



WILLAMETTE RIVER FESTIVAL PADDLE PARADE INFORMATION & ENTRY FORM

Please read carefully and answer all questions.

PADDLE PARADE 2024: ALTON BAKER BOAT RAMP TO RIVER WOOD BEACH / VALLEY RIVER CENTER

NAME(s) OF ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL(s) ENTERING PARADE:

PRIMARY CONTACT NAME:

EMAIL: _____ **PHONE:** _____

DESCRIPTION OF WATERCRAFT (check one that best describes your entry):

- SUP
- Kayak or Canoe
- Raft/Driftboat
- Catamaran
- Tube
- Packraft
- Other: _____
- Group Watercraft Entry (please describe what kind of watercraft below and indicate number of watercraft in your group here: _____)

SPECIFIC DETAILS/THEME OF ENTRY (Example: one raft with six people with PRIDE theme, or 30 unicorn tubers, or driftboat with four crew members fly-casting from the boat ... etc. This is very important so we can provide the proper amount of space for lining up the parade entries.)

Will there be music on your entry (check one)?

- YES
- NO

Will you be utilizing our shuttle service or self-shuttling (check one)?

- YES, I will park my vehicle at the take out and catch a ride back to Alton Baker Park.
- NO, I have my own shuttle figure out, but thanks!

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING PARADE DETAILS CLOSELY.

Safety is paramount and rivers are unpredictable, and so are humans. Please be aware that **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY AND THAT OF ANY PASSENGERS ON YOUR WATERCRAFT, AND ANY DAMAGE TO YOUR WATERCRAFT AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPATING IN THE WILLAMETTE RIVER FESTIVAL PADDLE PARADE.**

PFDS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES.

HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL SMALL WATERCRAFT, INCLUDING SUPS.

The parade will begin at Alton Baker boat ramp, with **registration check-in at beginning at 8:30AM at Alton Baker Boat Ramp.** Please check in before unloading your watercraft at the Alton Baker boat ramp, to line up for the parade. Line up will happen on first-come, first served during registration check-in. **ALL ENTRANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN A LIABILITY WAIVER ON SITE DURING CHECK-IN.**

Once your boat is situated in line, you may drive your rig to Valley River Center to park *behind Regal Cinemas*, where you can access the primitive boat ramp access across the bike path, past the tan shed (visible from the parking lot closest to the river). We will have a shuttle running from this area of the VRC parking lot to Alton Baker boat ramp.

All participants are welcome to utilize our City of Eugene Recreation shuttle bus to help you get your car down to Valley River Center before the parade begins. There is no cost for this service, but we will only be providing this service prior to the parade. **The last shuttle from Valley River Center back to Alton Baker will leave at 9:30am from behind Regal Cinemas. Please plan to self shuttle if you cannot make the trip with your vehicle to VRC before 9:30am.** All Paddle Parade participant vehicles must be parked in the Alton Baker main parking area if you are not utilizing the VRC shuttle service. **NO PARKING AT THE BOAT RAMP!**

Once the parade is over, you can choose to leave small watercraft on the Festival site at River Wood Beach for folks to enjoy viewing, and walk across the VRC footbridge near the Festival site to access your vehicle at your convenience for loading after the Festival is over -or- you can ferry directly across the river at your convenience to the VRC boat ramp to load your boat and come back to the Festival.

While the purpose of our parade really is to provide a safe, fun, and enjoyable group float experience, everyone who participates is eligible to receive a prize based on creativity and audience reaction.

Some ideas include:

Organizational/Business/Cause – who is supporting rivers in our community? Make it loud and clear – bring out your employees, wear your colors, create some fun signs and brag about who you are and what you do!

Love Your Willamette! – create your own theme to show us how much you LOVE YOUR WILLAMETTE! Dress up in costume, throw a dance party on your drift boat, create a 50-person rainbow unicorn floatilla... the only limitation is your imagination!

NO ONE IS REQUIRED TO DRESS UP OR DECORATE YOUR WATERCRAFT – but we will be giving out awards on stage at the Willamette River Festival at 3:25PM – and you could win one of many awesome prizes donate by area businesses and paddle industry partners!

PLEASE EMAIL ANY QUESTIONS AND COMPLETED PARADE ENTRY FORMS TO:
michelle@willametteriverkeeper.org.

Thank you for participating in Willamette River Festival's Paddle Parade!