



New Braunfels Firefighter Motorcycle Club Spends Day At MDA Summer Camp

Area Fire Fighters travel over 130 miles to spend a day with children affected by muscular dystrophy at the annual Muscular Dystrophy Association Summer Camp.

NEW BRAUNFELS, TX ([PRWEB](#)) June 20, 2004 -- The roar of motorcycles could be heard from all corners of the Greene Family Camp in Bruceville, Texas. The Fire and Iron Fire Fighters Station 18 Motorcycle Club rolled into the annual Muscular Dystrophy Association Summer Camp amid applause and anticipation from the campers. No sacrifice was too great for these bikers as they drove two and a half hours on rain drenched roads just to share their time and energy with area children affected by muscular dystrophy.

The Fire Fighters had the opportunity to join in the festivities at the end of camp carnival, which the campers had prepared for throughout the entire week. The activities designed by the campers included games that involved throwing water balloons at the cabin leaders and competing to see who could fit the most marshmallows in a single mouthful.

“I couldn’t pass up an opportunity like this to spend a day with these kids,” said New Braunfels Fire Fighter and member of the Fire and Iron Fire Fighter Motorcycle Club, Greg Guenther. “It gives me an opportunity to serve families and children not unlike my own in ways that will give another piece of hope and joy to the kids affected by muscular dystrophy.”

Guenther didn’t just drive himself to camp but also brought his father and brother who are also members of Fire and Iron. In addition, he donated the use of his DJ equipment from his company Broken Fences Entertainment to provide musical entertainment throughout the entire activity. His son Anthony Guenther kept the music going while he and his daughter Katelynn Guenther were able to participate in the games.

Donating time and energy to MDA is nothing new to these Fire Fighters. Each year these men and women take to the streets to participate in the annual Fill-the-Boot campaign. For 50 years, Fire Fighters around the country have come together to collect donations in support of MDA.

In 2004, the New Braunfels chapter of Fire and Iron was the first to organize in Texas. The Fire and Iron is a motorcycle club made up of Fire Fighters who love to ride. The motorcycle club originated in Central Florida but now has 17 groups in 10 states. Each member is either an active, retired or volunteer member of the fire service community.

“This has been such a rewarding experience for the children and for the members of Fire and Iron to come here,” explained Greg Guenther. “These kids here at camp are the reason why we work so hard to help MDA and it is important for my own children to be a part of this as well.”

The weeklong summer camp is only one program among many that MDA funds to benefit those who are affected by neuromuscular disease. MDA is a voluntary health agency working to defeat neuromuscular diseases through programs of world-wide research, comprehensive patient services, far-reaching professional and public health education, and direct local services, such as those offered at the University of Texas Health Science Center: HealthSouth Rehabilitation Institute of San Antonio (RIOSAs) under the direction of Carlyne Jackson M.D. The association is funded almost entirely through private donations. The most visible fundraising



event is the annual Jerry Lewis MDA Labor Day Telethon, seen locally on KRRT-TV Monday, September 6.

More information regarding MDA and disease specifics can be found on the Internet at www.mdaua.org. If you have any questions regarding MDA, current fundraising events, or the Telethon, please contact Coley Claybaugh, the San Antonio Metro Health Care Service Coordinator, at (210) 650-3181, or electronically at sanantoniometrodistrict@mdausa.org.

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