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## Relay For Life of Washington County set for Friday, June 29

Relay for Life of Washington County will celebrate a world with more birthdays at their annual event which officially begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 29. The special event celebrating cancer survivors will be held at Indian Trail Middle School. Teams will walk through the night until closing ceremony at 6 a.m. on June 30.

In order to celebrate a world with more birthdays, the individual Relay 2012 teams will each represent a different country from around the world for this year's theme; "Searching The World For A Cure."

"Our goal is to bring attention to the fact that we are fighting to find a cure worldwide and not just in the U.S.," says Cindy Robinson, Event Co-Chair. "Cancer affects everyone regardless of their race, sex, or age. We must unite worldwide to fight this unbiased killer."

The event kicks off at 7 p.m. with opening ceremonies followed by the first lap of the night, a special survivor's lap around the track at 7:30 p.m. This lap is to honor those who have survived cancer followed by a lap to honor those special people who act as caregivers.

Although opening ceremonies begin at 7 p.m., the band SPANK will begin playing at 6 p.m. Also, individual teams will have campsites that offer food, games and more.

At some campsites, teams are serving food to reflect the country they represent. The Aerojet Spirit for the Cure team, representing Italy, will be serving Italian cream cake while the Best Friends Fighting for a Cure team will serve mini Spanish apple pies to represent Spain.

Other sites will be selling favorites such as hot dogs, nachos, barbecue, hamburgers, sno cones, lemonade and much more. Money raised by the teams will go to support the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life.

Many events for teams to participate in occur throughout the night. Teams may compete in the Mr. Relay pageant, test their skills in the rooster crow contest, participate in the Midnight 5K, dance along with Zumba by Annette or join in on the relay scavenger hunt.

To keep participants entertained during the night, the local band Full Tilt plays at 7:30 p.m. followed by DJ Alan Dodson.

Themed laps are to be held during the night for Relay walkers. These special laps include the bunny hop lap, the Olympic torch lap, the reversed crazy hat lap and the PJ lap.

This year for the first time the event will feature a “Hope Has No Curfew” challenge to Relay participants. Any participant who is signed up and walks throughout the night will receive a special Hope Has No Curfew shirt to show that they stayed up all night at the event.

“I feel 2012 is going to be a Relay that people do not want to miss,” says Robinson, “We have several new teams, lots of dedicated returning Relayers, and our new theme.”

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