

# RITE NOW @ ROP



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## History in the Making of the Run, Ride, Swim & Survive

In honor of true spirit of sportsmanship, Rite of Passage celebrates another successful year of one of the longest standing traditions, known as the Run, Ride, Swim, Survive (RRSS).

Throughout the day four teams called the Wildcats, Eagles, Rams and Badgers battled it out in a round robin tournament consisting of volleyball, kickball, free throw and Tug-a-war. Student athletes represented their team with honor and admiration for their flag as it represents the original "old school" mascots from RTC "desert" camps, as well as, our current standard "RAM" mascot.

Originally the RRSS events were organized to get youth off the dry lake bed and into an actual grassy place for a very competitive and fun day followed by an awards ceremony and BBQ.

Still today, this event remains engraved into the culture, with a mixture of students from Sierra Sage Treatment Center, Sierra Ridge Treatment Center and The Qualifying Houses, as well as, staff from each site-location, volunteers from the administrative office, Jack and Dorothy Franklin who make the best BBQ and the one and only Athletic Director-Ms. Malnaa made the event go off with a bang.

This glorious day concluded with a site-based "18-20" competition, amazing food, and a special award ceremony, just as it did back in the "desert" camps over decades ago.

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