



COURAGEOUS KIDS CLIMBING Inc.

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Nampa Fire Department
Attn: Kirk Carpenter
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Chief Carpenter,

On Saturday, March 11, Captain Mike Phillips of your department supported a Courageous Kids Climbing event at Vertical View Climbing in Meridian. Twenty-three children with various special needs participated in the event.

Captain Phillips talked to each and every climber, providing them with the opportunity to check out the firefighter's turnouts and making each child feel special. Captain Phillips also spoke with every family about the importance of having a home fire escape plan. This is especially important when one considers that many families with children with special needs do not have home fire escape plans because of the challenges associated with their child with special needs. As an example, in some cases, the parents of a child with intellectual challenges will replace the glass in bedroom windows with plexiglass to keep the child from continuously breaking out the glass in the window. Captain Phillips encouraged these families to share this information with their local firefighters.

Captain Phillips was an amazing asset at this event! When we were faced with the challenge of sharing the climbing experience with a young lady in a wheelchair, Captain Phillips put his rope rescue skills to use and helped this young lady to have a very positive experience.

Please know that the support and assistance given by Captain Phillips reflect a very positive image on each and every member of the Nampa Fire Department!

I respectfully request that you please pass along the sincere appreciation of the participants, volunteers and staff of Courageous Kids Climbing to Captain Phillips for his outstanding support!

RISE ABOVE!

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