## RIVERSIDE ARCHERS

**Proudly Presents the** 

Chris Adams' Memorial



## **Shoot 4 Life**

for



## **Aaiden Rico**

**Sunday, October 12** 

28 Marked 3D Targets

2 Arrows per Target



Tournament: 9:00am





Shoot Fee	
Adult	\$30.00
Husband & Wife	\$35.00
Family	\$40.00
Young Adult (15-17)	\$20.00
Youth / Cub (Under 14)	FREE
Seniors (55+)	\$15
Military	\$20



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## Aaiden Rico's Journey with Leukemia

My life changed days before my 12th birthday; I was diagnosed with leukemia. This filled me with fear and made me scared I was going to die. My life soon became full of doctors, hospitals, and treatments. My strength and courage were tested like never before.

I started chemotherapy, which made me feel very sick and turned my whole world upside-down. I experienced painful side effects: I lost my hair, became weak, and had difficulty getting out of bed. I felt I was losing myself. The more treatments I received, the harder things became. I developed kidney and liver damage and was diagnosed with diabetes. I was getting poked at every day. I had a feeding tube inserted, since I was unable to eat on my own. The scariest moment was when I began having non-stop seizures and was airlifted to Loma Linda Children's Hospital. That was when I wore a mesh cap full of wires over my bald head and when finally saw the worry in my Mom's eyes. On top of the physical pain, I experienced sadness and depression. I missed my friends, who were outside in the world, living normal lives.

Whenever I was scared that things were never going to get better, I found strength in my family. Their love always gave me hope. I also met James, a child support specialist at Loma Linda Children's Hospital, who helped support me. He often gave me comfort and always had words of encouragement. Today, I am in remission and, on October 9th, I will be 16 years old. I have learned to appreciate all the little things in life. My experiences have taught me the importance of hope, love, and resilience. Most importantly, this would not have been possible without God's guidance and presence

