

Ralls County Kayak Race

Fall 2017 Safety Letter

Thank you're your interest in the Ralls County Kayak Race. Please read the safety letter below and let us know if you have any questions!

We will have kayak and canoe races. In regards to the kayak race, we will have solo or tandem divisions and open or sea kayaks. **For simplicity we will determine what division you are in on race day.** That way we avoid any confusion.

This is our first year letting canoes participate. For the simplicity of the race for the first year all canoes will race in the same division.

We will be launching from the Ray Behrens Boat Ramp.

Registration will begin at 8am. At this time we will determine what division you will race in. We will also do safety inspections.

Prior to launching there will be a MANDATORY safety meeting for all participants at 8:45 am at the launch site. Please be registered and ready to go prior to the safety meeting.

When you arrive you will need to:

- Sign the waiver for each racer (even if you signed it online)
- Fill out an emergency contact form for each racer
- Have an approved life jacket for each racer
- A whistle that is attached to the life jacket
- Sufficient water, food and sunscreen for you to complete the race (no alcohol will be allowed)
- Program the race contact number 573-470-3315 in your cell phone and the phone of your ground crew. If for any reason you withdraw from the race please let us know immediately.

Numbers will be issued at registration and must be displayed on both sides of your kayak or canoe with no other numbers visible during the race.

We will have safety boats on the water provided by the US Army Corps of Engineers and if possible the Water Patrol.

You will not be able to stop for any reason other than a necessary stop or an emergency. If you stop for any other reason you will be disqualified from the race and you will no longer be under the supervision of race officials and support boats.

Also, if you take any short cuts on the course you will be disqualified. Please be considerate of the route and everyone participating.

We will not be regulating any boat traffic on the lake. Please be aware of other boaters and watercraft.

The race map will be posted on the Ralls County Health Department's website (www.rallscountyhealth.org) and our Facebook page.

Blackjack Marina will be providing concessions at the end of the race. When you have completed the race please stop by and see them.

Camping is available at the Ray Behrens Campground on a first come first serve basis. You can make a reservation online at recreation.gov.

We hope you enjoy the race!