

# 51<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL MISSOURI WHITEWATER CHAMPIONSHIPS



Hello! The Missouri Whitewater Association (MWA) will host our 51<sup>ST</sup> Annual Whitewater Championships on March 17-18, 2018, on the St. Francis River near Fredericktown, Missouri. This event is organized solely by a large volunteer staff of about one hundred people. After months of planning and race registration, a week of race course preparation, and two days of racing, scoring, judging, safety boating, and portaging canoes and kayaks back and forth to the start and finish lines, we give our volunteers and racers (who also pull double-duty as volunteers) a huge and well-deserved "thank you!" As a not-for-profit organization, we often rely on the generosity of others, as much as we rely on the generosity of our own volunteers and members.

We would like to offer your company a chance to shine by donating a gear item or gift certificate that we can use to reward our volunteers after the event is over. Aside from giving tangible rewards to our helpers, this will also expose your products, services and your company name to people who can spread the word of your dedication to our conservation efforts and to our sport. Should you choose to donate, feel free to also enclose any applicable company or product brochures that we can distribute at the event to further spread the word of your generosity. As soon as your donation arrives, we will increase your visibility by posting your business information and pictures of the donations on our website, [missouriwhitewater.org](http://missouriwhitewater.org).

The races, held at the Millstream Gardens shut-ins, attracts competitors from ten states and hundreds of spectators. Our event continues a long tradition of downriver and whitewater slalom racing for canoes and kayaks, and also includes innovations like Stand Up Paddleboards (SUPs) and Boatercross racing. The MWA is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, which exists to encourage the growth of paddling, teach river safety, and educate the general public about the sport and river conservation.

Please consider this request and call me if you have any questions, or send an email to me at: [donations@missouriwhitewater.org](mailto:donations@missouriwhitewater.org). Remember, as a 501(c)(3) organization, all donations to the MWA are also tax-deductible (tax ID #43-1868602-determination letter is on our website).

We will need to receive your donation by March 9, 2018.  
Thank you for your generosity!

MWA Deputy Race Director, Jim Warren, 314-583-7981

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