



Paddle for North House

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Greetings Paddling Enthusiast and North House Supporters!

It's true - the tenth year of the North Shore Dragon Boat Festival is on the horizon (July 26-28, 2013). Each year since the event's beginning, North House has been both on the water, enjoying the excitement of paddling the harbor in a dragon boat, AND on the team, helping make the event a reality by assisting with planning and set up.

Central to planning for the event this year is a simple question
** Who will be on the water paddling hard for North House?!

Like all other boats, the North House dragon boat holds 20 paddlers, a drummer and a steersperson. Paddlers must be both males and females, and the festival provides all needed equipment (paddles, personal flotation devices, dragon boats, etc.) The North House team coordinators will help manage the schedule and paddlers during the weekend.

The weekend is filled with activities that begin on Friday with an afternoon practice followed by the North House team pizza feed on campus -- using our wood-fired brick oven; as well as a parade Friday night that ushers in the opening ceremony in Grand Marais' Harbor Park. On Saturday, we enter two heats of races and will eat lunch at North House in-between. Based on the results, our third paddle will take place late in the afternoon or early in the evening. Finally, the weekend culminates with the award ceremony held in Harbor Park.

Sounds fun, eh?

Getting onboard with North House's boat is simple:

- To sign up for the festival, please return the signup form as soon as possible.
- Note that we ask for your anticipated arrival time in Grand Marais. Arriving with time to paddle on Friday is strongly encouraged as a practice paddling session (as early as 1pm) will take place Friday afternoon.
- On Friday evening, a gathering will take place at North House, starting at 5:30pm North House's wood-fired bread oven will be fired and we will provide basic pizza fixings. Participants are asked to bring potluck items to share and pizza toppings of their choice. Family members of paddlers are welcome to attend (please give us a head count).
- As a defined number of paddlers is needed to fill the boat, we encourage signups as soon as possible. After July 1st, the payment is nonrefundable, as finding replacement paddlers may be

difficult. The payment covers costs both festival registration and a delicious lunch on paddling day.

- Team members may either use a past festival t-shirt or may order a new TENTH ANNIVERSARY t-shirt. Please note that any t-shirt fees you pay are nonrefundable (we'll mail your shirt if an unexpected schedule change makes it impossible for you to attend).
- Additional friends or family who would like a TENTH ANNIVERSARY 2013 Dragon Boat Festival t-shirt may also request one with North House. Please note this on your registration form.
- All individuals need to coordinate their own lodging arrangements. Late July in Grand Marais can be busy, so please make arrangements sooner rather than later. We can mail a lodging info sheet by request.

****Please be in touch!!!** Respond ASAP with either YES or NO along with any questions you might have - if YES please mail in or drop off the attached form at North House.

Additional information regarding specific volunteer roles, practice times, volunteer hours and racing times will be provided to both volunteers and paddlers as the festival approaches. We encourage you to visit:

****** <http://northshoredragonboat.com>

See you on the harbor!

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* paddler response form for the 2013 North Shore Dragon Boat Festival

----- SIGNUP FORM -----

Return to: North House, PO Box 759, Grand Marais, MN 55604

* make checks payable to North House Folk School

* please register ASAP, space is limited

* questions: 218-387-9762 (North House)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

Anticipated arrival date/time in Grand Marais _____

____ I'm ready to paddle! I would like to be part of the "North House Folk School" boat. I have enclosed my check for \$45 that covers both the festival entry fee and lunch on paddling day, Saturday, July 27th.

____ I want to get a TENTH ANNIVERSARY version of the North Shore Dragon Boat Festival t-shirt (with the North House name on the back) and have enclosed payment (\$10/shirt).

Preferred T-shirt Size (if appropriate, circle one) S M L XL XXL

____ I have paddled for North House before and will my maroon festival t-shirt from last year.

____ I would like an extra TENTH ANNIVERSARY North Shore Dragon Boat Festival t-shirt with the "North House" slogan on the back.

Number of Shirts _____ Size _____ Amount enclosed (\$10/shirt) _____

____ I will arrive on Friday, July 26th to be part of the afternoon paddling practice and to participate in the pizza & potluck gathering between 5-7 pm at North House that is for both volunteers and paddlers. Will any non-paddling family members attend with you? _____

____ I understand that I will need to sign a liability release form prior to participating in the festival and that after July 1st my payment is nonrefundable as t-shirts, etc. will have been ordered.

Signed _____ Date _____