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## Grissom medics test units' SABC skills

By Tech. Sgt. Doug Hays  
*Public Affairs staff*

The sights and sounds of screaming, blood covered Boy Scouts is sure to draw attention...and that's just what members of the 434<sup>th</sup> Aerospace Medicine Squadron hoped for when they tested the reaction of base members on self aid buddy care using local scouts as 'victims.'

For the second year, Grissom gave a SABC 'pop quiz' to units to see how much of their first aid training they retain – and put to use during scenarios.

"Someday they may be deployed and be asked to treat someone who needs help," said Capt. (Dr.) Daniel Kennedy, a physician with the 434<sup>th</sup> AMDS. "This is a chance to bring SABC out of the classroom and cement it in their minds."

The idea was brought to Grissom by Lt. Col. (Dr.) Brian Preston, 434<sup>th</sup> AMDS administrator, based on similar training the Army uses.

"We've created our own traveling road show," Dr. Kennedy said, and most of the feedback we've gotten has been positive.

Most scenarios only take a few minutes to play out, and the clinic members aren't grading anyone on their response.

"We want to see if they are applying the training they've received," he said. "We'll walk people through the proper responses if needed."

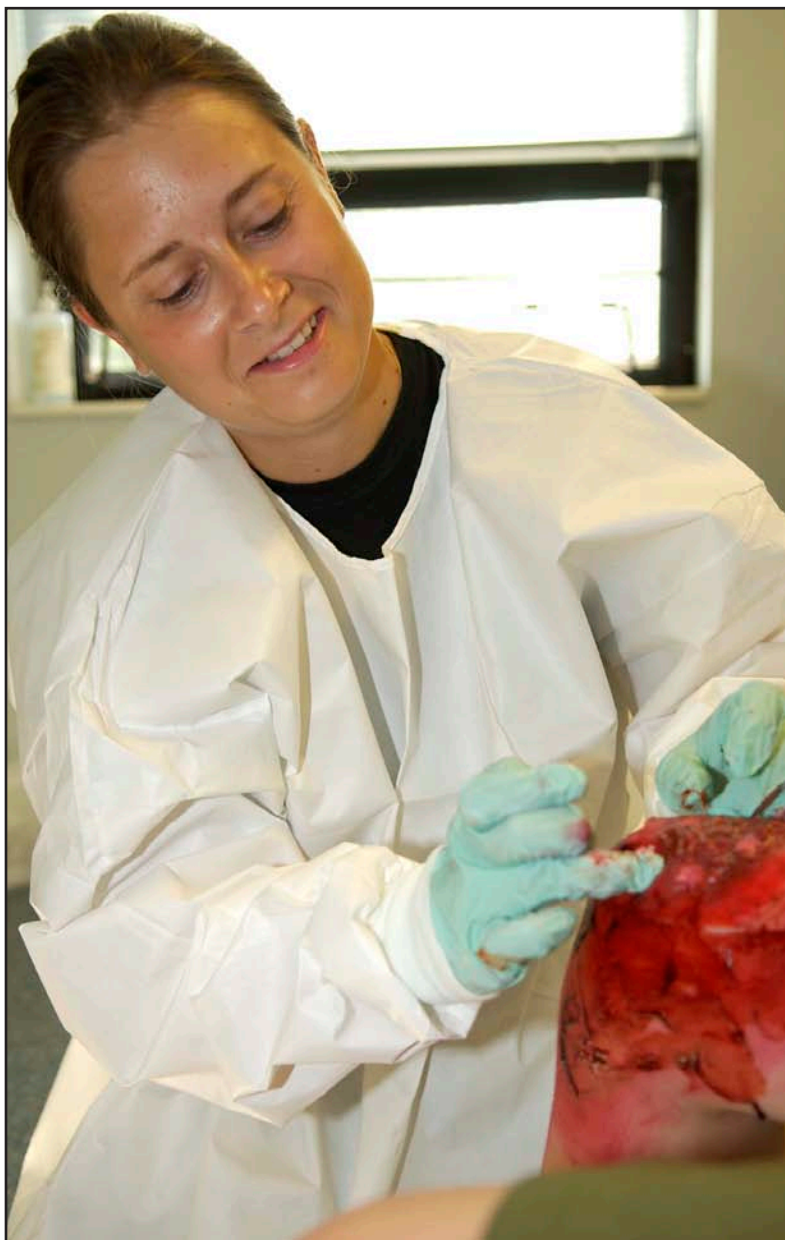
Some people do really well, and some draw a blank, he added.

