



Dear Fellow "Floaters":

The 2011 Juniata RiverFEST is the Juniata River Valley's SIXTH Annual 4th of July Celebration at Victory Park. **Juniata RiverFEST is set for Saturday, July 2nd, 2011.** We hope to make this event an annual "homecoming" for all residents and non-residents wishing to experience our good natured community at its finest!

We are pleased to have you and your group participating in the Juniata RiverFEST Raft Regatta! Each team must construct and take part in the race with a *river-worthy vessel*, and paddle, push or float over the finish line (hopefully before sinking!) The Regatta will begin at 10am* at the Waterside Campground & RV Park (formerly known as Locust Campground) Juniata River Access. After a 4.7 mile float, the finish line will be at the Juniata River Access by Victory Park.

The requirements are simple and are included in the enclosed Rules & Regulations. Be as creative as possible with your raft and costumes. A panel of selected, distinguished representatives will serve as judges for the Juniata RiverFEST Raft Regatta. Awards will be given for the following:

- ☆ Juniata River Otter – First to cross the finish line!
- ☆ Titanic – Most likely to sink or sink.
- ☆ Regatta Queen – Most spectacular or prettiest looking.
- ☆ Ugly Duckling – Most unattractive looking.
- ☆ Uncle Sam – Most patriotic themed float.
- ☆ Most Original – Most original themed float.
- ☆ Best Themed – Best themed raft and costuming on crewmembers.
- ☆ Best Dressed Team - The costumes may be funny, spiffy, or elegant...but they must be creative!
- ☆ Team Spirit Award ~ most-spirited and best-organized (?) team ... the looks of the boat don't count here!
- ☆ Juniata River Turtle – Last (by time) to cross the finish line.

To enter this fun-filled Juniata RiverFEST Raft Regatta, please complete the Registration Form and Release and Authorization Form. Return completed forms with payment by June 10th, 2011 to receive your FREE T-shirt. Your team may also sign-up the day of. The RiverFEST Regatta Committee will confirm applications for participation the week of June 20th, 2011.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (717) 248-6713 or via email at riverfest@juniatarivervalley.org. We look forward to working with you!

You Gotta' Regatta!

Jill Haubrick

Juniata River Valley Visitors Bureau
Juniata RiverFEST Chairperson

**Time for the actual race start is subject to change pending the number of raft entrants.*

2011 Juniata RiverFEST Raft Regatta Rules & Regulations



1. Date, Location, and Time:

- a. Saturday, July 2nd, starting at the Waterside Campground & RV Park and ending at the Juniata River access by Victory Park in Lewistown, PA.
- b. The Waterside Campground & RV Park in Lewistown, PA is the starting location for the Raft Regatta. Final Registration will begin at 8:30am. Regatta will begin at 10am. (Times are pending with the # of raft entrants.) In the past some of the larger rafts have put in the night before. You must contact us at 717.248.6713 or email riverfest@juniatarivervalley.org if you plan to do so.
- c. Victory Park will be the primary location for RiverFEST. **Entertainment, Food & Activities will be held throughout the day.**
- d. **The Juniata River Access in Lewistown (by Victory Park) is the finish line. Your time will be marked by crossing the access line.** The float typically (pending water conditions) is a three hour float. Finish line times will be recorded until 3pm. If your raft comes in after this point and you want your time recorded you must have your team captain go to the information booth and report your time OR call 717.250.1447 and report your raft # and time across the finish line.
- e. **RiverFEST will be held rain or shine.**

