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Week of Activities Concludes with Relay After Football Game

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The world’s largest grassroots fundraising movement, Relay For Life, mobilizes communities throughout the country to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and provide participants with an opportunity to fight back against the disease. A Relay For Life event will be held on the Gardner-Webb campus on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 8 p.m. to Midnight, in conjunction with a week’s worth of activities to raise awareness and help fund the cancer research programs.

“Relay For Life will give Gardner-Webb University a unique opportunity to contribute to the American Cancer Society’s mission of saving lives, by helping people stay well, by helping them get well, by finding cures, and by fighting back,” said Blaire Teeters, Executive Co-Chair for the American Cancer Society. “Participants who give their time, energy and financial commitment to this exciting event are really standing up for our community and its pledge to join the fight.”

Blaire Teeters and Bryte Warrick sent out a message to members of the Gardner-Webb community urging them not to miss the excitement:

“Please come out tomorrow night to support your fellow bulldogs and community neighbors for the inaugural Relay For Life fundraising event. The benefit concert begins at 6 p.m. and will last until 7:45 p.m. There will be BBQ and hotdogs available for a small donation. All of this will take place at Lakeside Terrace outside of Tucker Student Center. The Relay kicks off at 8 p.m. at Spangler Football Stadium. There will be lots of fun activities going on and we hope everyone will come out and enjoy some fun tomorrow night! We will have a DJ throughout the evening, dancing, and even karaoke. We hope to see you there!”

A range of activities were held during the week leading up to Saturday’s Relay event. A complete list of ways the Relay For Life team “Painted the Campus Purple” is provided below:

Monday: Purple Ribbons placed around the campus. There will also be a poster in the Tucker Student Center with the statement “I Relay For _____” to give people an opportunity to put the name of a loved one or friend that has fought or is currently fighting cancer. Strips of purple fabric and rope will be available so that each student, faculty and staff can write someone’s name on the fabric and tie it on the rope to hang in the student center.

Tuesday: Dark chocolate purple kisses handed out outside the Caf.

Wednesday: Balloon Fly Away. A table set up outside of the Caf at lunchtime with purple balloons. Students, faculty and staff can write the name of someone suffering/ has suffered from cancer on the balloon and then release it into the sky.

Thursday: The Caf supporting Relay for Life with purple tablecloths and purple themed foods/desserts during lunch.

Friday: Purple out! We are encouraging everyone on campus to be decked out in purple during this day: Students, faculty, staff, coaches, and sports teams!

Saturday: RELAY DAY

Football Game: Purple Out vs. Warner at 1:30 p.m.

Benefit concert: Jon Langston, AcaFelons, and Luke Combs on the patio of Tucker Student Center at 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.

Relay for Life kick off at 8 p.m. in Spangler Stadium until Midnight.

10 p.m. is LIGHTS OFF for the luminary lighting ceremony.