



Connor's Erg 2018

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is Connor's Erg?

A: A 100km virtual erg event, done in relay fashion from each school's own venue. All done to help raise awareness and funds for pediatric brain cancer, the #1 cancer killer of young people in the US.

Q: What was its genesis?

A: Connor Dawes dreamed of rowing for a US university. Wisconsin born and Australian raised he rowed in high school. He was diagnosed with a brain tumor during early talks with Stanford Coach Craig Amerkhanian and passed away at 18 years old, 16 months later, April 2013.

Q: Who can participate in Connor's Erg Challenge?

A: Any University and its rowers including lightweight, heavyweight, men's and women's teams.

Q: How does the 100k relay work?

A: Men: five Concept2 Ergs are used with ~20 rowers join forces to complete the 100k any way they need, setting up each erg with 20k. Women: six Concept2 Ergs ~24 rowers. We are flexible with this structure and are open to variations if need be.

Q: How do Universities communicate with Connor's Erg regarding logistics and communicating fundraising efforts?

A: Any team participating will need a team representative; an athlete or coach can fill this position. They will be in charge of communicating with Connor's Erg staff and sharing information with the rest of the team and in some cases, the coaching staff.

Q: Is the 100k a race or what is expected as for physical work?

A: It is racing but that is not the most important part, especially with the timing of the event and training plans that need to be followed or possibly having a race around that time, it is important that you participate on the level that suites your program. We appreciate your participation and support in any form!

Q: How does fundraising work?

A: Once you have committed to participating in Connor's Erg Challenge (no matter the extent), you'll be asked to set up a team in your University's name on the Connor's Erg page on Classy.org. After that, all people need to do is share the link for the event via Facebook, email, Instagram, Twitter etc. Donations can be made via the fundraising page directly.

Q: What is Classy.org?

A: This is the fundraising and donation platform that supports Connor's Erg.



Q: Where is the event hosted?

A: Right at your university campus in your facility or anywhere on campus that has five/six ergs available.

Q: Will this event be live streamed?

A: If you have a Facebook or Instagram that has those capabilities, then it would be great to live stream! It's not required but would be fun to share in the excitement of the event and also a way to share more about Connor's Erg Challenge and your programs involvement.

Q: Is there a cost to participating?

A: No! Just commitment to sharing Connor's Story and helping fundraise for pediatric brain cancer research.

Q. Where does the money go?

A: 100% of all money raised supports US pediatric brain cancer research. The Foundation will work with each University to determine if we can support its own research as is done with Stanford and Wisconsin. All additional funds will go to the Pediatric Neuro Oncology Consortium (PNOC), the Collaborative Ependymoma Research Network (CERN) and the Center for Pediatric Tissue

Q: Why support pediatric brain cancer research?

A: Pediatric brain cancer is the number one cancer killer of young people in the U.S. Current clinical treatments only help 50 per cent of children but leave 90 per cent with lifelong physical and mental impairments. Research is on the verge of exciting breakthroughs but falls short of the funding required. You can make the difference!

Q: If I have another question, who do I contact?

A: Anna Leach can answer any other questions, even if it seems small, please feel free to ask!
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About the Robert Connor Dawes Foundation

Inspired by a big heart and brain, the Robert Connor Dawes Foundation was created in June 2013 in the memory of Connor Dawes. Who, at just 18 years of age, lost his 16-month battle with brain cancer.

The RCD Foundation operates in Australia and the U.S. where brain cancer is the most fatal of all childhood cancers. In just 4 years the Foundation has raised over 3 million dollars through youth engaging events. The Foundation supports brain projects in the areas of research, care and development – to fund the science to end brain cancer and support patients in the meantime.



For more information on the Foundation and Connor's story, please visit rcdfoundation.org or classy.org/campaign/connors-erg-challenge-2018/c160686