

Disabled participate in Waterfest

By Jennifer Cosgrove
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Nearly 40 physically disabled persons participated in the the seventh annual Victor Walder Memorial WaterFest at Fern Ridge Reservoir Friday and Saturday at the Eugene Yacht Club.

Sponsored by the city of Eugene Specialized Recreation Program and the Oregon Rehabilitation Center at Sacred Heart General Hospital, the WaterFest has been traditionally designed to offer individuals with physical limitations the opportunity to learn about many water sports, including how to water-ski, sailing, bass fishing, ocean kayaking and rowing. Also, each year different manufacturers have presented to participants selected types of adaptive equipment for anyone physically challenged to use.

"I look forward to this weekend activity every year. It's my vacation time to get out on the water and meet new people from all over Oregon," said Terry Lee, a fifth-year participant and resident of Grants Pass.

This year for the first time, the WaterFest had instructors with expertise in teaching water-skiing for persons with physical disabilities or visual impairments. Every year, the WaterFest has featured the Kan Ski, a water-ski especially designed to enable physically disabled people to water-ski.

"I love trying to water-ski at the fest. It's really great because there are divers to help you before to get up and be there for you afterwards to help you swim. I felt really safe; it was great to escape from gravity," said 17-year-old Ryan Skelton, a junior at South Eugene High School.

"Our program activities extend for all kinds of physically disabled or visually impaired people," specialized recreation program coordinator Sue Harnly said. "The participants ages range from 11 years old and on. The goals we want in the annual WaterFest accomplished are for everyone to just enjoy themselves and learn skills to take back with them to use around the water."

With the exception of a low turn-out this year because of bad weather, the WaterFest program has had an average of almost 90 people from all over the state registering each year. The Victor Walder Memorial Waterfest is the

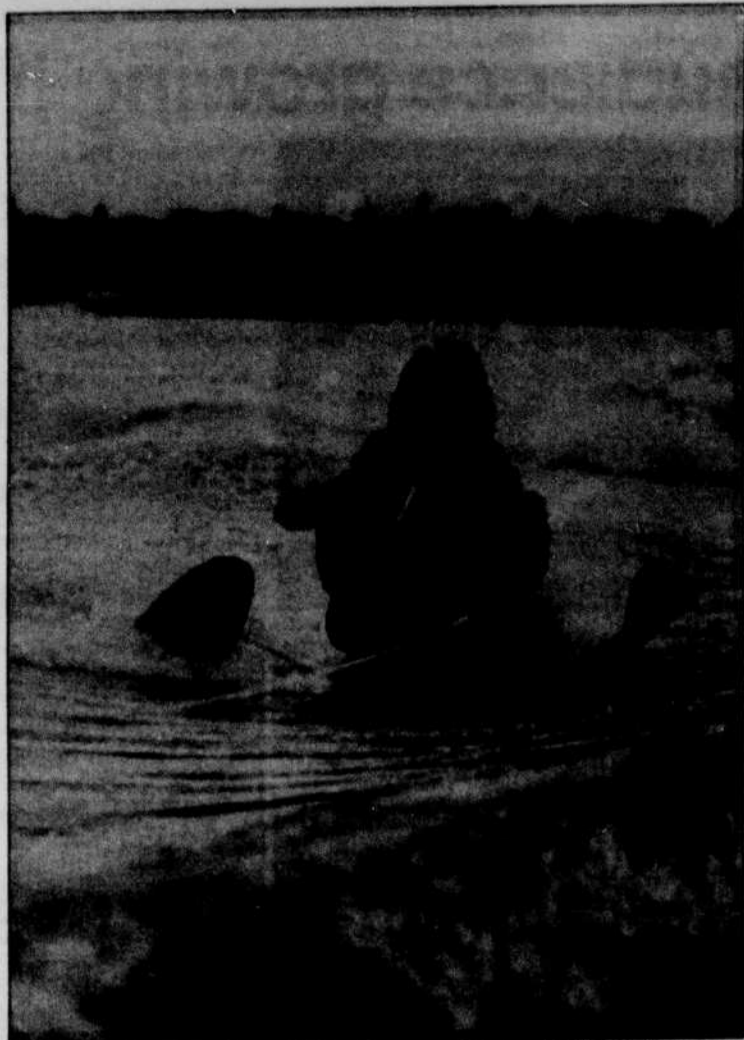


Photo by Thomas Bergstrom

Participant Christa Bucks spent her Friday afternoon water-skiing in the seventh annual WaterFest at Fern Ridge Reservoir.

only water-related activity sponsored in Oregon for persons with physical disabilities, Harnly said.

Sacred Heart recreational therapist Tim Shearer and John Smith, a therapeutic recreational clinical coordinator also at Sacred Heart, have remained in charge of the WaterFest together with Harnly since they originated the program in 1987.

"Generally, we contact people to become WaterFest participants through friends, mailing lists and members the Oregon Rehabilitation center and Special Recreation Department," Shearer said. "We want to encourage people with any kind of physical disabilities to come out and try sailing, kayaking or water-skiing on their own or just learn how to do it with the equipment provided."

"We've gotten tremendous support from many local sponsors, food donors and volunteers each year for the WaterFest," said co-

ordinator John Smith.

Numbering to almost 100 people each year, WaterFest volunteers range widely in their efforts to help the fest run smoothly.

"Our volunteers work as life-guards, divers, sail boat assistants, first aid, water instructors, kitchen help or as registration staff," Harnly said. "The Emerald Valley Water Ski Club has supplied skiing equipment every year for the WaterFest. Cellular One offered cordless phones and walkie-talkies for personnel on the boat docks, crew members on the sailing or skiing boats and for the divers and water instructors to use."

"So many people do sports without any restrictions," said participant Gary Scholl, an employee for the University finance department. "That's the best thing about this annual weekend fest: No limits."

Stations raise funds for flood

By Garin Gonzales
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Eugene-area radio stations along and several local businesses joined together on Friday for "Radio Relief 1993," an on-air fund-raiser at the Gateway Mall to assist victims of the flood-ravaged Midwest.

Ten radio stations in all devoted their morning shows to raising funds and awareness for the victims of the Midwest flood.

Barbara Grigsby, executive director of the Lane County Red Cross, said the radio stations involved, which included KRVM, KDUK, KLCC, KZEL and KUGN to name a few, set up at the Gateway Mall at 4:30 a.m. Friday and broadcasted until 10:30 a.m. In addition, local sponsors donated goods for a silent auction that was also at the Gateway Mall.

Donations are still coming in, but at last count Radio Relief 1993 and its supporters have raised more than \$13,000, Grigsby said.

"Lane County is very compassionate and caring in situations like the Midwest flood," Grigsby said.

Cary Rolfe, program director at the radio station New Country '93, said that because of the success of Radio Relief, annual fund-raisers akin to Radio Relief may be possible in the future, with focus not only on national disasters, but local problems as well.

"We'd like to be involved in raising funds in the Eugene community as well as across the country," Rolfe said.

Both Grigsby and Rolfe expressed thanks to the radio stations and local merchants as well as the public.

Donation canisters have been placed in participating local businesses for those who would still like to donate to the flood funds, or donations can be made over the phone with credit cards at the National Red Cross office at 1-800-842-2200 or locally at the Lane County Red Cross office at 344-5244.

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