

# **Paddle Down da Bayou 2019 Information**

## **Sponsored by Terrebonne Advocates for Possibilities**

**When:** Saturday, April 6, 2018 Time: 9 AM

**Where:** Chauvin, LA, at a privately owned LLMAP Camp (6090 Hwy 56) .6 mi below Toussant Foret Bridge on Hwy 56, Chauvin, LA.

Paddlers may paddle pirogues, canoes, kayaks, paddleboards or other non-motorized small boats. All paddlers **MUST** wear life jackets.

### **Cost:**

\$30 for 18 yrs. and over, \$20 ages 8-17 yrs. Ages 7 and under are free with a participating parent (with an option to purchase a t-shirt for \$10 and meal for \$5). This covers the cost of T-shirt, light breakfast, lunch, beverages, souvenir miniature hand carved paddle, insurance, and entertainment.

### **A General Explanation of How the Trip Will Work:**

The entire paddle trip is approximately 5 miles. After leaving the launch site, paddlers will have a rest stop at Chauvin Sculpture Garden and then proceed to the take-out site at a private Terrebonne Parish Government boat launch (5160 Hwy. 56) which is .3 mile south of Capital One Bank.

Paddlers must then pick up their boats and drive 1 mile up the bayou (North) to the Little Caillou Volunteer Fire Department pavilion (5016 Hwy 56) for the after-trip celebration.

### **Launching:**

Paddlers should arrive at the launch site by 8:15 am to pick up T-shirts and registration packets. Only those who pre-register before March 22 are guaranteed a t-shirt of the size ordered (with their name listed with other pre-registered paddlers on the back of shirt) upon arrival. Late registrants may not get a T-shirt if supply runs out.

Paddlers must leave their boats at the beginning launch site at the privately owned LLMAP Camp. Paddlers must then drive their vehicles to the TPG boat launch before the event and park there. They will be shuttled back by volunteer drivers using their personal vehicles. The last shuttle will leave TPG boat launch by 8: 45.

**Notice: Depending on the direction of any forecast strong winds, the launch and take-out sites may be reversed. This will be announced on Facebook and website by Thursday preceding the event.**

## **Amenities:**

Breakfast snacks and beverages will be available at the launch site. Bottled water will be provided. Lunch (jambalaya, white beans, shrimp boulettes, salad) will be served at the fire station along with music and kid's activities. A volleyball game between the Down da Bayous vs the Up da Bayous will be played after the meal for those interested in participating. Door prizes will be given. Restroom facilities will be available at the start, rest stop, and fire station.

**Non-paddlers** are welcomed to participate in all the after-trip activities, and lunches must be purchased for \$10 by Wednesday, April 3. Non-paddlers may also order t-shirts for \$15 each by March 22. This can be done online or by mailing in an Extra Meal order form or Non-paddler T-shirt order form.

## **Rentals:**

Ten double kayaks and 8 single kayaks are available for rental for \$15 per boat on a first come, first serve basis. All rentals must be reserved by Early Deadline Registration date, March 22.

**Miscellaneous:** When driving your vehicle down to the end pick-up site to launch your boat, please limit the number of riders to one or two.

## **What to Bring:**

Gloves, cell phone in waterproof container, sunscreen, lip balm, mosquito repellent, snacks, water bottle, rain gear, a friendly smile!

## **Physical Requirements:**

Paddling is a very physical activity that requires repeated motions. Prepare your muscles before the trip. Try out your system at least once before the event!

## **Registration:**

Go to our website <https://paddledowndabayou.org> to register online.

To register by mail, go to website to download registration and information forms or pick up forms at Piggly Wiggly or Wolfe's Pharmacy in Chauvin. You may also request forms by email from [leeleet@charter.net](mailto:leeleet@charter.net).

**Notice: Weather is unpredictable. If this event cannot be held on April 6, 2019 due to severe weather predictions, the paddle event will be re-scheduled once more for Saturday, April 13. T-shirts and meals will be offered on the rescheduled date, but no refunds will be given.**

**IN CASE OF AN MEDICAL EMERGENCY, CALL 911.**

**For other non-medical emergencies call Kurt @ 856-5268 or Evey @ 804-5155. For other questions, call or text Lee Lee @ 804-5151 or email @ [leeleet@charter.net](mailto:leeleet@charter.net)**