – **Climbing On Stuff**, Stateline Speedway, Post Falls, ID. 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

[July 13, 2022](#) – Fundraiser, Milner's Gate, Twin Falls, ID. 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

[August 23, 2022](#) – Fundraiser, Slice Taphouse, Moscow, ID. 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

[September 10, 2022](#) – Climbing, Downtown YMCA, Boise, ID. 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

[September 11, 2022](#) – Climbing at Gemstone Climbing, Twin Falls, ID. 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

[October 1 & 2, 2022](#) – Community event, Apple Cider Festival, Riggins, ID. All day!

[October 4, 2022](#) – Board of Directors meeting at Our Savior Lutheran Church, McCall, ID. 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

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.

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Courageous Kids Climbing is an Idaho nonprofit corporation. Donations are accepted and used to cover the purchase of new equipment and to cover travel expenses. Checks made out to "Courageous Kids Climbing" can be mailed to the address at the bottom of this letter. You can also support Courageous Kids Climbing by making purchases on Amazon Smile - please identify Courageous Kids Climbing as your charity. Courageous Kids Climbing can also receive contributions through Network For Good, PayPal, Ridley's Family Markets and Kroger (Fred Meyer) Stores non-profit support programs. We would be happy to assist you in signing up for any of these programs. We are registered to solicit donations in Idaho; Washington (2004673); Oregon (58500); California (CT0273279); Nevada and Arizona. (For the State of Washington, this organization is currently registered with the Secretary's Office under the Charitable Solicitation Act – call 800-332-4483.) Your donation is tax-deductible to the extent of the law.



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GoFundMe:

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

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

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Jeff Riechmann is the co-founder (along with Larry Morton) of Courageous Kids Climbing, which was first organized in 2014. He is a retired firefighter, having started his firefighting career with the Asbury (IA) Community Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter. He served as a Fire Protection Specialist for four and a half years in the US Air Force, serving in West German and at Edwards AFB in California where he served on a rescue team for the second Space Shuttle landing. He spent 23 years as a firefighter with the Kern County (CA) Fire Department and also served in the Air Force Reserve as a Fire Protection Superintendent for 20 years. He taught Fire Technology for ten years at Antelope Valley Community College and also taught Fire Science and EMT for six years at the University of Antelope Valley. He has also been a substitute school teacher. He also worked part-time as a private safety coordinator for nearly three-dozen companies for 39-years. He lives in McCall, Idaho with his wife Charlotte.