"The goal is to have this exercise coincide with the classroom training done by the units to help them retain what they learn."

"Our medical team was there to coach and assess them on their basic self-aid/buddy care skills," the doctor said.

"We want this to be a very positive experience," he added, "and hope to have more in the future."

"Someone close to you may depend on these [life-saving] skills sooner than you think," Dr. Kennedy added.



*Photo by Tech. Sgt. Doug Hays*

Senior Airman Anna MacLeod, 434<sup>th</sup> Aerospace Medicine Squadron, applies moulage to the knee of a boy scout in preparation for a self aid/buddy care exercise held during the August unit training assembly.

# Chief of staff discusses leadership goals

By Tech. Sgt. Matthew McGovern  
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SAN ANTONIO -- The Air Force chief of staff shared his vision concerning Air Force leadership and discussed his goals for the direction of the Air Force during the Air Force Sergeants Association's Professional Airmen's Conference Aug. 25 in San Antonio.

Gen. Norton Schwartz began his speech discussing the importance of noncommissioned officer leadership to a packed ballroom of Air Force Sergeants Association members.

"Regardless of our age, background, experience or level of education, each of us has a gut-level instinct about leadership and every one of us must be a leader," General Schwartz said. "Leadership is in each of us. It doesn't magically appear when we reach a certain point in our lives or in the chain of command. Regardless of rank and position on the team, we can inspire those around us to dream more, to learn more, to do more, to be more and to make a difference.

"The bottom line is that everyone is a leader," the general said. "Each from a unique perspective perhaps, but I'm talking about NCOs and everyone in our Air Force including their chief of staff."

General Schwartz commended the AFSA's conference theme -- Total Air Force, heritage, honor, valor and vision. He spoke of his confidence in the Air Force and his vision to overcome obstacles.

"I believe it's safe to say that ev-



Photo by Lance Chueng

Gen. Norton Schwartz addresses the audience at the Air Force Sergeants Association's annual Professional Airmen's Conference and International Convention Aug. 25 in San Antonio. General Schwartz, the Air Force chief of staff, discussed the importance of noncommissioned officer leadership and goals and objectives to remedy problems in today's Air Force.

everyone here has worked hard, and because of that work there is no doubt which nation possesses the finest Air Force," General Schwartz said. "But as we look at our Air Force today, we know very well that we have had some recent difficulties and the plain truth is there is work to be done. There are problems to fix, challenges to meet and trust to be restored."

The general then discussed objectives to remedy problems in today's Air Force.

"As chief, it's my goal to have our Air Force recapture top-to-bottom excellence in our nuclear mission, operations, material, weapons management and inspection," General Schwartz said. "Also, to restore credibility on

Capitol Hill, reemphasize the compliance culture in the nuclear aircraft maintenance, missile maintenance, acquisition, in the medical disciplines and all of our disciplines across our Air Force."

After discussing his ambitions, the general reiterated his faith in the Air Force and offered Airmen words of encouragement.

"We can and we will do this together because we are not just Air Force blue, we are red, white and blue," he said. "We are Americans and we're going to prove that our team is worthy of the trust that the American people, the joint team, the Congress and most of all our Airmen and their families have placed on us." (AFPN)

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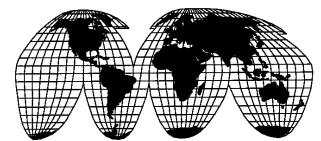
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### **That's a fire!**

The Grissom Fire Department held hands-on demonstrations like this simulated aircraft fire on Aug. 19 for base members. Members got to use the turret of the P-23 crash truck to battle a simulated aircraft fire at the fire training pit, and got to enter the 'smoke house' to see just how the fire fighters use a thermal imaging device to locate victims.

## **Grissom Airmen attend LULAC convention**

By Staff Sgt. Ben Mota  
Public Affairs staff

A group of five Grissom Airmen recently attended the 2008 League of United Latin American Citizens conference in Washington, D.C.

LULAC is the largest and oldest Hispanic organization in the United States advancing the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health and civil rights of Hispanic Americans through community-based programs nationwide.

The trip was sponsored by the Grissom Human Resources Development Council, in an effort to promote a diverse work force and equal opportunity amongst those serving in the Air Force, said Maj. Robin Bruno, an equal opportunity technician.

The conference hosted a number of prominent speakers including Senators Barack Obama, John McCain and Hillary Clinton.

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Senators Obama and Clinton gave speeches regarding their top ten issues facing Latino Americans.

"The conference gave me an insight to some of the needs of the Latin American community, but most of all allowed me receive a broader view of the needs of all minorities in general," said Major Bruno.

Over 15,000 political, community and business leaders participated in the conference.

"The level of senior leaders, dignitaries, and high profile political leaders who attended and participated through the conference was phenomenal," said Capt. Michael Gregory, 434<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Operations Flight. "Their support to the Latin American community spoke very highly of themselves and of the people they represent."

The convention united with the Federal Training Institute to provide sessions designed to improve job skills and other skills need for advancement

in the work field.

In addition, LULAC offered a three-day youth conference, job fair and college fair for its attendees.

"Conferences such as LULAC give Airmen the opportunity to be exposed to different cultures and ethnicities," said Col. Tim Cox, 434<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing vice commander.

"It gives us the opportunity to learn about them (other cultures), and at the same time those individuals learn about our organization and some of the values that we instill in our people. That is what HRDC is all about."

HRDC advises and makes recommendations to the wing commander on any and all matters pertaining to human resources within the wing. Anyone can be a member by attending the quarterly meetings.

For information regarding meeting dates and other HRDC questions contact Master Sgt. Tina Youker at ext. 2408.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Chris Bolen

Personnel from Grissom's 49th Aerial Port Flight conduct aircraft loading drills with a cargo handling truck during the August unit training assembly. The C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft was provided to Grissom by the Air Force Reserve's 908th Airlift Wing, based at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

## Cargo handlers stay current by training

By SSgt. Chris Bolen  
Public Affairs staff

Grissom's 49th Aerial Port Flight received refresher training during the August Unit Training Assembly when a C-130H Hercules from the 908th Airlift Wing, Maxwell AFB, Ala. and its crew visited the base.

Grissom's APF personnel are not only tasked to load and handle cargo for 434th Air Refueling Wing tankers but any other cargo aircraft that carry out the Air Force mission.

Getting a C-130 for training can be a challenge given the tempo of Air Force operations, said Capt. Tim Kerrigan, 49th APF operations officer.

"We requested an aircraft for training four times last year," said Captain Kerrigan. "This year we requested it again and finally got it with our fourth

request."

This training was important for the APF personnel since there is a big difference with a C-130, said the captain.

"There are a lot of differences in loading a C-130 versus a KC-135," he said. "The body is much narrower so you can't step aside when a load rolls in, you may have propellers spinning, and the cargo rollers have to be moved and precisely set."

The 908th AW crew members said they also received training as well.

"This also allows me to train and stay current," said Senior Master Sgt. Steve Tarrance, 908th Standards Evaluation Office, who assisted with training for Grissom's personnel and the C-130 crew.

The training included pallet buildup, restraint and tie-down, pallet position, roller bar installation and pallet lock

training. The training also included vehicle spotting and hand signals for loading various forms of cargo into the aircraft.

In addition to pallet loading practice, Grissom's Airmen loaded and unloaded bobtail and chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear response vehicles through the aircraft's cargo ramp.

"This training opportunity went very well, we got a lot of good training in and gained invaluable experience," said Captain Kerrigan. "The aircrew was very cooperative and we appreciate their assistance."

This is an invaluable opportunity and an asset for us to use in training for the challenges we see in carrying out our mission in the aerial port field," he added.

# Historian preserves Grissom's story

By SSgt. Chris Bolen  
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From Normandy to the Berlin Airlift, to Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom, the 434<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing has played an integral role in the nation's defense.

Keeping track of the unit's many accomplishments can be a daunting task, and many people don't realize that the wing has roots all the way back in World War II, said Master Sgt. Les McConnell, historian.

