

Gutter Dance III set for Thursday Evening May, 11 at Sooner Bowling Center.

The Gutter Dance III, a charity-bowling event benefiting the J. D. McCarty Center for children with developmental disabilities, has been scheduled for Thursday, May 11 at the Sooner Bowling Center in Norman. The Sooner Bowling Center is located at 550 24th Avenue NW.

The Gutter Dance III, which is presented by First American Bank, Sam's Club and Norris Marine, begins with check-in and a free dinner for the bowlers from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Volunteers from First American Bank will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs on their traveling cooker. Bowling will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the awards presentation will be begin about 9:00 p.m.

Proceeds from Gutter Dance III will be used to fund children's activities that are not provided for in the hospital's operating budget.

"This has grown into a really nice event for the hospital," said Uwe von Schamann, director of development for the McCarty Center. "It's designed to be fun for people who don't bowl and yet, there is plenty of incentive for those who do bowl."

The incentive von Schamann is talking about is an opportunity for the top ten individual high scorers to win a really big prize in the 7-10 split contest. This year the prize is a brand new, 2006 Bayliner 175 boat and trailer from Norris Marine. "The retail value of this year's prize is \$12,200," von Schamann said.

"Each of the top ten bowlers gets one chance to make a 7-10 split. The top ten bowling order will be determined by a random drawing. The first bowler to make the split wins the Bayliner 175. If no one makes the split we wish them better luck next year," said von Schamann.

The Bayliner 175 is seventeen and a half feet long and is powered by a fuel-efficient Mercruiser 135 horsepower inboard/outboard motor. The Bayliner 175 will seat seven passengers, is lightweight and easy to tow and store. It has plenty of storage onboard including a ski locker.

Trophies will be given to the first, second and third place teams. There will also be a trophy awarded to the last place team. A prize will be awarded to the team with the most creative bowling shirts. Prizes will be awarded throughout the evening to individuals who make a strike when a colored pin appears in their set of pins.

"The entry fee for the Gutter Dance III is \$100 per team of four bowlers," explained von Schamann. "Registration forms may be picked up at the Sooner Bowling Center, here at the McCarty Center, or just call me at 405.307.2804 and I'll mail or e-mail you a registration form. There are also lane sponsorships available for \$100 per lane. A combination team registration and lane sponsorship is available for \$150," von Schamann concluded.

The J. D. McCarty Center is Oklahoma's center of excellence in the care and treatment of children with developmental disabilities. Established in 1946, the McCarty Center only treated one thing...cerebral palsy. Today, the McCarty Center has treated more than 70 different diagnoses in the developmental disability category. The hospital provides both inpatient and out patient services to children from birth to 21 from all over the state of Oklahoma.