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Guinness record bid in Thornhill

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By: Alex Karkheck

But you didn't know there's a world record for the longest floor hockey game.

The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization does one it's trying to break the Guinness record next month.

The event is from 8 p.m. April 14 to 9 p.m. April 15 at Rosedale Heights Public School, 300 Rosedale Heights Dr. in Thornhill. The record is 24 hours, held by a B'nai Britn chapter in Edmonton.

The players are hoping to raise a few thousand dollars for Shoot For A Cure Foundation for spinal cord research and Rebuild Homes, Rebuild Lives.

The latter foundation is sending as many as 15 of the players to New Orleans to help in Hurricane Katrina reconstruction.

Thirty B'nai Britn players from Thornhill, Richmond Hill, Markham, Aurora and Toronto are playing, organizer Ryan Bernknopt said.

Five-minute breaks are allowed hourly or players can accumulate them by playing longer.

Organizers are looking for people who can donate four hours to act as witnesses.

So far, witnesses include a representative from the Ontario Hockey Federation and gold medalist Paul Rosen of Canada's sledge hockey team.

You are welcome to watch, but space is limited, so get there early.

For more information, call Mr. Bernknopt at 416-398-2004, ext. 222.

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