2. Registration:

- a. Juniata RiverFEST Registration forms are available on www.juniatarivervalley.org and from the Juniata River Valley Visitors Bureau office in the Historic Courthouse on Monument Square in Downtown Lewistown, PA. Phone: 717-248-6713, Fax: 717-248-6714. Registration forms are available via email as well. Send email to: riverfest@juniatarivervalley.org requesting one.
- b. **Completed Registration, Release and Authorization Forms, and payment must be received by June 10th, 2011 to receive your FREE t-shirt.**
- c. **RAFT APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL THE day of EVENT! Please let us know if you will be showing up the day of.**
- d. *All entrants must sign the Release and Authorization Form.*
- e. Final registration, raft judging and staging of the races will begin at 8:30am (Times are pending with the # of raft entrants) at the Waterside Campground & RV Park Juniata River Access.
 - i. The day of final registration: when arriving at the Waterside Campground & RV Park, line up your vehicle on the right hand side of the road behind the line of rafters. There will be signage to direct you. Parking is available – follow the signage for it. You must register at the registration table to let us know you are here. You will receive your raft number and parking pass at the table.

3. Raft Specifications:

- a. Rafts must be safe and non-polluting.
- b. Rafts cannot be made from a commercially built watercraft or parts from commercial rafts, boats or canoes.
- c. Barrels, kegs, bottles and other containers must be cleaned and not leave residue in the river.
- d. The raft must be human powered (no electric or gas motors.)
- e. Rafts may be propelled by hands, feet, homemade paddles or homemade sails.
- f. All ropes and other construction materials must be tightly secured to avoid ensnarement of participants.

4. Safety:

- a. **Each member of the crew on the raft must have/wear a Coast Guard Approved personal floatation device.**
- b. Crewmembers must wear shoes at all times to protect the feet from possible injury. Old tennis shoes or boat shoes are recommended.

- c. DO NOT launch ANYTHING (ex... water balloons) at the people that are on the banks of the Juniata River. They are on the banks of the Juniata to watch you float down the river...not get hit with a water balloon. If you do, you will be asked to vacate your raft and not be allowed to participate ever again. We have eyes and ears watching throughout the day. It's true...
- d. Interference with another entry or unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification.
- e. Disabled rafts must be retrieved by their crews.

5. Clean-Up:

- a. The crew is responsible for removal of the raft and all remnants. THIS must happen the day of the event unless you ask permission otherwise.
- b. UPON crossing the finish line... YOU must remove your raft and take it with you. There will be **NO "taking apart"** of your raft at the access. It creates too much traffic and back-up of those behind you.
- c. You will be given ONE parking pass for the Lewistown Access. This is for the pick-up of your raft at the finish line. Your pick-up must have the pass in order to gain access to the area. Other public parking will be available on South Main Street (across from Kish Bank) and MCIDC area.
- d. Drivers... Be patient! Wait your turn and take all precautions when loading your raft onto your vehicle. This is a HIGH traffic area!

6. Prizes & Entry Fee's

- a. Entry fees are \$10 for each person on the raft.
- b. A panel of judges will rule the race, judging rafts for qualifications & timing, picking winners, presenting awards and overseeing the races. The judgment of the panel is final.
- c. Awards will be announced in the Sentinel as well as listed at the information booth after 3pm. (Minus the turtle award.) You may check to see if your team has won and pick up award that day.

d. Awards will be given for the following:

- **Juniata River Otter** - First to cross the finish line!
- **Titanic** - Most likely to sink or sink.
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7. Other Information:

- a. Alcohol is prohibited at the Waterside Campground & RV Park and Victory Park.
- b. Safety is the main goal. Responsibility of a designated driver is a MUST when removing your raft at the finish line. Added security personnel will be added to ensure this.**
- c. Raft Participants that are under the age of 15 must have an adult accompanying them or parental consent signed by name on raft form.

8. Contact/Questions:

- a. Any questions may be directed to Jill Haubrick at the Juniata River Valley Visitors Bureau. Address: Historic Courthouse, One West Market Street, Lewistown, PA 17044. Phone: (717) 248-6713. Fax: (717) 248-6714. Or Email: riverfest@juniatarivervalley.org.



Juniata RiverFEST Raft Regatta

2011 Registration Form

Saturday, July 2nd, 2011

Start: Waterside Campground & RV Park,
Lewistown, PA

Finish: Juniata River Access near Victory Park

FREE T-SHIRT TO EACH CREWMEMBER IF WE RECEIVE THIS FORM BEFORE OR ON JUNE 10th, 2011. RAFT APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL THE day of EVENT!

