



MILL CREEK YACHT CLUB IS DOING ANOTHER CLEANUP BY CANOE.



Starting in April 1995, this community service has been done in concert with Reading Litter Cleanup Day and The Great American Cleanup. The **Twentieth Annual Mill Creek Cleanup by Canoe** will concentrate on the Mill Creek Valley communities of Reading and Lockland. (A few may launch canoes in Evendale).

The pay is zero, the weather is iffy and the working conditions are worse than what chain gangs endure. But the camaraderie is great and the feeling of accomplishment is real. If you accept the risks* and decide to go, contact Annie Rahall at (513) 563-8800 (work), 703-1610 (cell) or arahall@millcreekwatershed.org. Details follow:

Gathering Time: 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 18th, 2014

Gathering Place: Koenig Park in Reading; at the southwest corner of Columbia Avenue and Koenig Street. We will gather at the park's main shelter on Koenig and walk or carpool to the starting places.

Starting Place: Columbia Avenue/Smalley Road Bridge in Reading. (We might also launch canoes in Evendale.)

Ending Place: We will at least go as far downstream as the Benson Street/Wyoming Avenue Bridge, hope for the Koehler Avenue/Davis Street Bridge, and try for the Clark Street Bridge.

Distance: No more than two miles, but it will feel like more.

Elapsed Time: Two to six hours, depending on whether you want to join us for part of the cleanup or hang around for the cold beers and victory toasts at a Reading bar afterward.

Special Gear: As a required safety precaution, personal flotation devices will be provided. Waterproof boots are recommended to minimize your contact with the water. They will be available for about three people without their own. If you want to borrow boots, come early with extra socks. Waterproof gloves will be available. Newcomers will be given Yacht Club T-Shirts.

Warning*: Ohio EPA recommends no contact with waters of the Mill Creek because it can have high levels of fecal coliform bacteria and other pathogens from time to time, especially within 72 hours of a rainstorm heavy enough to cause combined sewer overflows.

It is your personal choice on whether to participate, based largely on the strength of your immune system and your willingness to take a calculated risk. If you have an open cut or weakened immunities, you should not go. You must be 18 or older to board a canoe or wade the creek with us. Spectators of all ages and health conditions are welcome.

You will need to be sure-footed in some places. Be ready to climb out of the canoe to get past shallow spots and low-head dams. Potential safety hazards include sudden drop-offs, hidden holes, slippery algae, submerged obstacles and jagged objects. Germicidal gel and a simple first-aid kit will be available.

Waiver: If you volunteer for the Mill Creek Cleanup by Canoe, print and sign your name on the hold harmless agreement found on the back of this flyer and hand it to Annie Rahall.

Tools: The following have proven handy for Mill Creek cleanups: big shovels, little shovels, spud bars, crowbars, bolt cutters, ratchet pullers, ropes, chains, Peavey poles, sledge hammers, pruning saws, hacksaws, mattocks, grubbing hoes, axes, hatchets and knives.

Drivers: We need to set up shuttle vehicles at the expected ending place(s). If you can help, contact Annie Rahall at (513) 563-8800 (work), 703-1610 (cell) or arahall@millcreekwatershed.org.

Weather: An updated weather forecast will be emailed to the registrants shortly before the event. The Mill Creek is subject to flash flooding, so we would refrain from paddling during or shortly after a rainstorm.

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KAYAK CANOE OUTRIGGER DRAGON BOAT SUP



AMATEUR ATHLETIC WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

READ BEFORE SIGNING.

Name of EVENT: 20th Annual Mill Creek Cleanup in Reading/Lockland

COVERAGE DATE: 4/18/14

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in this sports activity, related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that: The risk of injury from the activities involved in this sport is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death; and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and, I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others and assume full responsibility for my participation; and, I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual or significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such hazard to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and, I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS the **PADDLESPORT RISK MANAGEMENT, LLC; & Mill Creek Watershed Council of Communities;** their officers & directors, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, volunteers, coaches, steerers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("RELEASEES"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE. I also acknowledge that photographs and video may be taken of me in my participation in, and attendance at this event, and hereby freely agree to allow without restriction all uses of such photos and videos in the reporting of this race, and/or in the promotion of this event, its location, other sporting events, sport in general, and/or related purposes. I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Address: _____

(Participant/Member Name: PLEASE PRINT)

Signature: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION) This is to certify that I, as parent/legal guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above, of all the Releasees, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law. I further agree to the photographic and video release set forth above.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name & Address: (PLEASE PRINT) _____

Address: _____ Emergency Contact # _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____