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City of Dallas

## **Reliant Energy Trinity River Wind Festival provides outdoor excitement; Sporting activities have a home just outside of Downtown Dallas**

**DALLAS-** North Texas outdoor adventurers will have their day when the City of Dallas and Reliant Energy present the inaugural Trinity River Wind Festival from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 14 in Trammell Crow Park. Although kites will fill the skies with color, much of the action will also be on the water and in the park.

REI and Kayak Power are teaming to provide an experience one would normally have to leave the urban reaches to enjoy. Festival goers can try out their kayaking skills on Trammell Crow Lake. Kayak Power instructors will coach novices on how to properly navigate the waters. Kayak Power offers instruction courses with experienced kayakers such as Mike Swope, Chairperson for the Red River Division of the American Canoe Association.

REI, also in the kayak business, will feature some of their inventory, and the nearby REI campsite will be set up for those who desire the full outdoor experience. Kids can drop in, recount their adventures out on the lake, or just take a break from the day's excursions. There will also be cars from Sewell Subaru to capture the wilds of Dallas!

Festival-goers can also watch some unique wind-driven sporting in action, including the University of Texas at Arlington Ultimate Frisbee Club, with drills and game simulation of this trendy sport in the mid-afternoon. "We will be there to share our understanding of Ultimate Frisbee and to help people find a different way to get active outdoors," said Women's Captain Ashley Pena.

The Festival will conclude with two exciting performances starting at 4:30 p.m. Dr. Steve Martin and trainer Lindsey will preview show birds from the Dallas Zoo's SOAR show, and the 50-piece Dallas Wind Symphony Orchestra will close out the day with a rousing concert.

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### About the Trinity River Corridor Project:

With a combined investment of \$2.5 billion from all interagency partners, public and private sources; the Trinity River Corridor Project is the largest and most complex public works and urban development project undertaken by the City of Dallas. This project 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 stewardship, and business development. The Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge, designed by internationally known architect Santiago Calatrava, is under construction with the cables being added to the 400 foot arch. 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. The Standing Wave Kayak Park opens early in 2011 and more than 12 miles of new trails have been completed along with the 75-acre Lower Chain of Wetlands which assists with flood protection upstream of the river by as much as one foot in heavy rains. For project updates and to watch the bridge progress, visit: [www.trinityrivercorridor.org](http://www.trinityrivercorridor.org).

About Reliant Energy: Reliant Energy provides electricity and energy services to more than 1.5 million retail customers—including homes, small and large businesses, manufacturing facilities, government entities and institutions across Texas. The company also offers service to commercial, industrial, governmental and institutional customers in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia. As part of NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NRG), Reliant Energy is backed by one of the nation's largest power producers. NRG owns and operates 25,000 megawatts (MW) of generation capacity, including more than 11,000 MW of capacity in Texas. For more information about Reliant Energy products and services, visit [www.reliant.com](http://www.reliant.com).