



Fiesta Especial 2012

April 20th and 21st

10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Rackspace Parking Lot

5000 Walzem Rd., San Antonio, Texas

Background

Fiesta Especial is an official Fiesta San Antonio event created for children and adults with physical, cognitive and developmental differences and the family and friends who love them.

Proceeds from this event support charitable, non-profit programs that improve the lives of children and adults with disabilities in our local community throughout the year.

Students at River City Christian School (RCCS) began Fiesta Especial in 2003 and turned it into an official Fiesta event in 2006. Until 2009, Fiesta Especial was held at the RCCS campus on Blanco Road. Fiesta Especial 2012 is being organized and hosted by four organizations that provide services and information for children and adults with special needs: River City Christian School, Reaching Maximum Independence (RMI), disABILITYsa.org and u|ability, a special needs ministry of University UMC. This year we are working with Rackspace to hold Fiesta Especial on their parking lot at Walzem and I-35.

Event Details

Join the SA special-needs community for a family-friendly Fiesta experience for people of all ages and abilities. Enjoy virtual/simulated rides, music, dancing, food, games, crafts and much, much more at this alcohol & tobacco-free event. Local businesses and organizations serving children and adults with special needs will have booths with information and answers to questions about their programs and products.

Celebration Outreach takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. Local schools, group homes, day programs, children's homes and senior living centers are invited to come out and receive \$5.00 in complimentary game/ride tickets with purchase of general admission. More information: 210-384-0297.

There will be a shoebox parade at 11am during the Friday, April 20th Celebration Outreach event where guests are invited to decorate shoebox floats, wagons, wheelchairs or walkers for the parade.

General Admission is \$5.00 per person. Special vouchers are not valid for use after 2 p.m. All food, game and ride tickets are sold separately. For more information, visit www.fiestaespecial.com.

Fiesta Especial Royal Court

For 2012, Fiesta Especial is adding a Royal Court consisting of a King and Queen, a Prince and Princess, two Dukes and Duchesses and four Pages. The members of the Royal Court will be selected through a fundraising process that gives organizations serving people with disabilities a chance to raise money and awareness for their mission or a nonprofit partner.

Contest runs November 2nd, 2011 – January 31st, 2012. The coronation for the Fiesta Especial Royal Court will be held at the Hand in Hand Runway Benefit on February 18th at Morgan's Wonderland. Tickets to this event are sold separately.

Fiesta Especial Parade

On Saturday, April 21st, Fiesta Especial will add an official parade within the City of Windcrest that will feature our mascot (Pedro the Piñata), the Fiesta Especial Royal Court, representatives from organizations serving people with disabilities and representatives and royalty from other official events.



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2012 Options for Schools & Disability/Senior Service Providers

Special pricing is available for the following groups ONLY.

- Special needs programs or special needs departments at both public and private schools. (FRIDAY ONLY)
- Disability Service Providers including, but not limited to Group Homes, Children's Homes, Day Programs, etc.
- Senior Service Providers including, but not limited to Nursing Homes, Assisted Living Facilities and Senior Activity Centers.

Two days of options, just for you!

Friday, April 20th, 2012

- 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Fiesta Especial General Admission \$5.00. All food, game, craft/activity and ride tickets are sold separately for \$1.00 each.
- 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **SPECIAL OPTION** (Advance Purchase Required): Receive 5 complimentary vouchers for 1 Game or Ride with your General Admission purchase. This option is not available at the gate. Contact 210-656-6674 to take advantage of this offer. You can download a flyer about this special option at www.fiestaespecial.com. Vouchers are null and void after 2pm each day.
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Participate in the **Fiesta Especial Shoebox Parade**. Decorate your Shoeboxes, Wagons, Wheelchairs and Walkers will to the nines and parade through the grounds of Fiesta Especial sporting your "floats". Submit a picture of your float by attaching it to an email to melanie@rmihomes.org to enter the Shoebox Float contest. Visit our Shoebox Parade page for more details. We'll have an online "Vote for your Float" contest for special prizes.
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Enjoy the Fiesta Especial Entertainment. Visit our Event Schedule page or Entertainment page for more details on performances.

Saturday, April 21st, 2012

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Participation in the **Fiesta Especial Promenade & Parade Check-in**. If you register to be in the Fiesta Especial parade, you will check-in between 7:30am and 8:30am to receive your line-up position and further instructions. The parade route is 2.5 miles and will travel at a 2.5 mph rate. Groups are encouraged to have a decorated vehicle join them in the procession to give tired walkers reprieve. Visit our Parade Entry page to download forms for registration.
- 8:55 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. If you're not in the Fiesta Especial Promenade & Parade, then just grab your lawn chair and come hang out with us as we watch runners, walkers, floats, performers, fancy cars, Royal Courts and more weave through the streets of Windcrest. Areas to set up chairs will be identified on our Parade Spectator page. Stay tuned for details!
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