

Media Release

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High School Dragon Boat Challenge has record-breaking number of teams!

The 2009 Manitoba High School Dragon Boat Challenge has 6 teams more than last year for a total of 38 teams. That means almost 800 kids from across Southern Manitoba will converge on the Red River this weekend.

Sunday, May 31st
Winnipeg Canoe and Kayak Centre
80 Churchill Drive
9:00am – First race
3:00pm – Junior High Championship Final
3:15pm – Women's Championship Final
3:30pm – High School Championship Final



Teams from Winnipeg, New Bothwell, Sanford, Selkirk, Steinbach, Oakbank, Powerview and Grunthal have not only been training but also fundraising in anticipation of the event. The Manitoba Paddling Association has chosen KidSport as the festival's charity. In past years, participants of the MPA Dragon Boat festivals raised enough money for more than 250 underprivileged children to participate in sport!

The festival promises a safe and enjoyable weekend featuring dragon boat racing, team building, entertainment and much more. The 2009 High School Dragon Boat Challenge is a family friendly event.

The Manitoba Paddling Association (MPA) is the recognized sport governing body in Manitoba for all competitive paddling sports, including canoe, kayak and dragon boat. Clubs, programs, events, coaching, training, funding, administration, and competitions from local to international make up the foundation of the Manitoba Paddling Association. With current member clubs servicing 4 regions of Manitoba, in Selkirk, Morden, Minnedosa, and Winnipeg, the MPA is working towards accessibility and opportunity for all Manitoba residents.

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