



Summer Santa Hosts Sports Tournament on Saturday May 12

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WATAUGA – Summer Santa, Inc., the largest children’s charity in Greater Northeast Tarrant County, is hosting the 10th Annual Yankee Cowboy Miniature Golf & Bowling Tournament on Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Brunswick Zone Watauga. The public is invited.

The bowling alley and outdoor miniature golf course is at 7301 Rufe Snow Drive, Watauga.

Summer Santa -- <http://www.summersanta.org> – is an all-volunteer non-profit with no paid staff or physical office. Southlake mom Lori Burr is chairman for 2007-2008.

Cost to play is \$10 for two games of bowling or one round of miniature golf. All money raised that day goes to send area children in need to summer camps who otherwise couldn’t afford to attend. No player reservations are needed to play in the tournament.

At the tournament, area mayors will play in their annual “Mayors’ Shootout at High Noon” on the mini-golf course. (The 2006 winner was Grapevine Mayor William D. Tate.) Police and firefighters from a dozen cities also attend and play their own mini-golf tournament within the larger tournament.

The public is invited to play. Trophies are awarded for best male and female bowlers and golfers in various age categories — and for Best

Mom bowlers and golfers in honor of Mother's Day, the day after the event.

Summer Santa volunteers are now collecting summer camp applications from area school districts, guidance counselors, nurses and teachers, as well as a dozen area charities that also serve children.

The charity, celebrating its 10th year of helping the community, expects to send nearly 300 children to summer camps in 2007. These children are often living in single-parent households or they are victim of some form of abuse. In other cases, their parents may have lost a job or gotten ill.

Event organizer Dave Lieber, the Star-Telegram Watchdog columnist and so-called Yankee Cowboy, says: "Every putt, every hole-in-one, every spare and every strike represents a child who will go to camp this summer who otherwise could not attend. In the decade of this event, Summer Santa has raised closed to \$150,000. That's a lot of holes-in-one and strikes for the Summer Santa kids in North Texas."