

# CUMBERLAND RIVER CHALLENGE -- Canoe and Kayak Race

## Saturday, September 23, 2017

Sponsored by Union College U-Canoe, Appalachian Wilderness Club  
& Barbourville Tourism For more information: call 606-545-9674

**Check-In or Event Day Registration: 9:00 – 9:30 AM, September 23, 2017**

Thompson RV Park, 538 South Main Street Barbourville, Kentucky  
If needed, RV and Campsites may be available, call 606-627-2532.

### Five Boat Classes

Pre-Registration Form: (Age 18 & up;) check the class you are entering

**Youth: Age 11 to 17 Restricted to tandem canoe; must have legal guardian signature & paddle with them**

\_\_\_\_\_ Tandem canoes up to 17 ft. in length

\_\_\_\_\_ Solo canoe up to 17 ft. in length

\_\_\_\_\_ Kayak: 13 ft. or less

\_\_\_\_\_ Kayak: Over 13 ft. up to 17 ft.

\_\_\_\_\_ SUP: All lengths (*Stand Up Paddleboards*)

Prizes Awarded for: Overall winner and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> in each class

\*Kayak Classes may be combined depending on number of entries

**(Shuttles will take canoes/participants to the put-in point.)**

### Entry Fee:

INDIVIDUALS: \$20 per person (LATE REGISTRATION Event Day: \$25 per individual)

TEAMS: \$40 per team (LATE REGISTRATION Event Day: \$50 per team)

UNION STUDENTS: \$10 per student for Union College Students (ID required)

**RACER INFORMATION: Do want to rent a canoe or kayak? \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ List: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Racer #1 (For our information only, are you certified in swift water rescue? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Racer #2 (For our information only, are you certified in swift water rescue? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT IN FULL MUST BE RECEIVED WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

Total registration amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Checks should be made payable to: **Barbourville Tourism Commission.**

**We accept Visa and MasterCard ONLY: Credit card: (circle one) *Visa* *MasterCard***

Number on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3-digit security code: \_\_\_\_\_ Name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_

- A limited number of rental canoes are available on a first come, first served basis before September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- All liability forms and waivers included in this packet must be completed & submitted with registration.

**WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

Liability Release: In consideration of your accepting this entry I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, hereby, for myself, my heirs, assignees, personal representatives, executors, administrators, and next of kin release and indemnify, and hold harmless Cumberland River Challenge, its parent and affiliated companies, the officers, officials, directors, shareholders, agents, event sponsors, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and leasers of the premises and property used to conduct the event (“Releases”), with respect to any and all injury, found to have caused in whole or in part by my negligence or intentional misconduct, whether arising from the negligence of the releases, or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law. In consideration for permission to participate in any Cumberland River Challenge, I (“Contestant”) hereby grant Cumberland River Challenge, its assignees, event sponsors, and/or licensees (including television production companies contracted by Cumberland River Challenge), the unconditional right to use my name, voice, image, image in a video format while participating in Cumberland River Challenge and/or instructions in any medium whatsoever, including but not limited to video/audio productions, merchandising, promotions, articles and/or press releases, in connection with the Cumberland River Challenge without restriction as to changes or alterations at any time. I understand that I will not be entitled to receive any compensation.

Racer 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Racer 2: \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, Legal Guardian signature

**U-Canoe of Union College and Barbourville Tourist & Recreation Commission**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND RESPONSIBILITY AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

**WARNING: THIS ACTIVITY REQUIRES STRONG SWIMMING ABILITY.** There are significant elements of risk in any adventure, sport, or activity associated with water sport type risk, the outdoors, the presence or use of any type of watercraft and the use of related equipment, and activities incidental thereto (*referred to herein as “activity”*). Although we have taken reasonable steps to provide you with appropriate equipment and/or skilled staff so that you can enjoy an activity for which you may not be skilled, this activity is not without risk. Certain risks cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the activity. The same elements that contribute to the unique character of the activity can be causes of loss or damage to equipment, or cause accidental injury, illness, or in extreme cases, permanent trauma or death. For your safety and that of other participants, prior to using any equipment, it is important that you understand applicable boating laws and rights of way. We do not want to frighten you or reduce your enthusiasm for this activity, but we do think it is important for you to know in advance what to expect and to be informed of the inherent risks.

**Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS:** I acknowledge that the following describes some, but not all, of those risks: (1) changing water flow, tides, currents, wave action, and ships’ and boats’ wakes; (2) collision with any of the following: the watercraft or equipment upon which I am the operator or passenger, other participants, other watercraft, and manmade or natural objects; (3) wind shear, inclement weather, lightening, variances and extremes of wind, weather, and temperature; (4) my sense of balance, physical coordination, ability to operate equipment, swim, and/or follow directions; (5) collision, capsize, sinking, or other hazard which results in wetness, injury, exposure to the elements, hypothermia, or drowning; (6) getting in and out of the craft; (7) travel, including travel to or from the activity; (8) the presence of insects, marine life forms, or hazardous or poisonous plants or animals; (9) equipment failure or operator error; (10) heat or sun related injuries, including sunburn, sunstroke, or dehydration; (11) cold related injuries such as hypothermia or frostbite; (12) fatigue, chill, and/or dizziness, which may diminish my/our reaction time and increase the risk of an accident; (13) contact with garbage, debris, and/or pollution.

