

Kickapoo Reserve Dam Challenge Frequently Asked Questions

1. Should I register as an Individual-Tandem Boat, Individual-Solo Boat, or Relay Team?

Individual Racer-Tandem Boat: Completes all three legs and accrues an individual time. Must supply own paddling partner. Match yourself up with another Individual racer OR bring a non-racer. Individual racer-tandem boat award categories are Citizen / Competitive, Male / Female, Youth (<18) / Adult (18-39) / Master (40-55) / Elite (56-69) / Guru (70+).

Individual Racer-Solo Boat - Completes all three legs. Racers use solo canoe or kayak for paddling leg. No paddling partner. Individual Racer-Solo Boat award categories are Citizen / Competitive, Male / Female, Youth (<18) / Adult (18-39) / Master (40-55) / Elite (56-69) / Guru (70+).

2- or 4-Person Relay Team - Two members paddle, one bikes and one runs. Team accrues one total time. Times are not averaged. Relay team award categories are Citizen / Competitive.

2. Will the Kickapoo Reserve pair me with a paddling partner?

No! You are responsible for supplying your own paddling partner. Rally your friends and family; it's a fun event for a great cause!

3. We need the KVR to supply a canoe. Do we each need to pay the canoe fee?

No! If two Individual racers are paddling together, one should select "No" and one should select "Yes" during registration to avoid double canoe payment. Also, life vests and paddles are supplied with boat rentals.

4. Can I enter with a double kayak?

Yes. Racers with double kayaks can compete against Individuals and Relay Teams.

5. Should I register as Citizen or Competitive Class?

That's really up to you, but generally Citizen Class is for folks who are new to racing or who just want to have fun. Click [here](#) to view past Dam Challenge results and compare Citizen and Competitive category results.

6. How does chip timing work?

Chip timing is provided by [Pickle Events](#). When you pick up your registration packet on race day, you will be given a timing chip anklet. After the race you will be able to access your overall time as well as the time for each leg of the race. Relay teams must transfer the chip at each "transition". For each leg of the race, racers must cross the mat wearing a chip for the time to be recorded. Racers are responsible for returning their chip (volunteers will be there to collect the chips) at the end of the race to avoid a "lost chip" fee.

7. What are the opportunities for lodging in the area?

The KVR offers scenic primitive camping. No electric or water; however, porta-potties will be on site. In addition, there are many unique lodging opportunities in the area from B&B's and guest cabins to motels and hotels, as well as other camping opportunities. Click [here](#) and [here](#) for lodging information.

8. What kind of weather should we expect on race day?

Fall in Wisconsin is beautiful, but fickle! Cool mornings and warm afternoons have been the pattern for many of our previous Dam Challenge events. Dress in layers and bring your camera; fall colors are often at their peak!

9. When will I get race day instructions?

A confirmation letter and race day instructions will be mailed to you about two weeks prior to the event. They will also be available on our website at that time.

10. How late can I register?

Registration increases \$10 per racer each month after July 31st. Online registration closes at 11:59 pm CST the Thursday prior to the race. Paper registration forms will be accepted up until 8 pm the night before the race. No same day registration.

11. How can I help to sponsor your event?

Click [here](#) for information on becoming a sponsor. All proceeds benefit the Kickapoo Valley Reserve Education Program.

12. How do I get there?

Click [here](#) for driving directions from several key locations.