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**SandRidge Energy to Fund Youth Pavilion and Adventure Attractions**  
*New Pavilion, Sky Trail™, Zip Line, Climbing Wall and Indoor Surf Park*  
*Planned for Oklahoma River*

**OKLAHOMA CITY** - Oklahoma City-area youth will have access to a variety of adventure activities at a new youth pavilion planned for the Boathouse District. The OKC Boathouse Foundation today announced that SandRidge Energy is donating funds for construction of a youth pavilion and adventure attractions in the Boathouse District on the Oklahoma River. 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. While our focus is on youth, it’s really going to appeal to people of all ages,” said OKC Boathouse Foundation Executive Director Mike Knopp. “SandRidge shares our commitment to bringing new and exciting energy to our community, and the adventure sports promise to do just that.”

“SandRidge is committed to supporting Oklahoma’s youth through a variety of community initiatives,” said Tom Ward, chairman and CEO of SandRidge Energy. “For several years, we have supported youth programs provided by the OKC Boathouse Foundation, and with this contribution, the foundation will be able to expand its youth programs and also offer exciting activities for all residents and visitors. 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.”

“We have had overwhelming community response since the project was first announced, and through SandRidge’s support, we’ve been able to take it to an even more exciting level with the addition of the indoor surf park,” Knopp said. “We’re going to begin construction later this year on the portions of the project which are funded, but we’re still seeking funding to complete the full project which is around \$5 to \$7 million.”

The pavilion will also include space for a wide variety of youth activities. It will include rowing and paddling elements, classroom and event space, and will be a central hub for OKC RIVERSPORT youth teams, summer camps and community events. The adventure sports will also be used for team building and corporate retreats, and will be accessible via a day pass to anyone in the community. The project was first unveiled in December.

“The youth programs provided by the OKC Boathouse Foundation have grown to a point where they need a permanent home,” said Greg Dewey, SandRidge Energy vice president of communications and community relations. “With this new facility, we believe that more young people who would not usually get to participate in these types of programs will be able to experience the fun and adventure of the Boathouse District, while most importantly being exposed to positive adult role models who can inspire and mentor them.”

### **Indoor Surf Park**

The 16,000 square foot pavilion includes plans for an indoor surf park similar to those found at select venues around the world.

“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,” said Knopp. “Including a surf park inside the SandRidge pavilion will give Oklahoma City a very unique water feature for people of all ages to enjoy year round and can also serve as a venue for national boarding competitions.”

“A decade ago no one imagined we’d become an international venue for rowing and kayaking,” Knopp said. “Surfing complements our other water sports initiatives and we see it both as a recreational center and a world-class competitive venue.”

### **Sky Trail™ and Zip Line**

The Sky Trail™ is a new approach to a ropes course concept. Participants clip into a safety harness at ground level, then climb, jump and swing across various adventure elements as they ascend to a height of four-stories. At the 75-foot peak they have the option of zipping across a 700-foot zip line spanning the Oklahoma River. A return zip line will bring them back to the north shore.

“The support from the city and the business community is making it possible for us to bring these exciting adventure features to the Oklahoma River,” said Knopp. “Thanks to SandRidge Energy, who shares our enthusiasm for this exciting development, we expect to start construction this summer.”

For more information, visit [boathousedistrict.org](http://boathousedistrict.org) or call (405) 552-4040.

### **About SandRidge Energy, Inc.**

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### **About the OKC Boathouse Foundation**

*The OKC Boathouse Foundation promotes the use and development of the Oklahoma River as a world-class urban aquatic venue and provides access to rowing, kayaking and fitness programs for people of all ages and abilities. OKCBF programs pursue the highest goals of sports and embrace the principles of the Olympic spirit which inspire athletes to work toward personal excellence, embrace the power of teamwork, and practice respect for all people and the environment. To learn more or get involved, call (405) 552-4040 or visit [okcbf.org](http://okcbf.org).*

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