



In 2012 the Texas Dragon Boat Association will host

9th Annual Houston Dragon Boat Festival

Allen's Landing in Downtown Houston

Saturday, May 5, 2012

8:30am – 4:30pm

U-18 Category

Ages: 11-18 years old
Gender: at least 8 female
paddlers & 8 male paddlers
per team

U-14 Category

Ages: 11-14 years old
Gender: at least 8 female
paddlers & 8 male paddlers
per team;

U-MIX Category

Ages 11-18 years old and
no more than 10 adults on
the team.
Gender: at least 8 females
and 8 male paddlers per
team



Never heard of Dragon Boat Racing?

It's like an elongated canoe with 20 paddlers and a drummer accompanied by a trained steersperson. The vessel measures 41 feet in length and 4 feet in width featuring the head and tail of a dragon.

Dragon Boating is a traditional Chinese festival event dating back to 277 B.C., known for its color, sound and excitement. It emphasizes synchronization, teamwork, and a combined effort of the entire team to race in three 250-meter heats. With a taste of Asian culture and other games to play between races, you can't miss this exhilarating competition.

It's easy – just a 1-hour practice, and you're set to race!

It's an all-day family festival and it's helping our community realize a dream – to help youth and raise funds towards building a boathouse in downtown Houston and in Fort Bend County.



Past Youth Teams include: Communities In Schools, Awty International School, Beresford School, Chinese Community Center, Clear Lake High School, Clements High School, Dulles High School, HTOWN Teen Mentors, Lamar High School, KIPP Academy, Houston Academy of International Studies, Dulles High School, Shape Up Sugar Land, St. John's Upper & Middle Schools

So, are you ready to join a dynamic team? Choose a category to race in and contact Eve Ruhlman at director@texasdragonboat.com



Sponsor Benefits

**Sponsorship Amount: \$500 (by early registration deadline of February 21, 2012)*
\$600 (by registration deadline of April 21, 2012)***

- Team entry for 25 team members
- One advance practice session (weather permitting)
- Name displayed as team sponsor on event program, event signage and link on our website at www.texasdragonboat.com
- Mention in Texas Dragon Boat Association press releases about the event
- Multiple announcements as a team sponsor on the day of the event
- Priority registration for the following year's Dragon Boat event

Please note: In order to receive this discounted rate, all youth teams are required to provide one adult volunteer who will agree to be trained as a steersperson and/or coach - not just for this event but to help out in future youth-oriented dragon boat events.



Youth Photos from past Dragon Boat Events



Lion Dance Opening Ceremonies at the Gulf Coast International Regatta with Dancing Lions with Communities In Schools students looking on



Youth teams from Communities In Schools are getting ready to get on the Dragon Boats for their heat



Korean cultural performers were more than happy to meet some of the curious spectators



Youth Team Sponsorship Acceptance

We, _____, agree to become a Team Sponsor for
_____ youth team on the May 5, 2012 at the 12th Annual
Houston Dragon Boat Festival:

- 12th Annual Houston Dragon Boat Festival (May 5, 2012) - **\$500** by the early registration deadline of February 21, 2012; **\$600** by April 15, 2012*
- I will bring my own 10'x10' tent for my team
OR
- I will bring my own 20'x20' tent for my team
OR
- I am interested in a shaded area below the bridge

Authorized Signature For Acceptance

Date

Printed Name

Title

Company Name

Work Phone Number

Company Address (Street)

Work Fax Number

Company Address (City, State, Zip)

Work Email

Please return this signed copy along with the team entry form and the sponsorship check to:

Texas Dragon Boat Association
P.O. Box 980972
Houston, Texas 77098

Or fax to: **(713) 490-2226**

Checks should be made payable to: **Texas Dragon Boat Association.**
Tax ID Number: 45-0499627

* Note the above deadlines to receive sponsor benefits.

Texas Dragon Boat Association is a 501(c)(3) Texas non-profit corporation. In the event that Texas Dragon Boat Association shall be prevented from performing any of its obligations under the terms of this agreement by an act of God, by inclement weather (for example flash floods, excessive winds, tornados, hurricane, lightning, fire, etc.) or by the occurrence of any other event beyond its control, it shall be excused from any further performance of the obligations and undertakings set forth under the terms of this agreement. We regret that sponsorships are non-refundable. Sponsorships are limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis, with priority given for 2011 sponsors.



2012 Festival Youth Team Entry Form

Please fill out the following information and send these two pages (Team Entry Form & Sponsorship Acceptance) to **Texas Dragon Boat Association** at **P.O. Box 980972 Street, Houston, Texas 77098** or you can send a fax to **(713) 490-2226**. Sponsorships are limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis, with priority given for 2011 sponsors.

Official Corporate or Organization Name (as you would like to be recognized)*

Team Name (if different from above)*

PLEASE FULLY COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Team Managers: _____

Work phone number: _____

Cell phone number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Organization web page: _____

*for printed event programs due by April 25, 2012

Please write down any SPECIAL NOTES here: