

# SCHUYLKILL RIVER SOJOURN 2020

## IN-PERSON GUIDED PADDLE

### GENERAL INFORMATION AND POLICIES

The guided paddle will be available as an add-on to the 2020 Schuylkill River Virtual Sojourn. It will take place along the section of river between Pottstown and Phoenixville. If Montgomery County is in the green phase by the time of the event, then the group paddle will be offered with a choice of three separate days: Aug 7, 8 or 9. Each day will be limited to 25 participants. The itinerary will remain the same for each of the three days. Participants will launch from Riverfront Park in Pottstown in the morning, stop for boxed lunches at Victory Park in Royersford and have a final take-out in Phoenixville.

#### **Your Registration Includes:**

- A boxed lunch
- Expert guides
- Shuttle back to cars
- Transport for gear and boats.
- **CANCELLATION POLICY:** Full refunds will be given if Montgomery County is not in the green phase by the time of the event and therefore the tentative guided paddle is canceled. No refunds will be given if the county is in the green phase and the event happens as planned. Spacing is very limited for the in-person paddling portion and so we are unable to process refunds if the event happens as scheduled. Registrants may request that someone else take their place on the paddling trip if they are unable to attend. If anyone in your party becomes ill or comes in contact with someone ill - within two weeks of the Sojourn, please contact us so we can discuss possible options.

**Children:** Children ages 8 and up are welcome on the guided paddle. Children must be able to swim and weigh at least 40 pounds to be properly fitted with a Type III Life Jacket PFD

*(inflatable life jackets are not permitted)*. Under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. Not recommended for children under 8.

**Daily Plan Sheets:** Before the day of your guided paddle excursion, you'll receive an e-mail link to download the Daily Plan Sheet with the day's itinerary, maps, and other helpful information.

Share the Daily Plan Sheet link with family and friends so they can follow your progress down the river.

**Sojourn Check-In:** On the morning of the first day your guided paddle, you must check in. (The check-in location is identified on the Daily Plan Sheet. You will receive a Sojourn sticker for your boat and your meal ticket/name tag.

**Camping:** Camping will not be included as part of the guided paddle. If you need overnight accommodations, then we suggest you research lodging available in the area. Lodging arrangements are your responsibility. Campers are not permitted.

**Meals:** A boxed meal will be provided during lunch. Vegetarian meals will be available if requested.

**Canoes, Kayaks and Rentals:** You must provide your own kayak or canoe, Type III Life Vest PFD (*inflatable life jackets are not permitted*) and paddles. A maximum of two adults and one child are permitted per canoe. Special exceptions are possible at the discretion of the safety leaders.

**If you wish to rent a kayak or canoe:** All rentals are handled by our outfitter, Take it Outdoors. More details about renting a kayak or canoe will be available during registration.

**On-River Information:** There will be a **mandatory safety meeting** the morning of your guided paddle. During the day expert guides will lead the group down the Schuylkill River. The group is expected to stay together, and at times will be required to stop and wait for all paddlers to move through a narrow area. Every paddler must stay in front of the last safety boat (sweep boat).

## Sojourn Policies

- No glass containers allowed on the river.

- **ALL** participants must attend the **MANDATORY** safety briefing conducted before launching. Skills instruction will be available. Participants must adhere to the safety guidelines.
- Participants must wear a USCG approved Type III personal flotation device (PFD) at all times. *Inflatable life jackets are not permitted.*
- Footwear is required when on the water, including when getting in and out of boats.
- Participants under the age of 18 years are the responsibility of, and must be accompanied by, a parent or guardian.
- Children must be able to swim and weigh at least 40 lbs to be properly fitted with a PFD.
- All participants must sign release of liability agreements with the organizer, guides, outfitter, and the American Canoe Association. Parents must sign for children under 18.
- Directives of the Safety Officers must be followed in all situations.
- No pets allowed.
- Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on the river, in municipal parks and will not be served at Sojourn-sponsored events.
- Organizers and safety officers of the Schuylkill River Sojourn reserve the right to take anyone off the river whose equipment, physical abilities, or state of health would prevent them from completing a day on the Sojourn.