

Oklahoma River youth pavilion will be named for SandRidge Energy

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A youth pavilion planned at Regatta Park along the Oklahoma River will be named after SandRidge Energy Inc., officials with the Oklahoma City Boathouse Foundation announced Friday.

The amount of a donation given toward the project was not being disclosed by either the company or the foundation.

The pavilion is designed to provide adventure activities that include a Sky Trail course, a zip line across the Oklahoma River, an outdoor climbing wall and indoor surf park.

“We all want to see kids being more active outdoors, and this is going to be an adventure center unlike anything else in the country,” said foundation Executive Director Mike Knopp.

“While our focus is on youth, it's really going to appeal to people of all ages. SandRidge shares our commitment to bringing new and exciting energy to our community, and the adventure sports promise to do just that.”

Tom Ward, CEO at SandRidge Energy, noted his company already was supporting youth programs provided by the foundation along the river.

“With this contribution, the foundation will be able to expand its youth programs and also offer exciting activities for all residents and visitors,” Ward said. “The new facility and attractions will further enhance the Boathouse District, which has become one of the most exciting destination points in our city and state.”

Fundraising is ongoing for the project, which will cost between \$5 million and \$7 million. Knopp said construction will begin later this year on portions of the project already funded. The pavilion is designed by Elliott + Associates, which also designed the Chesapeake Boathouse, Devon Boathouse and Chesapeake Finish-line Tower along the river.

In addition to previously announced amenities in the 16,000-square-foot pavilion, the foundation announced this week an indoor surf park has been added into plans.

Similar parks exist at some of the more unique venues in the U.S., Europe and Asia and

many are part of a competition tour, Knopp said.



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