

# Volunteers

**Take part in the FOURTH ANNUAL Great River Rendezvous Race on the Mississippi River!!!**

The **Great River Rendezvous** is the Mississippi River Water Trail Association's second annual canoe and kayak race on the Mississippi River from Grafton, IL to West Alton, MO. Over 50 racers will compete. There are two events: a 18-mile sport race and a 10-mile social paddle. Both benefit the Mississippi River Water Trail Association with a spotlight on paddling the Mississippi River and the newly developed water trail. The **Great River Rendezvous** will make a donation from the race proceeds to a local charity. Saturday, May 22nd will be the official race packet pick up day in Grafton, IL.



**Volunteer Needs:** Volunteers are needed for two shifts (9 am- 1 pm & 1 pm- 5 pm). The morning shift volunteers will help with check-in. The afternoon shift volunteers will help with awards ceremony and assist with cleaning up.

**To volunteer or learn more about this opportunity:** Email [RiversProject@usace.army.mil](mailto:RiversProject@usace.army.mil) or call 618-462-6979. Visit our website for more information at [www.greatriverwatertrail.org](http://www.greatriverwatertrail.org). We need between 10-20 volunteers to make this happen, and we hope you will be one! The Mississippi River Water Trail Association, Established in 2008, coordinates paddling events on the Mississippi River and supports the Mississippi River Water Trail on the Upper Mississippi River in pool 24, 25, and 26. .

**2010 Great River Rendezvous May 22, 2009.  
Volunteer Signup Form**

Name:

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Address:

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Phone:

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E-Mail:

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List the number(s) from the list below in which you would be interested in helping with:

Social Paddle (2 People) Piasa Creek Boat Ramp to Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary  
Social Paddle pre-meeting  
Check in paddlers  
To lead and follow up the social paddle

Race (3-4 People) Grafton Public Boat Ramp to Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary  
Check in  
Assist racers to offload boats or put boats into the water  
On the water Safety (Not racing, however following along)

3. Race Finish Line (3 People)  
At Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary  
Time Keeper  
Race Log (Recording each racers, name, number, and official time)  
Photos of each racer  
Stop watch, race log, camera will be provided

4. Visual Assistance (2 People)  
Visual safety assistance (Keeping watch via a vehicle along the Great River Road)  
To be additional set of eyes along the race route

5. Skills Clinic (4 People) (Time 11am-2pm)  
The skills clinic will be going from 11am to 2pm  
There will be no set times or set things you have to talk about.  
Idea is to get folks into a canoe or kayak and let them try it out.  
This will be a "walk-up" clinic. There will be no formal registration or cost to the participants. You would just be helping who ever walks up and wants to try it out.  
All boats, paddles, lifejackets will be provided.

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6. Paddle Challenges (2 People)

Race a Ranger  
Kayak vs. Canoe  
Demonstrations

7. Shuttles

From Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary to Piasa Creek Boat Ramp then on to Grafton Public Boat Ramp.

Please list what you're able to help with (trailers, transport people, transport boats, etc...):

8. Will help wherever needed.

This form can be mailed, emailed or faxed. Forms will be submitted to Phil Manhart. Phil can also email a copy of this volunteer sign up form that can be filled out electronically.

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