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Bass event benefits 7-year-old

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The Ryan Foundation Bass Classic on Saturday at Lewisville Lake is the first tournament in which competitors can be guaranteed they won't come up empty-handed.

The event benefits 7-year-old Ryan Dent of Carrollton, who needs

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\$120,000 to fund treatment for a rare genetic disease.

Tournament organizer Robert Messier said the entry fee is \$150 for a two-person team, but teams can pay an additional \$10 to have half-a-pound of bass added to their total weight or a full pound for \$20.

"We're also accepting cash donations," said Messier. "I have a number of people who told me they won't be able to fish in the tournament, but they donated \$25, anyway."

Late registration for the Ryan Foundation Bass Classic is 6-9 p.m. Saturday at the Eagle Point Restaurant on Lewisville Lake. Eagle Point is the tournament headquarters. For more information, call (214) 578-RYAN.