

THE 22ND SOJOURN WILL BE HERE IN AUGUST

Registration Opens on June 19, 2020

The 2020 Schuylkill River Virtual Sojourn will feature two evening video live streams on August 9 and 16, hosted by longtime Sojourn Guide Matt Stan of Bad Adventures.

A tentative in-person guided paddling experience will be offered with a choice of three separate days: Aug 7, 8 or 9. Although different from previous years, the Sojourn will be an unforgettable and adventurous journey of the river.

Traditionally, the Sojourn begins in Schuylkill Haven and ends in Philadelphia. Each of the five counties the Schuylkill River flows through will be showcased in this year's Virtual Sojourn. SRG is excited to announce the production of "Schuylkill Soaring," an original short film celebrating recreation on the river through stunning imagery from land, water and air. Starting in the lush landscapes of the headwaters in Schuylkill County, we will take a virtual journey through both rural and urban communities in Berks, Montgomery, and Chester Counties, with a paddler's arrival at the picturesque Philadelphia skyline.

The short film will premiere during the 2020 Schuylkill River Virtual Sojourn this August. Registration opens June 19, 2020. More details about this year's event are below.

MORE ABOUT THE 2020 SCHUYLKILL RIVER VIRTUAL SOJOURN

The community will be able to join the 22nd Annual Schuylkill River Sojourn right from the comfort of their own home through a digital live streaming service. Whether you're new to paddling the Schuylkill or you've been part of the Schuylkill River Sojourn for decades – don't miss this one-of-a-kind online event!

Video Live Streams & Schuylkill Soaring Short Film

The Virtual Sojourn features two video live streams on the evenings of Sunday, August 9, and Sunday, August 16. The crown jewel of the Virtual Sojourn is the premiere screening of the short film “Schuylkill Soaring,” which will celebrate the river from Schuylkill County through downtown Philadelphia. Viewers will also bond over stories – both heartfelt and hilarious – told by past Sojourners. Participants will face-off against each other in a live, Schuylkill Trivia tournament for the best bragging rights. Through video interviews, attendees of the virtual event will meet characters who paddlers have grown to love during the annual Schuylkill River Sojourn.

A Digital Experience for All

SRG is creating a digital experience to help seasoned sojourners reminisce about what has been often described as an adult summer camp, while also introducing newcomers to this region's premiere paddling event. Attendees can expect to experience the 112-mile guided paddle virtually through documentaries with in-depth interviews, riveting footage of the Schuylkill River, and even a photo contest. A Schuylkill Selfie Contest

will be embedded into this year's Sojourn. People can take a picture of their individual paddling trip on the Schuylkill River and enter the contest for a chance to win a free day on the 2021 Sojourn when we're back on the water full time. Submitted photos will be shown during one of the virtual Sunday evenings. More details to come!

How to Join Live Stream Sessions

The virtual sojourn experience will begin at 7 p.m. on the evenings of August 9 and August 16. Participants will be able to easily join the Virtual Sojourn live stream sessions from a web browser such as Google, Firefox or Microsoft Edge. A link to connect will be sent to the email address used to register. Registered participants will receive a website link that can be accessed from their phone, computer or other mobile devices. No special software is required.

Registration

Registration opens on June 19, 2020. Registration includes access to both virtual evenings on August 9 and 16, and a memorable 2020 Sojourn T-shirt shipped directly to each participant. The cost is \$29. Registrants will also have the option to add on a day of in-person paddling. 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 cost for this add-on will be an additional \$49. The on-water event will include a full day of paddling by expert guides and a provided boxed lunch.

MORE ABOUT IN-PERSON GUIDED PADDLE ON AUG. 7, 8 OR 9

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. Schuylkill River Greenways is unable to organize in-person paddle trips on the other river sections due to adjustments necessary because of COVID-19 restrictions and summer water levels. 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. Kayaks will be available to rent for an additional fee. Attendees will be required to practice social distancing and wear masks when not actively paddling or eating lunch. More guidelines for this event will be made available during registration. The cost for this add-on will be an additional \$49. The on-water event will include a full day of paddling by expert guides and a provided boxed lunch.