

Relay for Life to take place May 17 and 18 at Southridge High

This year's Relay for Life, the chief fund-raising event for the Benton/Franklin County unit of the American Cancer Society, will take place May 17 and 18 on the Southridge High School track in Kennewick. The event begins at noon on Saturday, May 17, and continues non-stop until 9 a.m. Sunday, May 18.

Nationwide, the Relay for Life fundraisers are fun-filled overnight events designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for American Cancer Society research and programs. Relay For Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported and that ,one day, cancer will be eliminated.

In preparation for the event, teams solicit donations and hold fund-raising events to raise money to fund cancer research, education about cancer, and cancer prevention and patient services within our local community. During the event, teams have at least one of their members walking around the field at all times. On May 17 and 18, entertainment, food and activities are available throughout the event.

May 17 is Survivor Day. Cancer survivors will participate in the inaugural lap around the track, and they will be the luncheon guests of Relay for Life organizers.

Department of Energy and Hanford contractor employees are strong supporters of the Relay for Life. Last year, the Relay for Life at the Southridge High School track raised \$134,000. Hanford participants raised \$63,000 of the total.

This year's Hanford sponsors include the Department of Energy, Bechtel, Fluor Hanford, Fluor Federal Services, Hanford Environmental Health Foundation, Washington Group International, Lockheed Martin Information Technology, Duratek Federal Services of Hanford and Day and Zimmermann Protection Technology Hanford.

Many of the Hanford employee teams are raising money right now. If you would like to donate or participate in the Relay for Life, call your company point of contact listed here:

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