

# Orlando Boy's Love of Star Wars Draws Him to Participate in Star Wars Rival Run Weekend at Walt Disney World Resort This Weekend

Daniel Roberts, an 11-year-old from Orlando, was one of the many inspiring runners taking part in the Star Wars Rival Run Weekend presented by OtterBox, April 4-7, at Walt Disney World Resort, where more than 41,500 runners took part in various races.

Roberts was inspired to run his first 5K after losing his leg to cancer. His 2017 bone-cancer diagnosis led to 37 weeks of chemotherapy and the surgical removal of his right leg.

After being fitted for a lower leg prosthetic, he began physical therapy to relearn how to walk. Roberts was not interested in running until his physical therapist took him to the expo at last year's *Star Wars* race at Disney, and he was so inspired by the race weekend that he started training to run a race of his own. On Friday, Roberts completed his first-ever 5K race, a major milestone in his battle with cancer.

Roberts and other runners channeled the dark side or light side of the force during the galactic race weekend, which included *runDisney* Kids Races, a 5K, a 10K and a half marathon. There was also the *runDisney* Health and Fitness Expo, where runners checked out the latest in official *runDisney* race merchandise, fitness apparel, footwear, high-tech gadgets and nutritional products.