

August 1-2

— 2025 —

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DRAGON BOAT *Races*



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Fort Wayne, IN**

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TEAM REGISTRATION

WHAT IS DRAGON BOAT RACING?

Dragon boat racing is a traditional water sport that originated in China over 2,000 years ago. It involves teams of paddlers propelling a long, narrow boat decorated like a dragon, complete with a dragon's head at the front and a tail at the rear. The boats are typically 40 to 50 feet in length and can accommodate up to 20 paddlers sitting side by side. A drummer is positioned at the front of the boat, setting the pace for the paddlers with rhythmic drumbeats, while a steersperson guides the boat from the rear. By entering a team for this event, your organization will gain exposure while creating a unique and lively team building experience. The sport promotes teamwork, physical fitness, and a sense of community, making it a thrilling and inclusive activity for participants of all ages and skill levels.

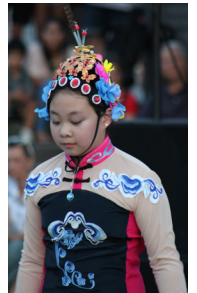
FORM A TEAM AND JOIN THE FUN!

The Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department and Riverfront Fort Wayne invite your company, organization or group of friends to participate in the 2025 Fort Wayne Dragon Boat Races at Promenade Park. The fun begins on Friday, August 1st at 6:00 p.m. with the Opening Ceremony performed by the Chinese Friends and Family Association, live music, food trucks and lighting of floating firepits on the St. Marys River. Teams are encouraged to come early (4:00 p.m.) to set up their team tent in the Athletes' Village on the Auer Lawn. The competition begins Saturday morning August 2nd at 9:00 a.m. with the ceremonial "awakening of the dragon" by dotting its eyes. Racing continues throughout the morning and early afternoon. On-shore games and contests keep the friendly competition going until a champion is crowned.

2025 Goals

The 2024 Dragon Boat Races are poised to embrace a comprehensive set of goals that extend beyond the traditional realm of competitive racing. Primarily, the event aims to prioritize,

- Team building by implementing specialized workshops, training sessions, and collaborative activities that foster a strong sense of camaraderie among participants.
- The race seeks to serve as a cultural celebration, emphasizing Chinese traditions through cultural performances, educational initiatives, and immersive experiences that impart a deeper understanding of the sport's rich heritage.
- Quality of life enhancement is a pivotal objective, encouraging an active and healthy lifestyle through wellness programs, and fitness activities and river recreation.



GREAT FOR TEAM BUILDING!





FORT WAYNE DRAGON BOAT RACES

2025

TEAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTER YOUR DRAGON BOAT NOW!

- Single Team Registration Fee : \$1,250 before 5/1 \$1,500 after 5/1 \$1,000 non-profit
- Team registration ends on July 11, 2025. Full payment must be made at the time of registration. Team rosters must be submitted on race day.
- Team Captains will receive a Captain's Manual upon registration with complete details.
- Your team must consist of 20 PADDLERS, one of whom is designated as the CAPTAIN and one as a DRUMMER (drummers cannot weigh more than 160 lbs). Team members must be at least 16 years of age.
- Each team that registers will race their boat a minimum of two times on event day.
- Your team's registration includes one practice. Practice time will be scheduled on Tuesday through Friday the week of the event. (A schedule will be available at riverfrontfw.org/dragonboatracess)
- All of the necessary equipment will be supplied for your team during practices and on event day including boat, life vests, paddles and steerman/coach.
- Opening Ceremonies start at 6 pm on August 1 with live music, food trucks, set-up of Athletes Village and floating firepits. Teams are encouraged to attend, however, it is not mandatory.
- Races start at 9 am on August 2.

How to Register:

Complete the registration form and return with payment to:

Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation, 705 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN

46805 or scan and e-mail to riley.hollenbaugh@cityoffortwayne.org.

PRO TIP

GET CREATIVE WITH YOUR TEAM AND STANDOUT!
T-SHIRTS, WRIST BANDS, HATS, ETC. MAKE YOUR TEAM UNIQUELY YOU!



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TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

A team consists of: **A Captain**

A Drummer

(must weigh no more than 160lbs)

20 Paddlers

(including the Captain)

After submitting the team registration, please follow the payment instructions on back for securing your Dragon Boat Race entry.

Company/Organization

Team Contact Name

Email

Mailing Address

City/State

ZIP

Daytime Phone Number

TEAM NAME AND CAPTAIN INFORMATION

Team Name

Captain's Name (First and Last)

Email

Cell () -

Team/Company Bio

Send completed form to:
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705 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Payment information on back.

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PRO TIP

WIN THE AWARD FOR BEST TEAM NAME!

“DRAGON TAILS”

“WINGING THIS”

“40 ARMS OF FURY”

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Follow the payment instructions below for securing your sponsorship and/or Dragon Boat Race entry.

- ☐ **Team Registration \$1,500** ☐ **Early Team Registration (by May 1) \$1,250**
☐ **Team Registration for non-profits \$1,000**
☐ **Included in sponsorship for _____**

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- ☐ **Payment included** (Complete payment instructions below)
- ☐ **Please send me an invoice**

METHOD OF PAYMENT

- ☐ Cash
- ☐ Check
- ☐ MasterCard
- ☐ Visa
- ☐ Discover

CHECK PAYMENTS

If paying by check, please make your check payable to **“Board of Park Commissioners”**/FW Dragon Boat Races

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

Card Number - - - Exp Date CVV

Name as printed on Card

Billing Address

City/State _____ ZIP _____

Signature _____

SEND OR DELIVER COMPLETED FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

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705 E. State Blvd. Fort Wayne, IN 46805
 or scan and email to **Jriley.hollenbaugh@cityoffortwayne.org**

Questions? Contact **riley.hollenbaugh@cityoffortwayne.org** or **260-427-6248**.