

RIC-WHF Military Sports Camp

Thursday, July 9th – Monday, July 13th 2015



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Overview

RIC Military Sports Camp supports injured military personnel in developing a healthy and active lifestyle through sport and recreation.

Injured military personnel from all eras, with a wide variety of physical disabilities, are served. Camp attendees are veterans of the Vietnam and Korean conflicts as well as more current Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts.



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2015 Sports Camp

- Served 35 injured military personnel from around the United States
- 15 States Represented (including HI)
- 8 from Chicagoland area
- 26% had caregivers attend camp
- Multiple Disability Groups Served

Visual Impairment: 3%	Spinal Cord Injury: 37%
Traumatic Brain Injury: 26%	Amputation: 14%
Stroke: 6%	PTSD: 66%

- 17% Active Duty Military Personnel
- 83% Veteran Military Personnel
- Ages 25-65



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Military Branch Representation

- Army 76%
- Navy 9%
- Air Force 6%
- Marines 9%

- 71% Men (25 attendees)
- 29% Women (10 attendees)



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2015 Camp Activity Locations

Hotel

- Hampton Inn & Suites Skokie

Primary Venues

- Northeastern Illinois University
- Skokie Lagoons
- California Park

Socials/Banquets

- Gino's East (Welcome Reception)
- Shoreline Sight Seeing (Boat Tour)
- Harry Caray's (Closing Banquet)



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Sports Leadership

Sports Offered...

Archery, Biathlon, Cycling, Field, Golf, Judo, Kayaking, Rock Climbing, SCUBA, Swimming, Sled Hockey, Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair Softball

Expert Coaching & Support...

Coaching support provided by elite level coaches from around the country, including several Paralympians. Over 100 volunteers!



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Community

Peer Mentoring and Support

–Support for personal care assistance, if needed

RIC-WHF Military Sports Camp brings together a unique mix of individuals who have served at different times and locations, who have very different life paths and injury experiences. The challenging activities and opportunity for success abundant at camp, provide an excellent platform for renewed interest in community involvement through sports and recreation.



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A Lasting Impact

RIC-WHF Military Sports Camp has a unique impact on each individual involved as they are introduced to new experiences, whether they be sports, people, social situations or simply getting out and being active.

VETERANS

...thank you...for a wonderful experience in reminding me that maybe I can do a little more for myself if I just keep trying. – Larry Franklin, US Army, Ret.

*Thank you for an awesome weekend! I tried things I thought I could not do.
-Chad Lukkes, US Air Force*

VOLUNTEERS

...I not only had fun doing most of the sports and getting to know the veterans, but WOW I can't describe how incredible of a learning experience it was... this camp really helped to solidify my pursuit of Physical Therapy with the military population..

– Heather Gosselin, UNF PT Student



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Collaborations

The RIC Sports team works closely with a number of organizations to facilitate an outstanding experience for our soldiers/veterans. Thank you to:

- Wounded Heroes Foundation
- Salute, Inc.
- Adaptive Adventures
- GLASA
- Creative Mobility
- Central Cross Country (CXC)
- Archery Bow Range Chicago
- Creighton University
- Marquette Univ PT Program
- UIC PT Program
- Polsinelli
- DJ's SCUBA Locker



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Ongoing Opportunities

Military Sports Program

- Archery Program (Training & Competition)
- RIC Veteran Archery Challenge
- Veteran Adaptive Rock Climbing
- W/C Basketball
- Hand Cycling
- Link to national programs

Ongoing Recruitment

- Walter Reed Medical Center, D.C.
- Tomah VA (WHF Support Ride)
- Local and National VA Hospitals
- Warrior Transition Units (nationally)
- Veteran Service Organizations (multiple)



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A Look Forward...

2016 RIC-WHF Military Sports Camp

July 21 - 24

2016 Venues

NEUI and the Forest Preserve

Camp Application Process Opens

Monday, February 1, 2016

Camp Application Closes

Thursday, April 25, 2016

Camp Invites Sent

Friday, April 29, 2016



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A Final Thought...

Together we have made and will continue to make RIC-WHF Military Sports Camp one of the premier national adaptive sports camps for injured men and women who have served in our United States Armed Forces. New relationships are being forged and ideas exchanged to ensure the maximum positive impact for camp attendees.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts in helping us to support those who have proudly served our country. Get ready for a great RIC-WHF Military Sports Camp 2016!



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