



PRESS RELEASE: Ferris State University Students Encouraged to Participate in Relay for Life to Fight Cancer

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Here is a press release about the Relay for Life event April 5-6 at Ferris State University. Any questions about this release can be directed to Sandy Gholston, News Services and Social Media Manager, at sandygholston@ferris.edu or (231) 591-2021.

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BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University’s Colleges Against Cancer student group is teaming with other student organizations on campus for the sixth annual Relay for Life on Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6.

Nearly 50 teams of more than 400 students already are signed up to participate in the 24-hour fundraising walk, organized since 2008 by Ferris’ CAC chapter, a student division of the American Cancer Society. The event, at Jim Wink Arena on campus, begins at 6 p.m. Friday and wrap up at 6 a.m. Saturday.

“While cancer is a serious subject to discuss, we strive to bring awareness and education to the matter in an entertaining manner,” said Whitney Rivest, president of Colleges Against Cancer at Ferris. “Relay for Life is a great way to get involved while you are young, and this is a great event to be a part of. You get to see the impact on the local community and how much every dollar can help in the fight against cancer.”

Teams of students that have signed up for Relay for Life have held bake sales, can collections and other events to raise more than \$12,000 so far. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

On the night of the event, teams will participate in the walk as well as traditional events such as the Luminaria Ceremony to honor those touched by or lost to cancer. There also will be fun activities, including a cake-decorating contest and “Scenes from a Hat,” an improv game made popular on the “Whose Line Is It Anyway?” television show hosted by Drew Carey.

The theme this year is movies and television shows.

“Students can expect to be entertained at the event,” Rivest said. “We will have live bands

performing, a fashion show, jumbo Twister and one of our most popular events, a dodgeball tournament at 3 a.m.”

Participants should remember to bring comfortable tennis shoes, a change of socks, spending money and a friend, she said.

Organizations and teams of students can still sign up to participate. For more information, go to www.relayforlife.org/fsumi.

For information on Ferris’ CAC group and additional Relay for Life details, visit the “Colleges Against Cancer – Ferris State” page on Facebook.

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