

“The Dylan Cup”

Dylan Price became part of the extended Reelin’ for Research family in the fall of 2011 when several committee members attended a bone marrow drive held on his behalf. A patient at the NC Children’s Hospital, he was battling leukemia and was in need of a bone marrow transplant. Dylan and his family quickly became close friends and advocates of Reelin’ for Research.



Dylan attended the tournament in 2012 and 2013, although due to his health, he was never given clearance by his doctors to fish. Not to be deterred, Dylan was always happy to volunteer and speak on our behalf. You never saw Dylan without a smile on his face and it was contagious. Dylan just made others happy.

Dylan received his bone marrow transplant, but later developed Graft-versus-Host Disease, a complication resulting from the transplant. Sadly, he succumbed to the disease in October of 2013. He was 16-years-old.

When planning the tournament for 2014, we knew that we wanted to honor Dylan in a meaningful and lasting way. Thus was born The Dylan Cup. Now, every year, the winning team of the tournament will be presented with this trophy as a symbol and a reminder of what this weekend is truly all about.

Inscribed on the side of the cup is the motto Dylan lived by and the lyrics from a Jimmy Buffet song: “Breathe In, Breathe Out, Move On.” With those words in mind, and with Dylan’s spirit in our hearts, we know that we must do just that. We must breathe in, we must breathe out, and we must move on to finding a cure for this awful disease.

