

2010 Dragon Boat Races & River Festival Team Packet

Welcome to the 2010 Dragon Boat & River Festival! We are thrilled to have your team competing in this river celebration to benefit two organizations working on behalf of our river, the Cumberland River Compact and Tennessee River Scenic Association. Below is the tentative schedule for the first set of races.

Race	Lane	Teams	9:00 AM	Place	Time
1	1	Schneider Electric 1			: .
1	2	Orient Express (CSX)			: .
1	3	D's Champion Rowing League			: .
1	4	Paddle Adventures Plus			: .
Race	Lane	Teams	9:12 AM	Place	Time
2	1	All Hands On Deck (Hands On Nashville)			: .
2	2	Inglorious BastOars			: .
2	3	The Miner Defects (Lhoist North America)			: .
2	4	Soggy Bottom Boat (CMT)			: .
Race	Lane	Teams	9:24 AM	Place	Time
3	1	Krollin' Down the River			: .
3	2	Blazing Paddles (lostudio)			: .
3	3	Bridgestone's Rowing Stones 1			: .
3	4	Lithographics Paddlin Piranhas			: .
Race	Lane	Teams	9:36 AM	Place	Time
4	1	The Entertainment Crew (Ingram Entertainment)			: .
4	2	Nashville Hiking Meetup 1			: .
4	3	Shen-Long / Mighty Dragon (CAAN)			: .
4	4	Pollution Prevention Pirates (Metro Water)			: .
Race	Lane	Teams	9:48 AM	Place	Time
5	1	Cumberland Crayfish (Cumberland River Compact)			: .
5	2	Music City Rowers of Gaylord Opryland			: .
5	3	Civil Serpents			: .
5	4	Team Green Giants			: .
Race	Lane	Teams	10:00 AM	Place	Time
6	1	Ingram Beach Bums (Ingram Marine Group)			: .
6	2	Barely A-Wake (Conservation Services Group)			: .
6	3	The Massey Machine (Belmont School of Business)			: .
6	4	TSRA Team 1			: .
Race	Lane	Teams	10:12 AM	Place	Time
7	1	Lightning 100			: .
7	2	Bridgestone's Rowing Stones 2			: .
7	3	Schneider Electric 2			: .
7	4	Nashville Dragons (Wal-Mart)			: .
Race	Lane	Teams	10:24 AM	Place	Time
8	1	AMEC ROWgue Waves			: .
8	2	Strokes of Genius (Brown & Caldwell)			: .
8	3	Team Trained Fury			: .
8	4	THDA House of Love Boat			: .
Race	Lane	Teams	10:36AM	Place	Time
9	1	Nashville Hiking Meetup 2			: .
9	2	Red Wave (Coke)			: .
9	3	TSRA Team 2			: .
9	4	Zeitlin VuVuZealots			: .

Race	Lane	Teams	10:48 AM	Place	Time
10	1	Team Looking Glass			: .
10	2	Schneider Electric 3			: .
10	3	Fulin's Asian Cuisine			: .
10	4	Third Rock & Row (Third Rock Consultants)			: .

Race Format

Great White North, Inc. is providing the race logistics and formatting. The time it takes your team to run the course in **your first race** will determine the division your team will be placed in for the remainder of the event. During the first race, you are racing against the time of all the teams in the event. The top eight times from the first set of races are placed in the A Division. The slowest eight times are placed in the E Division. In the second race you are only competing against the teams in your division. The top four teams in your division will be racing in the division final and the slowest four teams in the division consolation final. **Remember, you can never change divisions. This means that you better paddle well in the first race or you will lose out of having the opportunity to be in the grand championship final race.**

RACE DAY DETAILS (REQUIRED READING)

- **Check-in information:** All participants must check-in at the Participant Registration Table. We are registering participants this year by TEAM, so please find the line for your particular team. Registration opens at 7:00 am and every participant **must** check-in at the Registration Table. Each participant will receive a wristband and an event T-shirt. **Please note: All teams must be registered by 8:30 am.** A bag of ice will also be available for each team.
- **Waivers:** A paddler cannot participate without signing a waiver. If they did not sign the waiver online, they will have to do so on the morning of the race. **Captains** - if your team will have late arriving team members for any reason, they **must** be listed on the team roster at check-in and **must** sign the waiver when they arrive if they had not done so online.
- **Wristbands:** Each paddler who has signed the waiver either online or onsite will receive a wristband. Participants must wear these at all times during the event. **No person will be allowed to enter a boat without a wristband on.** Please keep your wristbands on for the after party at the Wildhorse.
- **8:00 AM: Mandatory Captains meeting.** A representative from each team **must** be at this meeting or your team may be disqualified. The meeting will be held at the **Race and Times Board**, near the **Finish Line Stage and Tent**.
- **8:30 AM: Opening the Eye of the Dragon Ceremony.**
- **9:00 AM:** Races begin. Each team will be racing three times during the day, approximately two hours apart. **Your team must report to the marshalling area approximately 40 minutes prior to each race.**
- **4:00 PM:** Anticipated last race time, if all goes smoothly. Depending on how your team does, you may end up in the final race at 4:00 PM. *This is a tentative schedule.*
- **Immediately following the conclusion of the last race – Awards Ceremony and After Party:** at the Wildhorse Saloon, main level.
- **Parking:** Downtown parking is available at pay lots and parking garages on the day of the event.
- A **Race Day Program** will be provided at registration. The program is also available for download at: www.nashvilledragonboat.com.
- A **Site Map** is included in the program.
- If all the members of your team are not present at the time of your scheduled race, your race time is forfeited.
- All participants and spectators are encouraged to bring a **refillable water bottle** for use during the day of the race. Teams are welcome to bring their own food or snacks. **No alcohol is permitted.**

