



**APRIL 25, 2009
OLD TRACE PARK
BARNETT RESEVOIR
RIDGELAND, MS**



On April 25, 2009, The Madison County Chamber of Commerce will host its second annual Madison County Chamber Dragon Boat Regatta at Old Trace Park, Barnett Reservoir, Ridgeland, MS

What is Dragon Boating?

The sport of dragon boating is over 2000 years old with its origins steeped in tradition. The pageantry, the colors, the mechanics of dragon boating are educational and present a view into the past.

The Legend of Chu Yuan

Over 2000 years ago Chu Yuan, poet, warrior and loyal aide to the emperor, fell victim to plots and deception and found himself out of favor at court. When the old emperor died, Chu Yuan was unjustly banished and wandered the countryside composing poems he hoped would be heard and heeded by the new emperor. His inconsolable desolation grew until one day he threw himself into the Mi Lo River. His devoted followers, learning of his death, rushed to search for his body. Fearing the fish might devour the body; they beat their paddles on the water and banged drums and gongs to frighten the fish. Today, athletes from around the world meet to commemorate Yuan's sacrifice for honor and justice in the form of Dragon Boat Racing.

Dragon Boat Racing Today

Dragon boat racing is the world's fastest growing water sport. It combines tradition with modern day teamwork, enthusiasm, and strategy. It is currently estimated that nearly 50 million people participate annually in dragon boat competitions world-wide. The majority race in China and the Far-East, with over 150,000 estimated participants in Europe; 50,000 in North America and 20,000 in Australasia.

The Madison County Chamber Dragon Boat Regatta

No prior experience is necessary to race dragon boats! The important thing to have is a competitive spirit and the ability to work together as a team. Synchronicity is more important than strength.



2009 CORPORATE TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

Please submit copy of form as soon as intent to participate has been determined. Teams will be registered in the order in which complete registration forms and payments are received.

Team Information

Company/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Team Name: _____

Team Captain: _____ Email: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Fax: _____

TENTS: One 10'x10' tent will be provided per team. If your team would like to provide your own tent (**up to 20'x20' maximum**) you may. It must be delivered and set up by 12:00 noon on Friday, April 24 and can be dismantled after Awards Ceremony on Saturday, April 25. Tents are assigned on a first come basis.

Will your team provide your own tent? YES NO

Entry Fee

Fee per dragon boat:

Chamber Members: \$1000.00 Future Members: \$1300.00 (includes 25 t-shirts).

Teams not submitting registration & payment by March 27, 2009 may forfeit team t-shirts. Please make checks payable to the Madison County Chamber of Commerce.

Sponsored By (as of 5.20.2008):



Madison County Chamber of Commerce
618 Crescent Blvd. Suite 101
Ridgeland, MS 39157
601.605.2554 (O) 601.605.2260 (F)



CORPORATE TEAM CAPTAIN TO-DO LIST

BEFORE THE EVENT:

- Recruit Team Members
 - Must be at least 18 years old
 - Must have a minimum of 5 females
 - Must have a minimum of 21 members with 4 alternates recommended
- Complete the team roster and return to the Chamber by March 27, 2009.
- Complete t-shirt order form and return to the Chamber by March 27, 2009.
- Coordinate Team Uniform – Be Creative!
(Team t-shirts/ costumes and war paint is encouraged!)
- Food and Beverage—*Alcohol is not permitted on the premises. You may bring any food and beverages that you can carry with you (vehicle access to the site is not permitted)
- Company tents are permitted – Set up by 3:00pm on Friday, April 24 and dismantle after Award Ceremony on Saturday, April 25 (20'x20' maximum per company) Best Decorated Tent Award will be presented.
- Communicate with Team Members all pertinent race information, including waiver and release form
- Encourage family and co-workers to join the fun!

DAY OF THE EVENT: APRIL 25, 2009

- Bring copies of team roster and waiver forms.
- Arrive by 7:30 am and check in at registration.
- Distribute wristbands to team members.
- Assemble all team members for opening ceremonies by 8 am.
- Clean Up: Pick up all trash and take down all banners before you leave.
- Wear comfortable clothes.

NOTE: There is no rain date!! We will race rain or shine. In the event of lightning or thunder, the event will be delayed until it is safe to resume activities. There will be no refunds.



CORPORATE TEAM ROSTER FORM

Team Name: _____ **Business Phone:** _____
Team Captain: _____ **Email:** _____

All team roster forms should be submitted no later than March 27, 2009 by email to dldyar@madisoncountychamber.com or fax to 601.605.2260.

