

DELTA GAMMA EASTER EGG HUNT

Every year, Delta Gamma hosts an Easter egg hunt for the children of Gainesville and Alachua County. This year the event was held on March 23 at Kiwanis Challenge Park.

The egg hunt is put on for children who are blind or have disabilities, in coordination with the Delta Gamma Foundation and Service for Sight, an organization which helps people who are blind or have visual disabilities.

This may come as a surprise because for many kids growing up, Easter eggs were hidden and you had to search for them with your eyes. The eggs that the women of DG used were special beeping eggs, which give a soft beeping or chirping noise to help kids who can't see use their ears to find the eggs.

Along with beeping egg hunts, there were many other activities. Some included cookie decorating, face painting,



KELLI EICHORN
Delta Gamma

Kelli is a sophomore studying telecommunications. You may contact her at keichorn@gmail.com.

live rabbits to hold and play with, pictures with the Easter bunny, making bracelets and necklaces, coloring posters



I think the event went great! The most rewarding part was seeing the families becoming friends with each other and their kids having so much fun with our girls. - Jamie Schwarz



live rabbits to hold and play with, pictures with the Easter bunny, making bracelets and necklaces, coloring posters and creating take-home Easter baskets.

Junior Jamie Schwarz was in charge of the event and was responsible for booking the park, collecting all the necessary supplies and making sure the event went smoothly. She also coordinated with local family counselors to spread the word out to people in the area.

The kids came with family and friends, and spent the day playing on the playground, participating in the activities, and enjoying drinks and snacks. It's also a good way for parents of children with disabilities to meet other parents who understand their lifestyle.

"I think the event went great! The most rewarding part was seeing the families becoming friends with each other and their kids having so much fun with our girls. We tend to forget how hard it is on the parents of a child with a disability, so to see them connect with other families in similar situations was just really nice," said Schwarz.

Overall, the Easter egg hunt was a successful event with tons of families involved and kids running around the park playing. It was also an inspiring event for both the girls and the families.

Many times the children are not able to enjoy and experience the type of Easter that other kids do, and taking a day to spend one-on-one time with the children and make them smile seemed to be more than worth the while.

"A few of the families who have been coming for a while said it was the best one they had been to in a really long time," said Schwarz.