The 434<sup>th</sup> "Hoosier Wing" flew C-47 transport aircraft and participated in the Normandy invasion of Europe, as well as the resupply of Patton's Third Army and the encircled city of Bastogne during the "Battle of the Bulge," said Sergeant McConnell, whose job is to know these and numerous other interesting facts about the wing.

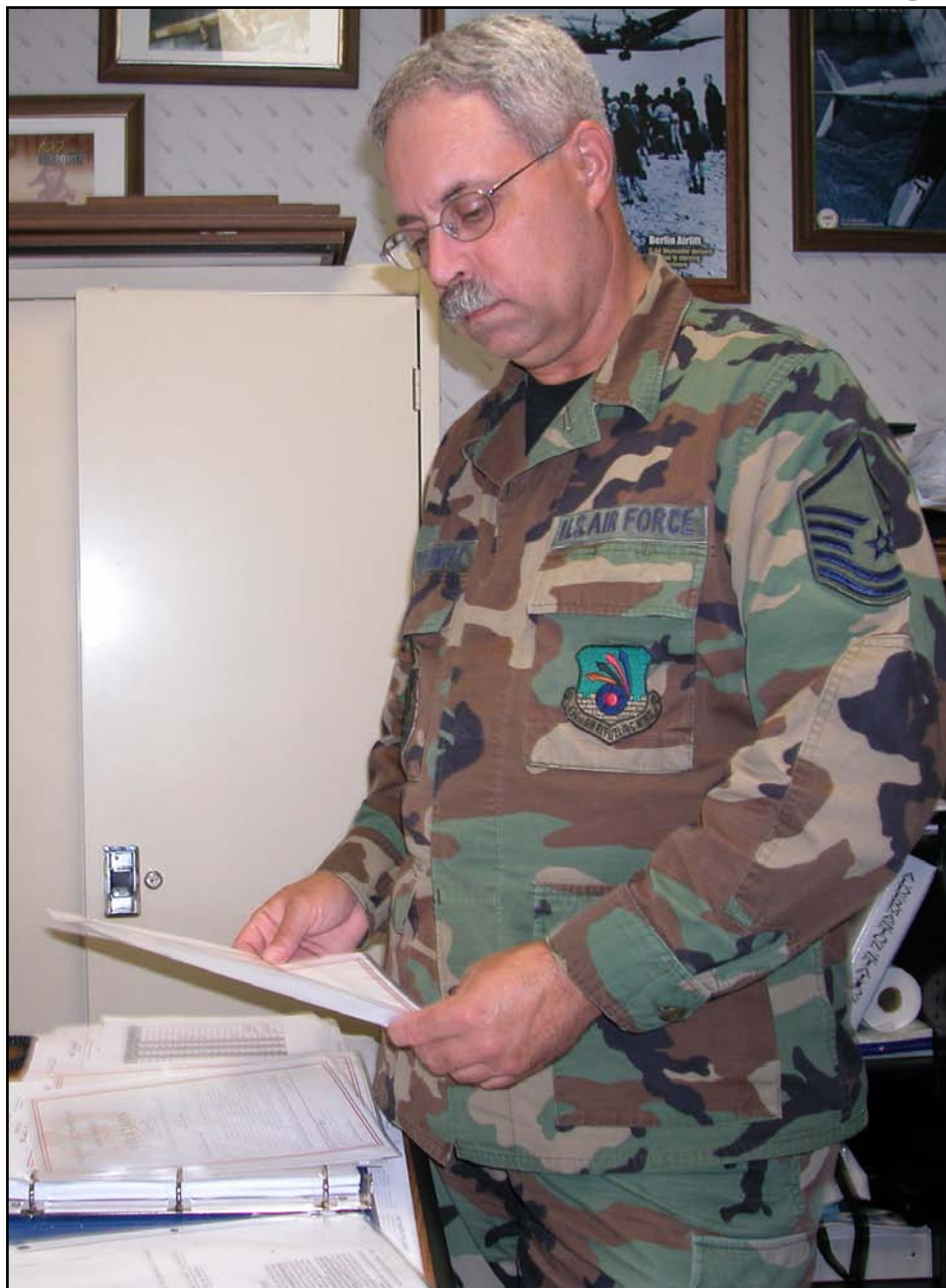
Sergeant McConnell, a traditional reservist and full-time civilian fire protection specialist with the Grissom Fire Department, moved into the historian position in April 2006.