- The roster shall be comprised of a 20 paddlers (including the Captain) a Drummer, and 4 alternates. (Minimum five (5) female paddlers on the boat.)
- Any team that allows a person not listed on the Team Roster or without a signed waiver to race will be disqualified.

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24	Alternate		
25	Alternate		



CORPORATE TEAM T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

Team Name: _____ **Business Phone:** _____
Team Captain: _____ **Email:** _____

All t-shirt order forms must be submitted no later than March 27, 2009 by email to dldyar@madisoncountychamber.com or fax to 601.605.2260

Shirts will be available for pick-up at the Team Captain's Meeting.

No.	Person's Name	T-Shirt Size (S, M, L, XL)	Pd. Extra * (XXL, XXXL)
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25	Alternate		

***Team members requiring XXL or, XXXL must pay \$3.00, at time of order**



CORPORATE TEAM MEMBER INFORMATION SHEET

Note: No team member will be allowed to participate without a signed waiver. Please make sure to complete this task with your captain prior to competition.

Arrival: All team members should arrive at Old Trace Park, Barnett Reservoir, between 7am and 7:45am on April 25. Please be on time and prepared to stay until the end of the Regatta (approximately 2:00 pm).

Parking: The Old Trace Park has parking available for all participants with overflow at Madison Landing (Cock of the Walk/Reservoir Pointe).

What to Bring: Come prepared to have fun! Dress accordingly because you will get wet and dirty! Optional: sunscreen, lawn chairs, dry clothes, towel, hat/visor, water bottle, snacks, team uniform/costume and sunglasses.

What is Provided: The Regatta provides all the equipment needed to participate including boat, paddles and lifejackets. Each team will be assigned an area for congregation during the Regatta. Teams may bring their own tents, food and beverages—however, alcohol is prohibited. A first aid station will be provided.

In Case of Inclement Weather: The event will be held rain or shine. In the event of thunder and lightning, the event will be delayed until it is safe to resume activities. Sorry, no refunds.

For more information, please contact your Team Captain.

**ATHLETIC WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY
MADISON COUNTY CHAMBER DRAGON BOAT REGATTA**

IN CONSIDERATION OF BEING ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY WAY IN THE MADISON COUNTY CHAMBER DRAGON BOAT REGATTA AND THE AMERICAN DRAGON BOAT ASSOCIATION DRAGON BOAT/PADDLING PROGRAM AND RELATED EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES, THE UNDERSIGNED:

1. Agrees that prior to participating, I will inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and if I believe anything to be unsafe, I will immediately advise my team captain or the chief dragon boat activity organizer of such condition(s) and refuse to participate.
2. Acknowledges and fully understands that I will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result from my actions, inactions, the negligence of others, the rules of play, or the condition of the premises or of any equipment used. Further, that there may be other risks not known to me or reasonably foreseeable at this time.
3. Assumes all the foregoing risks and accepts personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability or death.
4. Releases, waives, discharges and covenants not to sue the Madison County Chamber Dragon Boat Regatta organizers and sponsors, the Madison County Chamber of Commerce, the Old Trace Park, the Texas Dragon Boating Association, and/or the American Dragon Boat Association, its affiliate dragon boat clubs and /or committees and organizers, any coaches, trainers, sternsmen and other employees of the organization, other participants, sponsoring agencies, advisors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event, all of which are hereinafter referred to as the 'releasers' from any liability to the undersigned; his or her heirs and next of kin for any and all claims, demands, losses, or damages on account of injury, including death or damage to property caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of these releasers or otherwise.
5. Agrees to wear an approved life jacket properly fastened at all times while in the boat and to accept personal responsibility for informing myself of all safety rules and to abide by all such rules related to the activity.
6. Agrees to arbitrate any controversy, claim or dispute involving or relating to the following. ANY CONTROVERSY, CLAIM, OR DISPUTE INVOLVING OR RELATING TO THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE OR MY PARTICIPATION IN OR ATTENDANCE AT THE MADISON COUNTY CHAMBER DRAGON BOAT REGATTA SHALL BE RESOLVED BY BINDING ARBITRATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES THEN PERTAINING TO THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. SUCH ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS SHALL TAKE PLACE IN MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI. JUDGMENT UPON THE ARBITRATION DECISION RENDERED MAY BE ENTERED IN ANY COURT OF THE COMPETENT JURISDICTION.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE, AND UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE WAIVER AND ARBATRATION AGREEMENT TO BE IN EFFECT FOR ANY AND ALL ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE MADISON COUNTY CHAMBER DRAGON BOAT REGATTA AND THE AMERICAN DRAGON BOAT ASSOCIATION.

PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

WORK PHONE _____ HOME PHONE _____

PLEASE SIGN

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE: _____