

Subject: Paddle for Pink - Community Dragon Boat Festival NJ

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Paddle for Pink

Dear Parents of FCC,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Macheistic Dragons, New Jersey's first breast cancer survivor dragon boat team. Although an ancient Chinese tradition, as you may already know, dragon boat racing is very popular in the breast cancer survivor community because it has been found to be a therapeutic activity that rebuilds upper body strength, prevents lymphedema, and provides the emotional support and camaraderie that breast cancer survivors need to heal.

These women, and even some men, are literally and figuratively all in the same boat. Our program provides the structure and means for survivors to train to compete in dragon boat events while becoming empowered to overcome the physical, psychological, and emotional effects of battling breast cancer and rebuild self-esteem. Our team's annual fundraising event is the Paddle for Pink Community Dragon Boat Festival held in Mercer County Park, West Windsor, NJ.

This year's festival will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2009. Our festival brings together members of the community to form teams of 20 or more paddlers and a drummer to compete in "fun" races.

Proceeds from the festival benefit the Princeton YWCA Breast Cancer Resource Center and our team.

I am writing to you to make you aware of our Paddle for Pink Community Dragon Boat Festival and to invite you and your families to attend and participate in our festival. This

year we will have a "Youth" paddling division for ages 13 - 17. Children ages 13 - 17 may also paddle with adults in the "Community" paddling division.

The registration cost for a team is \$600 and includes 2 practice sessions at Mercer County Park Lake prior to the festival at your convenience, and 3 races on festival day. (For more information about entering a team please see the information at the end of this message.) Besides the races we will also have Dragon Boat rides available for young children accompanied by an adult, as well as various Chinese entertainers, a DJ, Silent Auction, Kiddie Korner, food vendor, etc.

We try very hard to respect and honor the Chinese tradition of Dragon Boat Festival and I hope you will consider attending and paddling in our festival as part of your children's Chinese cultural education.

For more information about the Machestic Dragons, please visit www.machesticdragons.org.

For more information about the Third Annual Paddle for Pink Community Dragon Boat Festival please visit www.paddleforpink.org.

Again, I hope you will be able to visit us on Sunday, June 7 at the third annual Paddle for Pink Community Dragon Boat Festival in Mercer County Park, West Windsor, NJ to expose your children to the fun Chinese tradition of dragon boat racing while supporting a worthy cause.

With best regards,
Luanne Arico
on behalf of the Machestic Dragons

2009 PADDLE FOR PINK ENTRY PROCESS

TO ENTER AS TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL:
send completed form and payment to:

Machestic Dragons
PO Box 2540

Hamilton Square, NJ 08690

follow up with email to:

entry@paddleforpink.org or call to:

732-890-6136

TO ARRANGE FOR PRACTICES:

2 - 50 minute practices included with entry fee

Send email to: practice@paddleforpink.org

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additional team practices = \$50

TEAM DESCRIPTION:

Required by April 17 for inclusion into event program.
Tell us about your team (150 word) with a team photo
send to: program@paddleforpink.org
with your team name in the subject line.

REGISTRATION AND WAIVERS

Registration Package (rev 2/10)

Team registration, waiver statement, team signature waiver
Registration deadline = May 26, \$50 late fee for
registrations received after May 26

Note: Guardian signature required for anyone under 18 years old on June 7, 2009.

ENTRY FEES:

Individuals = \$35

Teams = \$600 (up to 22)

Entry includes 3 heats, 2 practices

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