

June Activity
You're never too old
to fly a kite!

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Picture a beautiful warm Summer day, with a nice steady breeze. In the distance you see some kites flying over the trees so you go closer to take a look. As you get to the open field you see the kites are beautifully decorated and to your surprise they are being flown by people in wheelchairs! YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD TO FLY A KITE!

Last year was our first time to build, decorate, and fly kites. All of the residents that participated had a great time. This year we decorated our kites with the help of local students (what a great intergenerational program!). But, with the strange weather we have been having, we have not gotten out yet to fly them. But we will!!!

If you go to the internet you will find many kite companies that you can buy from. Last year I bought our kites from "Into the Wind" at www.intothewind.com They sell a kite called a "Sled Kite" for \$5 each when you buy 4 to 11 kite kits (kite, tail, string, handle). It is a very easy kite to fly, fun to decorate, and easy to put together. I bought this kite last year from Into the Wind and it worked out just fine. It is made of Tyvek, which is what you see new homes wrapped in.

Or, the same thing could happen to you that happened to me. I now own about a half dozen different kites! You never know what will happen when you start researching a new activity. I also joined the Wisconsin Kites Club. Their website can be found at www.wisconsinkitersclub.com and they have a wealth of information that they can share, and members throughout the state of Wisconsin, that can be of assistance.

Most of all, just have fun! The smile on the face of an 80 year old person sitting in a wheelchair holding the string of a kite, well, it's priceless!!!