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Second Annual Savannah River Site Employee Association “Sports Challenge” Benefits the United Way

Fourteen teams, over 200 participants and 30 volunteers joined forces to compete for those in need

AIKEN, S.C. (August 16, 2016) – The Savannah River Site Employee Association (SRSEA) recently hosted the SRS Sports Challenge, where good-natured rivalries between companies at the Savannah River Site (SRS) raised thousands of dollars for United Way agencies in the greater Aiken-Augusta area.

The one-day event took place at Riverview Park in North Augusta, S.C. SRS employees from Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, Savannah River Remediation, Centerra, CB&I AREVA MOX Services, LLC and the Department of Energy-Savannah River participated in the event. Overall, the SRSEA Sports Challenge raised over \$4,400 for local United Way agencies through corporate sponsorships and concession stand sales.



Savannah River Nuclear Solutions employees from the “H Area Dissolvers” team compete in the boardwalk during the second annual Savannah River Site Sports Challenge. Pictured from left are David Thornton, Brandon Thornton, Sterling Robertson, Jodie Saverance, Allan Hickman, Danielle Elliott and Brooks Hubbard. More than 200 Savannah River Site employees competed in the event, which raised over \$4,400 for Aiken-Augusta area United Way agencies.

“This event is all about enjoying the outdoors and having fun for a good cause,” said Ben Burnau, Executive Director, SRSEA. “I appreciate everyone taking the time to spend their Saturday to benefit our local United Way agencies. It wouldn’t be possible without our planning committee, volunteers and participants who demonstrated good sportsmanship and teamwork.”

The 10 “field day”-inspired events ranged from the physically demanding boardwalk, where teams raced for 60 yards with two long boards strapped to their feet to “Yardzee,” the outdoor version of the popular dice game. Other events included tug of war, basketball free-throw relay, homerun derby, chipping golf balls, medley relay, disc golf, football relay and cornhole.

“The Sports Challenge is a metaphor for how we try to ‘Live United’ all year for our community – it’s about everyone pulling together as a team to achieve a common goal. Overall, it was a highly successful family-friendly event, and I hope we continue this for years to come,” said Sharon Rodgers, President, United Way of Aiken County.

“We were so impressed with the event last year that we organized a team of United Way employees and volunteers for the competition,” said Rina Powell, Senior Director of Resource Development, United Way of the CSRA. “It was nice to see everyone come together as a team for a good cause. I’m always in awe of how Savannah River Site employees are involved with giving back to the community, and Saturday’s event is just one of many examples of how employees support United Way.”

“H Area Dissolvers” finished in first place with an overall score of 102, “Centerra I” landed second with 101 points and the “PMCS (Project Management and Construction Services) Kobras” placed third with 93 points.

“Overall, it was an exciting event, and there was a high-level of competition in each of the activities,” said Danielle Elliott, H Area Dissolvers team captain and H Area Training Specialist. “Our team pulled together and focused on each event one by one. We appreciate the opportunity to play for local United Way agencies – they make a tremendous impact in our communities. We look forward to defending our winning title at the Sports Challenge next year.”

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