

South Yadkin River Canoe & Kayak Race Rowan County, North Carolina



The South Yadkin River is a scenic river that flows liesurely along the border between northern Rowan County and Davie County. The six miles of the river between Highway 601 access and the Hannah Ferry access flows through undeveloped areas, much of it forested, conservation land.

On May 12, 2018, that stretch of South Yadkin River becomes the site of the South Yadkin River Canoe & Kayak Race, a United States Canoe Association (USCA) affiliated and North Carolina Canoe Racing Association (NCCRA) event. The participants range from competitive canoe and kayak racers to recreational paddlers who just want to have fun.

This year will be the 33rd year of the race that was started by a group of canoeing and kayaking enthusiasts led by Sam Bonds and Jeff Gobble. Jack Kepley, Scoutmaster Emeritus Troop 448, made hand carved miniature paddles for the awards of the first race. Troop 448 scouts participated in the race for many years and in recent years were involved in making framed certificates to award place finishers in each category. After many dedicated years of service and support from Davie County, the original group was not able to continue to organize and coordinate the event. In 2013, Troop 448 took over the responsibility to organized and conduct the race. The event could not be held without the support of many volunteers. Rowan Rescue Squad provides safety personnel on the water, Davie County provides shuttle service, Troop 448 coordinates all activities and provides refreshments and most importantly, the sponsors of the race who make contributions to help fund the event.



Why is the South Yadkin River Canoe & Kayak Race important?

- Promotes outdoor activities and participation in paddling sports
- Provides participants the experience of paddling along the river in undeveloped areas, highlighting the South Yadkin River and the beauty of nature
- Promotes tourism and activities in Salisbury, Rowan County, and surrounding communities
- Provides a USCA and NCCRA event for competitive canoe and kayak racers
- Provides a safe event for recreation paddlers that includes emergency personnel on site, portable toilet facilities at start and finish line, and shuttle service
- Offers a safe, fun outdoor event for all age groups and skill levels

Joins us for a great paddling event on May 12th, 2018. Please consider being a sponsor to highlight your company and to support the community.

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