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## **Dallas Hosts first annual Reliant Trinity River Wind Festival; Visitors can enjoy soaring show kites, rare birds, live music and hot air balloons**

**DALLAS-** The theme will be all things wind driven at the first annual Reliant Trinity River Wind Festival, from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 14 at Trammell Crow Park located at 3700 Sylvan Avenue. The Festival is the only event of its kind in the Southwest and will give visitors an up close look at the progress of the Trinity River Corridor Project and get them close to the Trinity River. Attendees are invited to celebrate National Kite Day, which is just two days before the event on May 12, and bring their kites, pinwheels, whistles, scarves, or hand thrown glider plane, and fly or play along with the show kites on display.

Event highlights include:

- Show kite teams from the Southwest and stunt kites
- Kroger Kids Zone featuring bounce houses and balloon making clowns
- REI and Kayak Power sponsoring a kayak clinic and paddle adventure
- Blackland Prairie Raptor Center birds
- University of Texas at Arlington Ultimate Frisbee exhibition
- North Texas Hang/Paragliding Association low-level flight demonstrations
- Various food and gift vendors
- Hot Air Balloons on exhibit
- Xerox paper airplane contest
- Dr. Steve Martin and a few of his fabulous birds from the Dallas Zoo's bird show, SOAR, at 4:30 p.m.
- Dallas Wind Symphony outdoor performance at 5:15 p.m.
- All events and activities are free
- City council, elected officials and major sponsors to speak during program

Reliant Energy is the title sponsor and a major supporter of wind energy and will sponsor the welcome plaza, giving away wildflower seed packets; a kite booth with free kites; and will host the Reliant Performance Stage. Kroger is sponsoring a Kids Fun Zone area with bounce houses and clowns. Other sponsors include the Trinity Commons Foundation, WRR Classical 101.1, REI, Kayak Power, Sewell Subaru, Hilton Anatole, Xerox, The Dallas Morning News, Clif Bars, Honest Tea, Natural Encounters, Inc. and the Dallas Zoo, American Institute of Architects, KNON radio, Gentle Winds Ballooning, UTA Ultimate Frisbee, Dallas Area Kitefliers Organization, Warren Harris and Whattakite, and the North Texas Hang/Paragliding Association.

For more information about the festival visit [www.dallascityhall.com](http://www.dallascityhall.com), [www.twitter.com/1500marilla](https://www.twitter.com/1500marilla), [www.twitter.com/mytrinityriver](https://www.twitter.com/mytrinityriver), or [www.facebook.com/dallascityhall](https://www.facebook.com/dallascityhall).

**About the Trinity River Corridor Project:** The projected \$2.5 billion Trinity River Corridor Project is the largest and most complex public works and urban development project undertaken by the City of Dallas, and is first and foremost a flood protection solution and one of the largest of its type in the nation. The project consists of five major components: flood protection, transportation, recreation, environment management, and business development. The Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge, designed by internationally known architect Santiago Calatrava, is under construction and will open 2011. A second Calatrava designed bridge, the Margaret McDermott Bridge (IH-30), is planned for a later date. The Trinity River Audubon Center (TRAC), a flagship location for the Texas Audubon Society, is a beautiful teaching and recreational site in the Great Trinity Forest. Gateway Parks, such Joppa and Loop 12, are under planning and design. More than 20 miles of new trails have been completed along with the 70-acre Lower Chain of Wetlands and the Trinity Overlook Park. The Standing Wave opens in 2011; it is the first water park along this stretch of the Trinity River. For project updates and to watch the bridge progress, visit: [www.trinityrivercorridor.org](http://www.trinityrivercorridor.org).

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