



Families of children and adults with disabilities have much to gain from the TurningPOINT Gulf Coast Chapter's activities. Many of our participants have not been given the chance to participate in sports such as handcycling, boating, sailing, water-skiing, kayaking, horseback riding and fishing. Most individuals with disabilities have led somewhat sheltered lives when it comes to recreation. Opportunities for developing new skills in recreational and leisure activities have not been available to most people with disabilities. The goal of our innovative program is to remedy this situation. With new advances in technology, positive attitudes, and improving public awareness, people with disabilities are now experiencing renewed hope in the light of success and achievement.



Old stigmas that accompany people with disabilities will eventually be stamped out as programs including TurningPOINT help educate the public about the abilities of people with disabilities. Guidance, support, adaptive equipment and assistive devices have opened a new world to many who considered outdoor recreation 'hopeless' in the past. By facing the challenges of outdoor recreation, children and adults with special needs are beginning to overcome the challenges of everyday life.



Needs are met in an individual and professional manner. The program assures a safe and exciting environment. Participants are given a taste of the great outdoors with hope of promoting the desire for further adventures into similar activities. Contact with others and their families who share similar challenges builds support, friendships and bonds that could last a lifetime.

**Spinal cord injuries afflict eight to ten thousand people each year. There are also many more people born each year with debilitating defects of the central nervous system including Spina Bifida, Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis and others.**



**TurningPOINT's mission is to develop self esteem and confidence in the physically challenged population through participation in adaptive outdoor adventure.**

**TurningPOINT needs your support to continue these programs.**



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