Organization or Team

Name: _____

Captain Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Office or Cell #: _____

Email: _____

Best time to be reached: _____

Theme: _____

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| Crewmember #1: _____ | Crewmember #7: _____ |
| Crewmember #2: _____ | Crewmember #8: _____ |
| Crewmember #3: _____ | Crewmember #9: _____ |
| Crewmember #4: _____ | Crewmember #10: _____ |
| Crewmember #5: _____ | Crewmember #11: _____ |
| Crewmember #6: _____ | Crewmember #12: _____ |

PRE-REGISTER YOUR CREW BY JUNE 10th, 2011 to get a FREE 2011 RiverFEST Raft Regatta T-shirt. Please indicate quantity under sizes. Quantities will be limited the day of the event and are \$10 EACH to bystanders.

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people on raft: _____ **x \$10 =** _____

Total: _____

Make check payable to: JRVVB

Please send completed form and money to: Juniata RiverFEST - c/o Juniata River Valley
Visitors Bureau - Historic Courthouse - One West Market Street, Lewistown, PA 17044
Fax: (717) 248-6714 - **Email:** riverfest@juniatarivervaley.org ~ **Phone:** (717) 248-6713



2011 Juniata RiverFEST Raft Regatta

Jointly Sponsored by:

The Juniata River Valley Visitors Bureau, Juniata Valley Area Chamber of Commerce, & Waterside Campground & RV Park

RELEASE AND AUTHORIZATION

I acknowledge that **The Juniata RiverFEST Raft Regatta** jointly sponsored by the Juniata River Valley Visitors Bureau (JRVVB), Juniata Valley Area Chamber of Commerce (JVACC), and the Waterside Campground & RV Park (WS) activities are competitive events and my participation is voluntary and done in recognition and acceptance of any risks involved in these activities.

Recognizing that the JRVVB & JVACC are nonprofit organizations relying on many corporate sponsors to assist in presenting various activities, and in consideration of the sponsors allowing me to participate in the **Juniata RiverFEST Raft Regatta**, and the acceptance of my entry, I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound hereby, for myself, my heirs, shareholder, agents and their representatives, do hereby release from any and all liability and claims, whether legal, equitable or administrative, for any physical or emotional injuries, property damage sustained by me as a participant in this event.

This release is intended to apply to the JRVVB, JVACC, WS, the Borough of Lewistown, and all sponsors to this event, as well as all persons or other organizations associated with the Juniata RiverFEST Committee or otherwise acting under their permission or authority for this competition. I agree to abide by any decision of an event official relative to my ability to compete in this event and I further agree that event officials may authorize necessary emergency treatment for me.

I hereby grant full permission to the JRVVB, JVACC, and WS or any of the above said parties to use any photographs, videotapes, motion picture recordings, or any other record of this competition for any legitimate purpose without charge or payment to me.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING WRITTEN ABOVE.

Signature of Crewmember #1: _____ DOB: _____ DATE: _____

Signature of Crewmember #2: _____ DOB: _____ DATE: _____

Signature of Crewmember #3: _____ DOB: _____ DATE: _____

Signature of Crewmember #4: _____ DOB: _____ DATE: _____

Signature of Crewmember #5: _____ DOB: _____ DATE: _____

Signature of Crewmember #6: _____ DOB: _____ DATE: _____

Signature of Crewmember #7: _____ DOB: _____ DATE: _____

Signature of Crewmember #8: _____ DOB: _____ DATE: _____

Signature of Crewmember #9: _____ DOB: _____ DATE: _____

Signature of Crewmember #10: _____ DOB: _____ DATE: _____

Signature of Crewmember #11: _____ DOB: _____ DATE: _____

Signature of Crewmember #12: _____ DOB: _____ DATE: _____