



Adventure Teen Challenge 2013

Inclusive Multi-Team Sports for Youth

Changing Lives through Sports



World T.E.A.M. Sports' inclusive **2013 Adventure Teen Challenge** engages developmentally disabled and able-bodied teenagers from across the Washington D.C. metropolitan area in an epic weekend of competitive team sporting events.

Partnering with Dreams for Kids and Push America, the Challenge provides an opportunity for disabled teens aged 13 to 18 to participate with able-bodied boys and girls as teams. Each team will work together to successfully complete each stage of the multisport event to cross the finish line together. Held in Washington, D.C. and Potomac County, Maryland, in the scenic Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park along the banks of the Potomac River, the participating teams in the Challenge will include one disabled and one able-bodied teen. Through inclusive competition, disabled participants build confidence and serves as a role model for others, as well as inspiring all competitors and spectators.

The **2013 Adventure Teen Challenge** is scheduled to begin with a mile hike for participants along the Potomac River. Next, the teams will transition to mountain bikes for a seven mile ride along the unpaved tow path following the historic C & O Canal. After completing the ride, the teams climb into canoes for the water segment of the challenge – a half mile paddle along the Canal back to Fletcher's Cove Boathouse.

Nearly 100 persons participated in the inaugural 2011 event, including athletes and volunteers. The 2013 Challenge is anticipated to have similar attendance. Partners include Bikes to Borrow, the Boathouse at Fletcher's Cove, Subway of the Bethesda Naval Hospital and Edible Arrangements.



2013 Adventure Teen Challenge Schedule

Thursday, August 8

Registration and pre-Challenge training at the Boathouse at Fletcher's Cove, Chesapeake and Ohio National Historical Park, Maryland.

Friday, August 9

Challenge competition, Carderock, Chesapeake and Ohio National Historical Park, Maryland.

2011 TEEN CHALLENGE - VAN BRINSON PHOTOGRAPH

Challenge Participation

The **2013 Adventure Teen Challenge** will include 12-15 disabled and 20 able bodied participants who will compete together in outdoor sporting events ranging from hiking to mountain biking to canoeing.

Sponsorship Funding

Sponsorship funds will be applied to the following:

- Operating a safe event for competitors.
- Providing funding for participating disabled and able bodied teenage boys and girls to participate in the Challenge.
- Helping support future **World T.E.A.M. Sports** events which include teams of wounded warriors and able bodied participants coming together to demonstrate what is possible when we work together. **World T.E.A.M. Sports** is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization headquartered in Holbrook, New York. Support comes primarily from individual and corporate donations and sponsorships.

"The Adventure Teen Challenge took my son Jerry to the next level of self-confidence. He left feeling empowered and confident in himself. I've always tried to teach Jerry to not look at his disability, but to pull out his abilities and enjoy the life God has given him. Jerry accomplished new goals that day that I didn't think he could accomplish, but would never say to him. I remember at the end of the trail walk, Jerry was asked why he did it. He said, 'because I'm a winner, not a loser ... a winner.' My son said it, but most of all, **World T.E.A.M. Sports** helped him to believe it!"

- Bonnie Linen-Carroll, mother of 2011 Adventure Teen Challenge participant Jerry Carroll.

Adventure Teen Challenge Information

Read about the **Adventure Teen Challenge** online at:

<http://worldteamsports.org/events/adventure-teen-challenge/>.

Links to 2011 local media reports can be reviewed at:

<http://worldteamsports.org/press-praise/press-by-event/>.

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