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Warrior Transition Unit seeks challengers for wheelchair basketball games

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – Basketball players of all levels and abilities are invited to bring their best game and participate in a Wheelchair Basketball adaptive sports event with Soldiers assigned to the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital Warrior Transition Unit from noon to 5 p.m. Nov. 1 at the Davidson Fitness Center on post.

Wheelchair Basketball is one of 10 adaptive reconditioning sports events scheduled in November in celebration of Warrior Care Month.

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Warrior Care Month is designed to strengthen the Army's commitment to wounded, ill and injured Soldiers, their families, local community members and the wider Army audience by educating and informing them of Army programs that inform, support and address the needs and concerns of these Soldiers, their families and caregivers.

The Army's adaptive sports and reconditioning program ensures Soldiers optimize their physical well-being and embrace an active, productive lifestyle in order to empower themselves to achieve success in their personal, spiritual, emotional and professional lives.

Warrior Care Month events are open to the public, regardless of injuries or limitations.

For more information or to sign up, call 573-596-0038.

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Reporters interested in covering this event should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573-563-4145, no later than 9 a.m. Nov. 1.

Army Adaptive Sports events planned for Warrior Care Month:

Nov. 1 Wheelchair Basketball: Noon to 5 p.m. at the Davidson Fitness Center

Nov. 7 Kayaking: 12:30 to 5 p.m. at the Davidson Fitness Center

Nov. 14 Seated Volleyball: Noon to 5 p.m. at the Davidson Fitness Center

Nov. 16 Skeet shooting, Archery, 3D shoot and Paintball: Noon to 5 p.m. at the Outdoor Recreation Center

Nov. 17 Triathlon:

- 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Quarter-mile swim
- 1 p.m. Bike 15 miles
- 3 p.m. 5k run
- 4 to 5 p.m. Awards ceremony

Possible Facebook entry: Basketball players of all levels and abilities are invited to bring their best game and participate in a Wheelchair Basketball adaptive sports event with Soldiers assigned to the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital Warrior Transition Unit. The event is scheduled to take place from noon to 5 p.m. Nov. 1 at the Davidson Fitness Center on post. This is your chance to engage in friendly basketball competition with Soldiers responsible for securing and retaining your freedom and experience a fun event from their perspective! Wheelchair Basketball signup: 573.596.0038.

Possible tweet: Engage in friendly basketball competition with Soldiers responsible for securing your freedom from noon to 5 p.m. Nov. 1 at the Davidson Fitness Center. Wheelchair B-ball signup: 573.596.0038.

About Fort Leonard Wood

Fort Leonard Wood is a thriving and prosperous installation that has evolved from a small basic training post 70 years ago to a premier Army Center of Excellence that trains 80-90,000 military and civilians each year.

Home to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood now trains and educates service members and develops doctrine and capabilities for the Training and Doctrine Command's U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Engineer School, and U.S. Army Military Police School, three gender integrated Initial Military Training brigades, one of only five reception stations in the Army, and the Army's largest Non Commissioned Officers Academy.

Over the past several years, Fort Leonard Wood has received numerous additional responsibilities to include supporting the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, a large Forces Command unit that is responsible for all deployable capabilities at Fort Leonard Wood. A colonel-commanded Marine Corps Detachment and an Air Force Detachment, which are both the largest on any Army installation, are located on Fort Leonard Wood; a large Navy Seabee Detachment and elements of the Coast Guard train here as well.