

J. D. McCarty Center

for children with developmental disabilities



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Gutter Dance 13 Registration is Open

Gutter Dance 13 charity bowling event, presented by the Bob Stoops Champions Foundation, is scheduled for Thursday, May 19. Proceeds from this event will go to support Camp ClapHans operations.

Camp ClapHans is a residential summer camp project of the J. D. McCarty Center for children with developmental disabilities for boys and girls ages 8 to 18.

According to Greg Gaston, hospital spokesperson, the Gutter Dance is \$200 for a team of four. Team registration includes dinner catered by Johnny Carino's Italian Restaurant, bowling shoes, two lines of bowling and a chance to win a trip for two courtesy of Reynolds Ford.

Again this year one lucky bowler will win a trip for two to Branson, Missouri. "In the past we had the 7-10 split roll off for a chance to win a new car," said Gaston, "but no one ever got close to winning it. Now we have a winner at the end of the evening."

At the end of the Gutter Dance, the bowler with the most strikes will win the trip. In case of a tie the number of spares will be counted. If a tie breaker is still needed the high score will win.

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The trip is 4 days, 3 nights, with accommodations at the Dutton Inn in Branson. The package includes free breakfast, 2 tickets to The Dutton's music show and 2 tickets to the SIX's music show. "What makes this trip unique," said Gaston, "is that there are no blackout dates or limitations. Accommodations are based on availability."

The Gutter Dance will be held at the Sooner Bowling Center, 550 24th Avenue, in Norman. Check in and dinner for the teams is from 6-7 p.m. with bowling from 7-9 p.m. Dinner is also available for spectators for \$10. Dinner tickets are available at the door.

Bowling teams will be competing for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and last place trophies. There will be a prize for the most creative bowling team shirts as well as prizes for making a strike with a color pin in the rack. Additional door prizes will also be drawn.

Bowlers who are throwing too many gutter balls, may buy a "ringer" to bowl frames for them to improve their pin count. Ringer tickets are \$5 and can be used as many times as needed.

Corporate sponsors of the Gutter Dance include Reynolds Ford, Johnny Carino's Italian Restaurant, Republic Bank & Trust, Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, Norman Family Dentistry and Clark Construction Company in Oklahoma City.

Registration forms are available at the Sooner Bowling Center and at the corporate sponsor's locations or by contacting Gaston at ggaston@jdmc.org or 307.2807.

Again this year bowlers can register on-line. Go to soonerbowl.com and click on the Gutter Dance Reservation link. This link is also available on the Sooner Bowl Facebook page.

The J. D. McCarty Center is Oklahoma's center of excellence in the care and treatment of children with developmental disabilities from birth to age 21. For the last 70 years, the McCarty Center has been providing the physical, occupational, speech and language therapy that these children need to reach their highest level of function and independence.

Camp ClapHans is accredited by the American Camp Association and will begin its fourth season of operation this June. Camp ClapHans offers a one-to-one camper to camp staff ratio for a total of 12 boys and girls each week of camp. Camp activities include fishing, canoeing, hiking, horseback riding, archery, field games, swimming and much, much more. All camp activities are adaptable to the camper's abilities.

Deadline for Gutter Dance registration is Tuesday, May 17. For more information about the Gutter Dance, contact Greg Gaston at 405.307.2807 or ggaston@jdmc.org. You can follow the McCarty Center on Facebook, Twitter or YouTube.