"My job is to tell the history of the wing and all its accomplishments, awards and anything significant it participates in or does," he said.

The report is done on an annual basis and the information is sent to the Air Force Reserve Command chief historian, who then sends it on to the Air Force Historical Research Agency at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

And acquiring all the information can be quite a job, he said. "I gather information from all available sources to include photos, reports, change of command paperwork, special mission documentation, flying debriefs, end of action reports, and even monthly or quarterly squadron reports," stated the historian. "I have to pursue many organizations on base to gather information or have them submit it to me which is very time intensive." Sergeant McConnell said gathering such information is important for many reasons.

"Information, good or bad, about the past is recorded for future analy-



Master Sgt. Les McConnell

sis, rather than going by memory," he explained. "For example, as members leave, transfer or retire their particular expertise for a previous exercise, mission, or process, will be lost forever. My job is to retain needed documents for future use. I need all members' help in saving our 434<sup>th</sup> history."

Because of the information flowing from historians from different bases, that aircraft problem may become more visible, he said.

It is critical that all historians keep

information submitted in their reports as factual as possible, he added.

Historian's reports will be used for Congressional reports and the Air Force will also refer to them for various other reasons, Sergeant McConnell said.

"The wing's history is important in that it tells how we do our job," he said. "What we do can be looked at later to see how we have done and how we contribute to the overall mission of the Air Force."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Chris Bolen

### Computer class

Tech. Sgt. Roland Benitez and Staff Sgt. Constance Chapman, both from the 434th Services Flight, take a close look at a computer during a information specialist training class held during a recent unit training assembly. The administrators received basic computer hardware training and a hands-on familiarization in August.

## Clinic sponsors 5k run/walk in September

**Senior Airman Carl Berry**  
Public Affairs staff

Airmen from the 434th Aerospace Medicine Squadron are hosting a 5k run/walk at Grissom Sept. 6 to raise money for needy families during Christmas.

"We wanted to do something that brought the Grissom community together and support families here at Grissom," said Senior Airman Erica Suchovsky, 434th AMDS health services technician.

The event is scheduled for 8:30 a.m.,

at the fitness center and is open to all service members and their families, and civilian employees.

"We really are doing this race for

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**-- Senior Airman Erica Suchovsky**

the disenfranchised families that will benefit from the proceeds during Christmas," said Senior Airman Eileen Smith, 434th AMDS health services technician. "Another reason is it will be good for camaraderie and morale."

A trophy will be given to the winner and kept at their unit for the year.

"The plan is to have this race annually and the winning unit will have the bragging rights for a year," said Senior Airman Clayton Duncan, 434th AMDS medical services technician.

The registration fee is \$15 for adults, \$10 for ages 6-17 and children under five are free. T-shirt's will be given to those who register by Aug. 24; however there will be an open registration until the start of the race. To register for the event contact Airman Suchovsky at Ext. 3334 or email [erica.suchovsky@grissom.af.mil](mailto:erica.suchovsky@grissom.af.mil)

# Chaplain assistants serve spiritual needs

**Senior Airman Carl Berry**  
Public Affairs staff

To serve as visible reminders of the Holy, this is the mission statement of the 434th Air Refueling Wing's chaplain assistants, one of the components of the chaplain services.

"I wanted to become a chaplain assistant to help military members and their families that are in need," said Master Sgt. Trudy Burnett, 434th ARW chief chaplain assistant.

To become a chaplain assistant, service member's must be an active-duty Airman, an Air Force Reservist or Air National Guardsman and be eligible for retraining.

Some of the duties that a chaplain assistant performs are administrative support, base visitation record keeping, worship service set up, religious education program facilitator and

base-wide surveying, said Sergeant Burnett.

Unlike chaplains, who are non-combatants, chaplain assistants are combatants and must be qualified to carry and use firearms, she said.

Training consists of a six-week technical training school named Silver Flag Readiness Training.

This training puts an emphasis on the chaplain service team concept,



Master Sgt. Burnett

said the sergeant. The chaplain service team concept is a program designed to have chaplain assistant's work with the chaplains, she added.

"This team approach reinforces that by working together we are better able to serve Air Force members and their families anywhere, any place and any time, she said.

