



Crawling For Reid... One Rock at a Time



@ **Adventure**  
Off Road Park

**MARCH 4TH 2017**

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Charity Fundraising Event

## Reid's Journey

Reid Davis Underwood was born on May 20, 2014 in Atlanta, GA. The pregnancy was just as normal as the two previous pregnancies with Reid's older sister, Avery (5) and older brother, Barrett (3). When Reid was born, he was missing most of the skin on both feet, the skin on one shin up to his knee, the backs of his hands and a large spot on his back. Soon after, the delivering hospital transferred Reid to Children's Hospital of Atlanta (Egleston Hospital), where Reid was admitted to the NICU for 2 weeks. At that time, a biopsy test result confirmed the family's worst fears that Reid had what is considered one of the worst types of a disorder called Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB).

Reid has been under the care of Dr. Jakub Tolar at the University of Minnesota. He has participated in an experimental Bone Marrow Transplant that was designed to give Reid healthy stem cells from his sister, Avery. The hope is that this procedure will help him to create Collagen VII, which he is missing. While this is not a cure, it will offer Reid the best quality of life and prepare him for future treatments or a cure. Get more information at [Crawlingforreid.com](http://Crawlingforreid.com) and stay up-to-date on his progress on Facebook at [Crawling for Reid](http://Crawling for Reid).

**Our Goal is to raise the necessary money to:**

- Help with the family's medical expenses for Reid's care.
- Help with ongoing expenses related to the care of Reid throughout his life.
- Raise money for the University of Minnesota Foundation to help fund research to find a cure for this horrible disease.

### What you can do to help.

Join us for the **Crawling for Reid Event** at [Adventure Off Road Park](#) in South Pittsburg, TN. All gate fees collected will go to the total campaign goal.

**Date:** March 4th, 2017

**Who:** All ORV and ATV enthusiast, those who are interested in learning more about the sport, and anyone who wants to just come out to support Reid.

**Why:** It will be a great day to explore this awesome off Road park, have some great food, listen to some great music and have a chance to win some awesome raffle and auction items.

**Can't come:** The opportunities to help are endless: sponsor with cash, gift cards, products, resources or time. Please contact Bobby Underwood at [cru9@yahoo.com](mailto:cru9@yahoo.com)



Reid Davis Underwood

## The Disease

Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) is a rare genetic connective tissue disorder that causes painful blistering of the skin and the mucous membranes. It affects one in every 50,000 live births and can often times be fatal within the first year. Recessive Dystrophic EB (RDEB) is one of the major forms of EB, which is characterized by the absence of Collagen VII, which is one of the proteins that keep the layers of skin together. Severe cases of this condition involve widespread blistering externally and internally, disfigurement from repeated scarring and other serious medical problems. RDEB affects less than 1 per million newborns

- High risk for developing skin cancer
- Fusion of the fingers and toes from scarring
- Joint deformity
- Esophageal complications from internal scarring

**Cutting Edge Research that is providing hope for treating 5400 genetic disorders, including EB.**



Dr. Jakub Toler

Want to learn more:  
Check out this Youtube video about EB and the exciting work Dr. Toler is doing.

Cause the wave: Eddie Vedder and the EB Research partnership.

<http://youtu.be/QSjvD6msRoo>