



MAY 15, 2010
OLD TRACE PARK
ROSS BARNETT RESERVOIR
RIDGELAND, MS



COOKING SCHOOL





On May 15, 2010 the Madison County Chamber of Commerce will host its Second Annual Dragon Boat Regatta at Old Trace Park, Barnett Reservoir, Ridgeland, MS.

What is Dragon Boating?

The sport of dragon boating is over 2,000 years old with its origins steeped in tradition. The pageantry, the colors and the mechanics of dragon boating are educational and present a view into the past.

The Legend of Qu Yuan

Over 2,000 years ago Qu 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, Qu 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 Australia.

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.

About Great White North

Great White North (GWN) produces more than forty dragon boat events in places such as Toronto, Charlotte, Key West and Disney World to name a few. These events raise millions of dollars for community and charitable partners. GWN offers start-to-finish event management services, corporate team-building experiences, social marketing initiatives, premier training camps, and equipment sales and leases.

Paddlers' Party

To kick off this year's event, we will be holding a Dragon Boat Paddlers' Party on Tuesday, May 11th from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. This event is hosted and sponsored by the **Jackson Yacht Club**. Tickets are \$10 for each paddler and \$10 for guests. Ticket price includes free food and live music. Cash bar will be available. Music provided by Resource Entertainment Group, Susan Peabody, Agent for The Carlton's South Carolina Show Band. (www.REGJackson.com)

Children's Village

We will have a Children's Village sponsored by McGraw Gotta Go that will feature a Dragon Slide, Inflatable Obstacle Course and 2 jump houses. This activity is FREE so bring your family out to this great event!

Food Vendors

Food will be available on site. As of 4.16.2010 we have confirmed with Back Yard Burgers, Papa John's and Sno Biz. More coming soon!



2010 CORPORATE TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

Please submit a copy of the 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: _____

Entry Fee (fill in all that apply)

Chamber Members' Boat Fee: \$1000.00 = \$ _____

Future Members' Boat Fee: \$1300.00 = \$ _____

*boat price includes 1 hour practice prior to event

Individual Paddler: \$100.00 = \$ _____

*price includes 1 hour practice prior to event, ticket to Paddler's Party Event and Team T-Shirt

Paddler's Party _____ (# of tickets) X \$10/ticket = \$ _____

Waterfront space @ \$150 = \$ _____

***Only 12 spots available!**

* A space of 30x10 feet may be purchased for \$150 for your team set-up. Any team tents must be delivered and set up by 3:00 pm on Friday, May 14th and can be dismantled after the Awards Ceremony on May 15, 2010. Space is assigned on a first come basis.

Tent Rental = \$ Contact Chamber for Quote

Total Price \$ _____

Please make checks payable to the Madison County Chamber of Commerce.

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



2010 Event Map





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 May 6, 2010
- Schedule a team practice with the Madison County Chamber Office (available Wednesday, May 12th through Friday, May 14th)
- 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, May 14th and dismantle after Awards Ceremony on Saturday, May 15, 2010 (20'x20' maximum per company). Best Decorated Tent Award will be presented.
- Communicate all pertinent race information, including waiver and release form with Team Members.
- Encourage family and co-workers to join the fun!

DAY OF THE EVENT: MAY 15, 2010

- 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 Thursday, May 6th by email to info@madisoncountychamber.com or fax to 601.605.2260.

- The roster shall be comprised of 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.

No.	Paddler's Name	Sex	Date of Birth	Signed Waiver
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24	Alternate			
25	Alternate			



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 the competition.

Arrival: All team members should arrive at Old Trace Park, Barnett Reservoir, between 7:00 AM and 7:45 AM on Saturday, May 15th. Please be on time and prepared to stay until the end of the Regatta (approximately 2:00 pm).

Parking: 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.

MADISON COUNTY DRAGON BOAT REGATTA WAIVER FORM

DO NOT SIGN THIS WAIVER FORM FOR ANY OTHER THAN YOURSELF. BY SUBMITTING THIS FORM, YOU ARE WAIVING IMPORTANT LEGAL RIGHTS. PLEASE READ THIS FORM CAREFULLY.

1. This Waiver covers my participation in any one or more of the following Dragon Boat activities:

- (a) Dragon Boat practices at Old Trace Park;
- (b) The Madison County Chamber Dragon Boat Regatta;
- (c) Any other event involving dragon boat racing/practices/instruction/clinic if the Madison County Chamber is involved.

2. Participating in any of the above listed activities involves risks, dangers and hazards. For example, a boat could capsize or boats could collide in good or bad weather. An approved personal flotation device ("PFD") is required to be worn by all participants at all times while on the water. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any participant that does not wear a PFD acknowledges the decision to wear or not wear a PFD is their own. I am aware that by participating in any of the above activities I am risking personal injury, death, or damage to property, whether or not I am wearing a PFD. I accept and assume those risks.

3. I release the following companies, including, but not limited to, their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, independent contractors, sponsors and volunteers:

- (a) The Madison County Chamber of Commerce
- (b) Great White North Communications Inc.
- (c) Great White North Communications Ltd.
- (d) City of Ridgeland
- (e) City of Ridgeland Parks and Recreation
- (f) City of Ridgeland Fire Department
- (g) Pearl River Valley Water Supply District
- (h) The North American Rowing Association

(all of whom are referred to as the "Releasees" in this Waiver Form) from any and all liability for any loss, damage, injury or expenses that I may suffer, whether directly or indirectly, and whether arising now or in the future, as a result of or arising from my participation in any of the Activities listed above, no matter how caused.

4. If someone sues me for negligent acts or omissions, I agree not to claim contribution or indemnity from any of the Releasees. I release the Releasees from all liability that could arise from such a contribution or indemnity claim.

5. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless any and all of the Releasees from and against claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from my participation in any of said Activities.

6. I confirm that I have attained the age of 18 years or if not, my parent or guardian has signed this Waiver.

7. I recognize and agree that I am not allowed to participate in any of the above listed activities unless I sign this Waiver, and therefore I am receiving a benefit in exchange for signing this Waiver and it is binding on me. I agree that this Waiver is also binding on my heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives.

8. I will allow my picture and name to be used in publications as a result of my participation.

This Waiver shall be construed and interpreted under the laws of the State of Mississippi. I further agree that proper jurisdiction is in Madison County.

Team Name: _____

Paddler Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

County: _____

Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Gender: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

If under 18, consent must be provided from legal guardian.