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**Minneapolis, Minnesota**

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*Kids Day provides an opportunity for youth to learn life lessons from U.S. veterans – from talking about the meaning of service to learning about living with a disability and competing in wheelchair sports.*

## Kids just want to have fun...



“I had so much fun...  
they’re nice.”

– Angelina, Kids Day participant

“Thank you so much...  
George just smiled the  
whole day!”

– Mrs. Hernandez, mother  
of Kids Day participant



“And everyone  
receives a medal!”

– Veteran Athlete Tricia Sapp

# Kids Day...

The fifth annual Kids Day will take place on Thursday, June 30. Kids Day will offer local children, including those with physical disabilities from the Twin Cities area, the opportunity to interact and participate in several events with the guidance of the many wheelchair athletes competing in this year's National Veterans Wheelchair Games.

Kids Day will take place at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please come to cheer on the participating children!

Kids Day also provides an opportunity to introduce the wonderful world of adaptive sports and recreation to children with physical disabilities. Attendees at this year's event will include local children from the Twin Cities area. A closing ceremony will take place where veteran athletes will present the children with an photo and their own medal for participating in the 2005 event.

Kids Day evening sessions will be held at the Quad Rugby and Basketball events at the Convention Center from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. We welcome athletes, their children and families to attend!

To register for Kids Day activities, please contact Sheila Skipper at [sheilas@pva.org](mailto:sheilas@pva.org) or (800) 424-8200 ext. 654. For more information on the Games, visit the web site at [www.wheelchairgames.org](http://www.wheelchairgames.org)

# *About the Games...*

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games is the largest annual wheelchair sports event in the world.

Each year, the Games bring together hundreds of U.S. military veterans who compete for medals in 16 Olympic-style events. All athletes competing at the Games use wheelchairs for sports competition due to spinal cord injuries, certain neurological conditions, amputations, or other mobility impairments.

Participation in the Games has grown from 74 veterans in 1981 to more than 500 competitors in 2004.

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games is co-presented by the Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Department of Veterans Affairs.



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