

Dear MWA Members and Racers:

The 51st annual Missouri Whitewater Championships are just a month away! Our annual racing event will be held March 16-18, 2018, on the Saint Francis River. Slalom races begin at Millstream Gardens on Saturday, with the Downriver race Saturday afternoon, and our traditional Race Banquet Saturday night. The action concludes with BoaterCross and more slalom racing Sunday, followed by our Raffle & Drawing.

REGISTRATION: Again this year we're using on-line registration, including payment & ACA waivers! You can find the registration form and all the usual race information at *missouriwhitewater.org/competition/mwc*

You may also download, print, fill out & mail your registration forms. Paper forms will be available at Late Registration on Friday, March 16 (\$15 late registration fee).

Note: the Spring Clinic registration is also available at: missouriwhitewater.org/instruction/spring-clinic

RAFFLE: Enclosed with this mailing are Raffle tickets! You will find 24 tickets in two sets of 12 canoe & kayak tickets. Raffle tickets will also be sold at the Sales Table the weekend of the races. You can see the boats being raffled on the MWA Message Board at missouriwhitewater.org/forums/forum/general-discussion

Please sell these tickets to your friends, family, coworkers and neighbors, and buy some for yourself! Raffle tickets can be sold by anyone—not just MWA members. Please encourage your family and friends to sell tickets as well. The proceeds of this raffle go a long way to help pay for the races.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Each ticket represents one chance to win, so more tickets increase your chances! For each boat, five tickets will initially be drawn. The five finalists will be announced and then placed in a box. One ticket will be drawn for the winner for that boat. The winners do not have to be present to win.

Please make sure raffle tickets are completely filled out. Names, phone numbers and emails make it easier to get in touch with the winners. Please return the filled-out ticket stub(s) and any unsold tickets, along with a CHECK (please no cash) made payable to the Missouri Whitewater Association for the sold tickets to:

MWA Raffle Coordinator 830 Wellesley Place Dr. Chesterfield, MO 63017

Sold and unsold tickets should be mailed back prior to March 9, 2018, or you can bring them to the Sales Table at the races, leaving them either in the hands of Cathy McCredie or a Sales Table worker. For more tickets or questions, contact Cathy at raffle@missouriwhitewater.org

DONATIONS: Also enclosed with this mailing is our annual Donations Request letter for our Volunteer Drawing, which you can use to solicit donations to the drawing. If you, your employer, a friend, or a business you frequent would like to donate a tax-deductible item or gift card for the Volunteer Drawing, let us know. We'll post your/their business information on our MWA Message Board "Donations Thread" right away to provide the most exposure!

For more information, please contact our Volunteer Drawing Coordinator at *donations@missouriwhitewater.org* or by phone, 314-583-7981. Donations should be submitted by March 9, 2018, to:

MWA Volunteer Donations C/O Jim Warren 6352 Washington Ave. St. Louis, MO 63130

Happy paddling and many thanks from the Missouri Whitewater Association!