I am (we are) aware that this activity may entail risks of injury, illness, or death. I/we understand the description of these risks is not complete and that unknown or unanticipated risks may result in injury, illness, or death. **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY:** I/We agree to assume responsibility for the risks identified herein and those risks not specifically identified. My/our participation in this activity is purely voluntary. No one is forcing me/us to participate. I verify

that I am physically fit, not under the influence of alcohol or drugs at this time, and sufficiently qualified, trained, and capable to participate in these activities. Therefore, I assume full responsibility for myself and any minor children for which I am responsible for bodily injury, illness, death, loss of personal property, and expenses thereof as a result of any accident which may occur. I/we elect to participate in spite of the risks. I am responsible for protecting my skin and eyes from the elements. **I agree to wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (life jacket) while participating in the activity. I also agree not to consume or possess alcohol or illegal drugs while participating in the activity, and not to participate in the activity while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.** Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

I assume the risk(s) of personal injury, accidents, and/or illness, including but not limited to sprains, torn muscles and/or ligaments, broken bones, eye damage, cuts, wounds, scrapes, abrasions and/or contusions, dehydration, drowning, oxygen shortage (anoxia), exposure, head, neck, and/or spinal injuries, bite or attack by animal, insect, or marine life, allergic reaction, shock, paralysis, hyperthermia, hypothermia, infectious disease, and death occurring during water sports activities, transportation to and from the river or other waterway, or at any other time or during any other activity while I am contracting U-Canoe of Union College and/or Barbourville Tourist & Recreation Commission's services. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH:** I recognize that you, provider of services, will operate under covenant of good faith and fair dealing, but you may find it necessary to terminate an activity due to forces of nature, medical necessities, or other problems, and/or refuse or terminate the participation of any person you judge to be incapable of meeting the rigors or requirements of participating in this activity. I accept your right to take such actions for the safety of myself and/or other participants. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZATION:** I hereby authorize any medical treatment deemed necessary in the event of any injury while participating in this activity. I either have appropriate medical insurance or, in its absence, agree to pay all costs of rescue and/or medical services as may be incurred on my/our behalf. I agree that any film, photographs, video, or digital images of me/us as participants becomes your property and may be used for promotional or commercial purposes. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE:** In consideration of services or property provided, I for myself and any minor children for whom I am parent, legal guardian, or otherwise responsible, any heirs, personal representatives, or assigns, that: **U-CANOE OF UNION COLLEGE, AND BARBOURVILLE TOURIST & RECREATION COMMISSION**, their principals, directors, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers, their insurers, and each and every landowner, municipal and/or government agency upon whose property activity is conducted, and their insurers, if any, shall have no liability of any nature for any and all damages to me and other persons or properties as a result of my acts, omissions, negligence of the "owner" or any other person (including myself) or entity and I hereby release and discharge the owner and insurer, if any, for any damage. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned also assumes full responsibility for any lost or damaged equipment and has inspected and deemed the equipment in good working order. A minimum \$25 fee will be charged to locate lost equipment. Fees for lost or damaged equipment will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**I HAVE READ THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS, AND RESPONSIBILITY AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT I MAY BE WAIVING VALUABLE LEGAL RIGHTS.**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DRIVER'S LICENSE OR UC STUDENT I.D.#: \_\_\_\_\_

PARTICIPANT'S NAME (PRINTED): \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT: NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ANY KNOWN ALLERGIES TO PLANTS, INSECTS, OR MEDICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2017 Cumberland River Challenge Rules

1. The 2017 Cumberland River Challenge is a canoe and kayak race of approximately 15 miles, from the put-in downstream of the Kentucky Utilities plant near Four-Mile to the boat ramp at Thompson RV Park in Barbourville, Kentucky. The race will take place rain or shine, but race officials may call for a postponement in the event of threatening weather or extremely high water levels.
2. Paddlers must be at least eighteen years of age to enter, and must complete a race application and release of liability form.
3. Paddlers must complete the entire race in the same boat.
4. There will be five boat classes.
5. Race officials will inspect each boat prior to the race. All boats must be structurally sound and flotation devices are recommended. Upon safety inspection if it is deemed your boat is unsafe due to construction or wear, you will not be permitted to race and your entry fee will be refunded.
6. Canoes may be propelled only with single-bladed paddles. Kayaks may be propelled only with double-bladed paddles. Other devices or techniques that might be used to provide or facilitate propulsion (oars, oarlocks, thole pins, rowing, sails, motors, foot-operated paddles, etc.) are prohibited and will result in disqualification.
7. Each paddler must wear a Coast Guard approved type III personal flotation device while on the river. The flotation device must be fashioned snugly and properly adjusted while the paddler is on the river.
8. Paddlers may not tie themselves into their boats or secure themselves within their boats by any means except those with appropriate quick-releases (spray skirts with grab loops, quick-release knee straps, etc.)
9. Each paddler must attend a pre-race safety briefing at the conclusion of registration process.
10. Paddlers will be given emergency telephone numbers and a list of potential takeout spots during the safety briefing.
11. The race will begin with a yacht-racing style start, in which boats must remain behind a designated start line until the start whistle is blown.
12. Safety boaters will follow the race and offer assistance if necessary. Paddlers must obey all directions by safety boaters or other race officials.
13. Paddlers may not interfere with other boats or paddlers. Paddlers must stop to help other paddlers in the event of an emergency.
14. Paddlers may not trespass on private property and should not leave the river except in the event of an emergency.
15. When a boat withdraws from the race, the paddler or paddlers must make every possible effort to notify race officials. No boat may re-enter the race after withdrawing.
16. The finish will be recorded on video in order to determine finish order. Decisions of race officials are final.

**Failure to comply with any of the above rules may result in disqualification from the event.**

**Mail completed registration/payment to: Barbourville Tourism, P.O. Box 1766, Barbourville, KY 40906.**

**Registrations can be dropped off at the Tourism Center located on 117 High Street, M – F from 9 to 5.**