"I truly believe being a chaplain assistant is the most rewarding job in the Air Force, because you're able to help people in need and see their transition," said Sergeant Burnett. "We give our Air Force members and their families the opportunity to exercise their constitutional right to freedom of religion."

The chaplain's office is currently looking to fill two chaplain assistant positions. Anyone interested in becoming a chaplain assistant should contact the chaplain's office at Ext. 4030.

## Keeping watch

Staff Sgt. Catherine Devine, a 434th security forces specialist, uses a radar gun to monitor traffic on base. Department of Defense officer Troy Rogers assists by watching for oncoming traffic that appears to be speeding.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Ben Mota

## In the limelight

### Promotions

**To master sergeant**—Brian Rude, 434th Maintenance Squadron; and James Hoagland, 434th Air Refueling Wing.

**To technical sergeant**—Christopher Branum, 434th Civil Engineers Squadron; Thomas Davis, 434th MXS; Jason Barnett, 434th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Jonna Sullivan, 434th Operations Support Squadron; and John Fisher, 434th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

**To staff sergeant**—Joshua Joslin, 434th MXS; Anthony Abney, 434th MXS, Gregory Shelley, 434th AMXS; Kellin McCamey, 434th OSS; and Krista Kulak, 434th ARW.





Photo by Staff Sgt. Chris Bolen

Events and activities are available for kids of every age during the annual family day picnic.

# Grissom hosts annual family day activities

**By Staff Sgt. Mark Orders-Woempner**  
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“Family” can mean something different to everyone. For some, it includes moms, dads, brothers and sisters. For others, it is a term that describes the people who love and support them the most.

Grissom’s Family Day Picnic is a day to celebrate family of all kinds, whether they are blood brothers or brothers-in-arms.

The annual, family-focused event is scheduled for Sept. 6, during the primary unit training assembly, and will include food, displays, information, sales, and games for both kids and adults.

This year, as in years past, the 434th Services Flight will be preparing the food for all who attend.

Food service will begin at 11:30 pm at the pavilions behind lodging.

Reservists and immediate family members will not be charged for meals, however extended family members and non-family guests will be charged.

The prices are \$1 for a child and \$3 for an adult.

Food this year will include chicken breasts, hot dogs, pasta salad, baked beans and chips. Lemonade and water will be provided. Other beverages will be available for purchase.

Also included will be fun for the

whole family. Below is a list of activities scheduled to take place:

## Family Fun

An information fair will be held in Bldg. 470 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Some of the participants will include TriCare, Disable Veterans and WorkOne.

KC-135R Stratotanker aircraft displays will be available in Dock 6 for all to see. These include a flight deck simulator, a boompod simulator and an actual KC-135.

A dunk tank will be set up in the parking lot next to the pavilions for patrons to try and sink some of Grissom’s leaders.

## On Display

A quilt show and art display will be put on in the Dining Facility from 10 am to 1 pm.

Get your motor running with a car show from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. outside in Bldg. 440’s parking lot.

## For Adults

Fuel fitness with a fun run will be held at the petroleum, oils and lubrication facility at 8 a.m.

Bump into fun with a volleyball tournament, take a shot in a 3-on-3

basketball tournament, or score a ringer with a horseshoe tournament at the pavilions from 1 p.m. to 3 pm.

Watch costumed commanders blaze by on three wheels during a tricycle race set for 1:30 pm to 1:45 p.m.

## For Kids

Fit-for-fun, a kids’ triathlon is slotted at 12 p.m. at the pavilions.

Be ‘eggs-tra’ careful an egg-on-spoon race set for 1 p.m. at the pavilions.

Kids can hippity-hop their way to victory with a potato-sack race scheduled for 1:30 p.m. at the pavilions.

While the grown-ups shoot hoops, kids can hula hoop at a contest at 2 p.m. at the pavilions.

Take a toss with a softball throw from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the pavilions.

If softballs aren’t working, take a chance with balloons, bean bags, and rings. Toss each one of these at events scheduled from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the pavilions.

Kids can fish for fun with a duck pond set up at the pavilions from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

And if that wasn’t enough, there will also be bouncing castles, water slides and a craft tent set up at the pavilions from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for more family fun.