

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **Feb. 1** Last day to submit KAT-FISH Survey online
- **Feb. 12** First KAT-FISH Camp Committee Meeting. Interested? Email jgabelin@arthritis.org for more information.
- **April 30** KAT-FISH Camp Registration Deadline— more details to follow.
- **June 20-22** KAT-FISH Camp in Stanwood, WA

Five Minutes to the Beach

The beach is closer than you think—take five minutes and let us know what you and your family want to see at KAT-FISH Camp 2008. The survey can be accessed by clicking the following link:

[**KAT-FISH Survey 2008**](#)



This year's camp will be at Camp Warm Beach in Stanwood, WA, June 20-22. KAT-FISH Camp is a weekend family retreat for children and teens with arthritis and rheumatic conditions.

Juvenile Arthritis 101:

Community Resource Binders Available to Elementary Schools in King County

Maryam Rassoulia, a graduate nursing student at University of Washington, is currently heading a project to compile a community resource binder to educate teachers, parents, and school nurses about Juvenile Arthritis (JA). Maryam hopes to reach selected elementary schools in King County with this valuable tool.

Do your children attend King County Elementary Schools? If so, email Maryam the name of your child's school and she will make a resource binder available at that location.

Please send all school suggestions to:
maryamr@u.washington.edu

Top 10 Arthritis Events of 2007

1. Passage of FDA Legislation on Drug Regulation and Safety
2. Quantification of Work Limitation and Earnings Losses
3. Projections of Increases in Doctor-Diagnosed Arthritis and Arthritis-Attributable Activity Limitation
4. Identification of RA Susceptibility Genes STAT4 and TRAF1-C5
5. Uncovering the Importance of Cadherin 11
6. Development of a Woven Mesh for Cartilage Engineering
7. Approval of Lyrica for Treatment of Fibromyalgia
8. Availability of NIH's Osteoarthritis Data and Images
9. Quantification of Children with Arthritis and Number of Doctors Needed
10. Evidence of Benefit and Safety of Biologic Therapy in Children

To view the complete article, access the current issue of [**Research Update online.**](#)

Visions of Spring



Planning for a spring meet-up is about to begin. Meet-ups are informal get-togethers for KAT families. We are looking for a parent to host this first meet-up at the Aquarium in March (minimal time commitment).

Please contact **Julie Gabelein** at jgabelin@arthritis.org if you are interested in hosting the event.

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