



FOR the KIDS

24 Hour Relay Team Newsletter

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EASTER SEALS 24 HOUR RELAY

Only 21 Weeks to the Best Weekend of the Year

The clock is ticking...and the excitement is building!



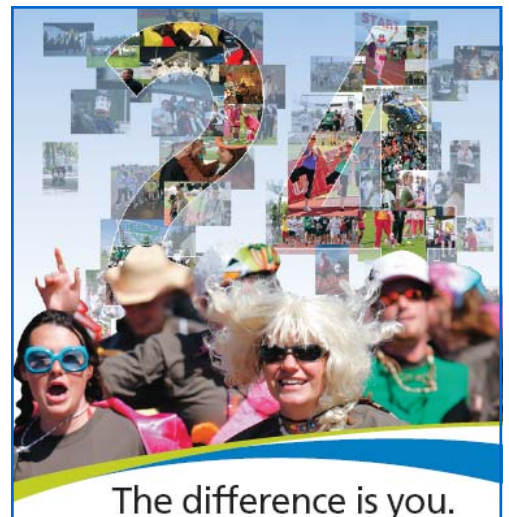
Okanagan
Boys and Girls Clubs



Happy New Year. The excitement is definitely building for the 2008 Okanagan Easter Seals 24 Hour Relay For The Kids.

Registration has started for the 2008 Relay taking place June 7-8 at the Kelowna Apple Bowl.

Register today to save money and be entered in our early bird draw to win a Dinner for Two at Ric's Grill or Shine Lounge (value \$100). To register visit our website www.24hourrelay.com



Thanks to your past participation and fundraising efforts, over \$100,000 dollars was raised at last year's Relay event. With your generous support, the BC Lions Society and the Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs were able to assist hundreds of children through our specialized programs and camps. We need you back this year so we can continue to help children in our community.

REGISTER EARLY & WIN!!

Register Today at
www.24hourrelay.com
And save \$25 off your registration fee and be entered to win a Dinner for Two at Ric's Grill or Shine Lounge (\$100)

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2008 24 Hour Relay INFORMATION NIGHT

Wednesday February 20th

5:30 pm

Martin Avenue Boys & Girls Club
1434 Graham Street, Kelowna

Everyone is welcome to join us for our annual information night. Find out what is new for the 2008 Relay, register your team, pick up your Team Captain's Kit and all your fundraising materials, and enjoy catering by our new hospitality sponsor, *Ric's Grill*.

Returning teams and new teams are encouraged to attend, so please help us spread the word to potential new people interested in joining or starting a team this year.

For more information and to RSVP please call 762-3989 ext 107 or email 24hourrelay@boysandgirlsclubs.ca



Working Hard to Make Your Fundraising Easier

Many Team Captain's struggle to get their team members fundraising, this year we've been working to make this easier for you.

For the 2008 Relay, Teams will be able to participate in a Raffle to help boost their fundraising totals. Ticket books will be made available to Teams to sell, and at \$5 per ticket, Teams keep 100% of the money raised to go towards their fundraising Team total.

And we have some **GREAT PRIZES!**

Grand Prize for the Raffle
Secondary Prize

40" Flat Screen LCD TV

Winter Escape Package to the Lake Okanagan Resort including One Night Accommodation and a Dinner Voucher

Third Prize

Peller Estates Gift Certificate

Tickets will be available at the Information Night, Wednesday February 20th. The more tickets you sell, the more money for your team, and for the kids!

Before Easter, we will also support Teams by offering a fundraising opportunity to sell an Easter Chocolate from Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory paired with a cuddly Beanie Baby from TY. More details to follow.

Many Great Ways to Fundraise

Teams have had success with these fundraisers in the past:

Team Barbeques

Garage Sales

Pub Nights

Golf Tournaments

Coin Collection Cans

Silent Auctions



WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We're booking our Entertainment for the 2008 Relay and we'd love to hear from you on the Bands you like to see perform. Do you know some local talent? Or just have your favorite type of music you'd like to see performed live? Let us know by emailing 24hourrelay@boysandgirlsclubs.ca



Your support truly makes a difference for children with special needs in our Community. Don't forget that all money raised from the Okanagan Easter Seals 24 Hour Relay For The Kids stays right here in the Okanagan to support Easter Seals Camp Winfield and the Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs.

The BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities has been a registered charitable organization since 1952. They are also known as the Easter Seal people, and under both names the Society is dedicated to enriching the lives of children through renewed focus on giving children abilities.

With the Relay's funding support, Camp Winfield is able to offer children across BC the chance to attend camp in an environment where the focus is on abilities, not disabilities. Campers participate in activities that they may never have tried before including: climbing on a climbing wall, multi-day hikes, water polo, canoeing, wheelchair basketball, and leadership training. There are many campers already looking forward to attending camp this summer!

The Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs has been providing children and youth with "a good place to be" for almost 50 years. Every day over 1,000 young people access their Clubs and services across the Okanagan Valley. The Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs offer a variety of programs in our community including early childhood development, family outreach, daycare, after school programs, youth employment services, youth transition housing, and much more.

Many children in our community rely on the Boys and Girls Clubs to receive healthy meals and snacks every day. The Boys and Girls Clubs offer children a safe, supportive place where they can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships, and develop confidence and skills for life.

Funding from the Relay supports disadvantaged children and youth to attend outdoor education programs with the Boys and Girls Clubs, children who would not have had this experience otherwise. Our Arrowflight Education program provides children and youth with wilderness experiences to promote a greater appreciation of self and our environment.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

2008 Relay Information Night
Wednesday February 20
5:30pm
1434 Graham Street

Team Fundraising Raffle Tickets Available
Feb 20

Deadline for Early Bird Registration & Prize Draw
March 31

2008 Okanagan 24 Hour Relay
June 7-8

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Don't forget to Register your Team for the 2008 Relay!