

## ***2016 PISCATAQUIS RIVER RACE sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Dover-Foxcroft***

The 44th Annual Piscataquis River Race, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Dover-Foxcroft, is scheduled to run Saturday, April 23rd. Load up your canoe or kayak and head to King Cummings Park in Guilford where you will paddle approximately 10 miles to Foxcroft Academy in Dover-Foxcroft. Registration is 8:00 – 9:30 A.M. and the Piscataquis River Race starts promptly at 10:00 A.M. Early birds may register by April 22nd and save \$10.00 on the entry fee. Send checks to: Kiwanis Club of Dover-Foxcroft, P.O. Box 615, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426. Every person entering the race will receive a commemorative 44th Piscataquis River Race T-shirt and boat decal.

There are 18 racing and recreational classes including: open speed class for any paddled craft with any number of paddlers, single kayaks and canoes for men and women, two person kayaks and canoes for men and women, two person canoes for junior/senior (one paddler age 16 or under), and the Ancient Mariners (two persons with a combined age over 100). There is a 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy for the winner of each class and ribbons for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

There are also challenge classes including: couples challenge (one male, one female), Key Club/H. S. challenge (2 High School students), corporate/public service challenge kayaks and corporate/public service challenge canoes. There is one large 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy per challenge class.

The names for the fastest kayak and fastest canoe will be added to the Bob Darling trophy.

This year the Piscataquis River Race raffle offers three prizes of two gas cards with a value of \$200.00 each and one \$200.00 VISA card. Raffle tickets are available from Kiwanis members and at the Dover-Foxcroft Town Office.

This race is a major fund raiser for the Kiwanis Club of Dover-Foxcroft which raised \$12,000 last year and close to \$367,000 since this event was originally started 44 years ago. Proceeds of the race are used for a wide variety of activities supported by the Kiwanis Club of Dover-Foxcroft. A few of these activities include, but are not limited to: Food Backpacks for Children, Thayer Parkway, YMCA Swim Program, Boy Scout Troop 100, Key Club, Terrific Kids, Heartwise, Homecoming, Food Cupboards, Christmas Giving Project, and scholarships for Foxcroft Academy graduates.

Our community corporate and business sponsors for the 2015 Piscataquis River Race were: A. E. Robinson, Hardwood Products Company, Eastern Gazette, Foxcroft Academy, Mayo Regional Hospital, Pleasant River Lumber Company, Will's Shop 'n Save, Sebasticook Family Doctors, Berg Activewear, Bangor Savings Bank, Bob's Sugar House, Cornerstone Communications, Ray Helinski DDS and Norm Hill DDS, Foss Enterprises Portable Toilets, Geo. E. Howard & Co., Inc., Haley Construction Inc., Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union, McDonald's Restaurant, Rowell's Garage, Piscataquis Monumental Company, Steinke and Caruso Dental Care, Subway, The Woodworth Family, True Textiles, Inc., Camden National Bank, Dave's World 1-800-HEAT PUMP, Davis Brothers, Kevin Chasse, DC, Dover-Guilford Auto Parts LLC, Eddie Lewis, Ellen Anderson, DPM, Family Eyecare Associates, Foxbrook Variety, Foxcroft Veterinary Services, PA, Hibbard Skilled Nursing Center, J. E. Hobbs Construction, Lovell's Guilford Hardware, Merle "Sam" Dunham Water Wells, Numberall Stamp and Tool, Inc., Penquis Rental, Red Maple Inn, The Engdahl Family. The Kiwanis Club of Dover-Foxcroft is grateful for the generous support of these corporate and business sponsors. We are counting on them to support the Kiwanis effort again in 2016. We are always looking for more sponsors so the Kiwanis Club of Dover-Foxcroft is able to help more children and more community members.

Bring your family and friends to Dover-Foxcroft and enjoy a day on the Piscataquis River. We hope to see you at King Cummings Park, in Guilford, for the start of the 2016 Piscataquis River Race on Saturday, April 23rd. Hot food, coffee & hot chocolate will be available at the starting line. Food and beverages will also be available at the finish line at Foxcroft Academy in Dover-Foxcroft.

**For more information please contact Brian Woodworth at cell 207-217-0962 or email [butterwood198@gmail.com](mailto:butterwood198@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.doverfoxcroftkiwanis.org](http://www.doverfoxcroftkiwanis.org)**

***Good Luck Racers!!***

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