

10TH ANNUAL PENSACOLA DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Northeast Pensacola SERTOMA Club's Signature Community Event and Fundraiser



Saturday, October 12TH, 2024

Races and Festival, 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Bayview Park, Pensacola, Florida



REGISTER YOUR TEAM

A Dragon Boat Team has 20 paddlers, drummer and alternates

Registration Includes:

A full day of competition, team building, fun and festivities; on and off the water.

Equipment supplied (paddles, life jackets, dragon boat vessel - properties of the Dragon boat company).

On-site paddle training and safety review from Dragon Boat Company the week before the race.

Participation in three or more races.

Each team receives a large space in the Athlete's Village at Bayview Park for a canopy, chairs, coolers, etc.

Qualified experienced steerer from the Dragon boat company in each boat during race.

Custom-made awards for 1ST, 2ND & 3RD Place, Team Spirit, Best Dressed Drummer, Most Funds Raised and Others!

The day's event consists of dragon boat races, athlete's village festivities, arts & craft vendors, and food vendors, that attracts over 7,500 spectators and participants. Participating Dragon Boat teams represent local and out-of-town, businesses, churches, community agencies, and community non-profit organizations.

What is a Dragon Boat Race?

A dragon boat is a long, narrow canoe that seats 20 paddlers in 10 rows. A steersperson standing in the stern uses a 9' oar as a rudder and a drummer at the bow of the boat by the dragon's head. Dragon boating originated in Hong Kong in 1976, but its historical roots can be traced back to more than 2,000 years ago in China. During races, dragon boaters typically paddle in sync along a 250m or 500m racecourse toward the finish line. You may be surprised to learn that it is one of the fastest growing team sports in the world. There are more than 50 million people worldwide participating in dragon boating each year. Teams and competitions are currently found in over 57 nations.

There is only room for 40 teams in this year's race. So, sign up early. All paddlers, alternates, & drummer must sign a liability waiver form prior to start of the races. The minimum age to paddle is 12 years of age w/ permission by legal guardian. Liability Waiver forms will be turned into the Dock Master the day of the race. To guarantee a spot for the 2024 Festival, an initial Registration Fee of \$500 is required. Balance due by Thursday, October 3, 2024. Teams through their own competitive fundraising efforts can pay the registration fee at causevox.com.

Deposit or full payment at time of registration can be made online. All fees must be paid in full by the Captain's Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 3RD, 2024. Failure to pay the full registration fee and provide complete liability waiver by all team members will result in a forfeiture of all previously paid fees.

Teams are encouraged to create a "Team Theme" which would include team costumes and tent decorations. Teams are encouraged to help in the fundraising on behalf of Gulf Coast Kid's House and Escambia County Public Schools Foundation.

Each team will be provided a 10'x10' space in the Athletes Village. Food vendors, beverages, beer and our famous Dragon Juice will be available for sale. Please, No alcohol may be brought to the festival.

Dragon Boats will be available for practice starting the week before the festival. Practices will include the basics of paddling and racing. Each team will have the opportunity to have (2) Two 1-Hour Practices with a professional steers person.



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