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## *Gardner-Webb Baseball Program Teams Up with St. Baldrick's Foundation and BaseBald to Battle Childhood Cancer*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The Gardner-Webb baseball is teaming up with a pair of special charities for a “BaseBald” event Saturday, October 13, to promote research for childhood cancer.

Members of the Runnin' Bulldogs 2013 team and coaching staff will gather at 12 noon at John Henry Moss Stadium prior to this year's alumni game to shave their heads in an effort to help raise money for childhood cancer research.

“The St. Baldrick's organization has been a major force in the fight against childhood cancer and we are honored to partner with them in that battle,” said GWU head coach Rusty Stroupe, who will be among the group to surrender his hair on Saturday. “Our hair will grow back, but for many children with cancer, they don't know if and when their hair will return. So it's the least we can do to show our support for these kids. Plus, I'm looking forward to seeing all the weird-shaped heads on our team. I just hope nobody notices mine.

“With the number of special guests we will have in attendance and the alumni game to follow directly afterwards, it should be a great day,” Stroupe shared.

Individuals interested in donating for the event can direct their web browser to [www.stbaldricks.org/events/gwu](http://www.stbaldricks.org/events/gwu). The website contains information about Saturday's event, goals and how much money has been raised to date.

BaseBald is an organization that works through the St. Baldrick's Foundation to help raise money for childhood cancer research through head shaving events. St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer-driven charity committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives.

Checks for donations must be made payable to “St. Baldrick's Foundation.”

In addition to Saturday's alumni baseball game, individuals who participated in Saturday's shaving event will be honored on the field at halftime of Gardner-Webb's football game with MidAmerica Nazarene. Kickoff for that contest is set for 6 p.m. in Ernest W. Spangler Stadium.