

2007

AccessAbilityfest

Bringing resources & recreation to people with disabilities & their families

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Media Advisory for Sunday, October 21, 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.

AccessAbility Fest to Feature 120 Non-Profit Organizations and Businesses Serving Individuals with Disabilities

*Texas Public Radio, SeaWorld of San Antonio and Valero Energy Corporation sponsor festival
celebrating October as National Disability Awareness Month*

WHAT: AccessAbility Fest will bring fun and resources to individuals with physical, developmental and sensory disabilities. Sponsored by **Sea World of San Antonio, Texas Public Radio and Valero Energy Corporation.**

One hundred and twenty partner organizations and businesses have collaborated to present AccessAbility Fest to bring resources and recreation to individuals with disabilities and their families. The festival is **FREE** and **OPEN** for the public to attend. Children and adults with disabilities and their families are **WELCOME!**

WHEN: **Sunday, October 21, 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Institute of Texan Cultures, “Back 40” Grounds Area
801 S. Bowie St., San Antonio, Texas 78205

WHO: One hundred and twenty partner organizations and businesses will **exhibit** their services during AccessAbility Fest. The event is open to the public; individuals with disabilities and their families are welcome.

The festival will have **fun activities**, including: "[Classroom on Wheels](#)" by VIA Metropolitan Transit, "Hair Wreath Activity" by Bexar Co. Master Gardeners, "Toddler Play Area" by Discovery Toys, "Fun with Bubbles" by Sunshine Cottage School, "Fishing Pond for Kids" by Brighton School and an "Instrument Petting Zoo" by the San Antonio Symphony.

The festival will feature **entertainment** by individuals with disabilities, including: Mary Donahue (singer who is visually impaired), [Richard Flint](#), Peace of Mime, Fascinating Rhythms, [Dreams Fulfilled Through Music](#), [Kinetic Kids](#) Cheerleaders & Gymnasts, Harris Power Trio Featuring MC Vernell Knotts

WHY: According to the US Census Bureau’s 2006 American Community Survey, approximately 16 percent of Bexar County residents have a disability. With October as National Disability Awareness Month, San Antonio non-profit organizations and businesses have come together

as a unified voice to educate the community on services available for individuals with disabilities, and to educate the public on the achievements and accomplishments of individuals with disabilities.

The collaboration of non-profit organizations to present AccessAbility Fest is an unprecedented accomplishment in San Antonio. This is the first successful attempt to bring organizations serving individuals with disabilities together for a fun and educational event appealing to individuals with disabilities and their families.

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