



TEXAS DRAGON BOAT ASSOCIATION

February 7, 2009

Dear Friend,

We are honored to serve as Honorary Co-Chairs of the 9th annual Houston Dragon Boat Festival, which will take place on Buffalo Bayou at Allen's Landing, in Downtown Houston, on May 2, 2009. This day-long festival will offer live cultural performances, pan-Asian cuisine, a Kid Zone, arts & crafts, and of course, dragon boat racing.

Dragon boating provides enormous benefits to participating teams in terms of teambuilding, community visibility, and cross-cultural emergent. Teamwork on the water, as in the workplace and in government, is essential, as each team includes twenty paddlers, one drummer, and four alternates. Team sponsorships, title sponsorship, other event level sponsorships, and boat naming opportunities are available. Your organization's participation will contribute to the diversity and community spirit of Downtown Houston and Harris County, as well as promote health and wellness and teambuilding.

The Texas Dragon Boat Association (TDBA) is a 501(c)(3) Texas non-profit, whose mission is to promote the tradition of dragon boating, increase awareness of Asian and Asian-American culture, and enhance cross-cultural understanding. In addition to organizing the Houston Dragon Boat Festival each May and the Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta each October, TDBA is establishing a year-round community teambuilding program, youth boating education program, and breast cancer survivor program.

We hope you will join us in celebrating our community and enjoying this cultural team building event.

Sincerely,

Ed Emmett
Harris County Judge

Andrew Huang
President, Houston Downtown Alliance

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