A team captain and committee meeting for the 19th annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Dawson County will take place at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, at Cozad Library.

A special invitation was sent out to past team captains, said Pam Ackerman of Lexington, event chairperson.

“Everyone who comes to the meeting with intentions of getting their team together will receive a Relay gift,” she said. “We have a goal of 20 teams to participate in the ‘Round Up A Cure’ event this summer.”

Now is the time to register teams online at www.relay

forlife.org/dawsoncone and plan some spring and summer fundraisers. The website offers easy-to-follow instructions and will be a quick reference point to what is in store for the local event as well as Relays around the world.

“Team captains play a critical role in the local Relay For Life. They are the movers and the shakers. They rev up team spirit and motivate team members,” said Ackerman. “We appreciate all of their extra effort in our grassroots fight against cancer.”

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society’s national signature, overnight fundraising activity. Teams of eight to 15 members gather with tents and sleeping bags to participate in the largest fundraising walk in the nation. Relay For Life unites friends, families, businesses, hospitals, schools and churches… people from all walks of life. Teams seek sponsorship prior to the Relay, all with the goal of supporting a cure for cancer.

“The event raises awareness about the progress against cancer while also raising funds to fight the disease,” said Ackerman. “Individuals who are willing to give their time and energy to this exciting community event, as a volunteer or as a participant, have made a commitment to fight back against cancer.”

For more information, contact Ackerman at 308-324-2230 or email packerman1@unl.edu

Team captain duties include:

Recruit eight to 15 team members at work, church, community clubs, civic organizations, family, friends or neighbors.

Attend Relay captain team meetings.

Secure team commitment fee of $10 per team member from sponsor or team members. (The fee helps cover the costs of printing registration materials and other event overhead costs.)

Fill out paperwork completely.

Set a fundraising goal for the team and for individual members.

Encourage and plan team fundraising events.

Host team meetings. Recognize team successes and promote team spirit.

Encourage team members to turn in money by deadline. Account for all team money.

Encourage team members to sell luminaria and to write names or decorate the bags for the event.

Attend bank night to turn in the team’s money.

Develop a team theme for the team’s campsite at the Relay.