FAQ's

- *How many times will we race?* Each team will race 3 times throughout the day approximately two hours apart.
- *What time do the races begin?* Races begin at 9:00 AM and will end at approximately 4:00 PM.
- *What time do we need to arrive?* **Please note: All teams must be registered by 8:30 am.** See attached race schedule.
- *Can we bring alternates to take our place if we can't stay all day?* Teammates need to commit to be there all day unless you have plenty of alternates to fill the gaps. If alternates are used, they must check in at registration, sign a waiver, be added to the team roster and have a wristband on.
- *What is the key to winning?* The key to winning is not how fast your team paddles but how well you paddle together.
- *How many people are actually in the boat?* Your team will need 20 paddlers and one drummer. We will provide a professional steersperson. You must have a minimum of 16 paddlers. You must also have a minimum of 8 women in the boat.
- *Will we get t-shirts?* Each registered participant will receive an event T-shirt when they check-in. Additional shirts may be purchased at the Cumberland River Compact tent.
- *How big is our team space?* Each team will be given a space approximately 15'x 20' to spread out.
- *Will there be any shade?* Teams can bring a 10'x10' tent for shade in their designated team area (no stakes are allowed). There will also be a large shade tent and a misting tent (thanks Metro Water!) on-site for people to get out of the sun. It is also advised to bring some umbrellas, wear a sun hat and sunscreen. Chairs and blankets are also encouraged.
- *Are there changing facilities at Riverfront Park?* No. However, port-a-johns will be available.
- *Will there be any place to store my keys or valuables?* No. Teams are responsible for securing all valuable items. The race organizers are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- *How much is it for spectators to attend?* **FREE!!** Invite all your friends, family and co-workers; anyone who can cheer for your team. A spirit award will be given out on race day.
- *Can I purchase food and beverages on race day?* Yes. Vendors will be available for food and beverage purchase. Teams will be provided with some VitaminWater. All participants and spectators are encouraged to bring a **refillable water bottle** for use during the day of the race. Teams are welcome to bring their own food or snacks. **No alcohol is permitted.**
- *Are pets allowed?* Yes, please leash and pick up after all pets.

Team Spirit

- One team spirit award will be given to the team with the best cheer/chant, costume, team logo, etc. Be creative! The more people that come out to cheer your team on, the better! Remember the event is **FREE** for spectators.

Awards

The first place winner (Grand Champion) of the 2010 Dragon Boat & River Festival will receive a replica of a Dragon Boat, medals to commemorate the day, website exposure and bragging rights for one year. Second and Third place teams will also receive medals to commemorate the day as well as mention on the website. Winners of the other divisions will also receive medals.

Other Features of the Festival

- **GEAR SWAP – New Addition:** Do you have outdoor gear (tents, backpacks, boots, etc.) gathering dust in your basement? Or are you looking for an inexpensive way to stock up on equipment? Bring your gently used gear to swap or sell to the Dragon Boat Festival! We'll have an area set aside for the first Gear Swap we've ever done at the festival. Note: gear bartering or selling is between individuals and will not be monitored or governed by the Dragon Boat officials.
- **DragonLand presented by the Cumberland River Compact – New Addition:** Bring your kids to DragonLand! Face painting will excite your kids and they will have a ball in the Bounce Castle and Slide. They will also have the chance to have their names written in Chinese and make Dragon Crowns with the help of the [Chinese Arts Alliance of Nashville](#). Kids can explore the Cumberland

and how barges work with RiverWorks Discovery. Then meet actual "Critters of the Cumberland" with local biologists who will introduce them to river critters who live in and around the river. While you are there, don't forget to get a picture with our very own mock dragon boat!

Official Race Rules

- Our officials follow US Dragon Boat Federation (USDBF) race rules. Please refer to the USDBF website for a copy of the rules if you are not familiar with them. <http://www.usdbf.com/>
- **Alcohol is NOT permitted.** Any race official and/or volunteer has the right to disqualify any team or team member whom they suspect of consuming alcohol during the event.
- Lifejackets will be provided for each team member but you are welcome to bring your own regulation vests, if you prefer.
- You can race with a minimum of 16 paddlers.
- Please make arrangements with guest paddlers before you arrive. They **MUST** preregister for the event by visiting <http://www.nashvilledragonboat.com/group>. They must do so before the end of the business day on Thursday, August 20th.
- Costumes are great as long as they do not compromise your personal safety, the safety of the crew, or others. FYI, this is a family event.
- The bottom line is good sportsmanship and safety. Penalties will be given for wake riding, crossing lanes if it impedes or endangers others and for general misconduct on land or in the water.