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Welland Hope Floats Challenge

Welland Hope Floats Challenge Frequently Asked Questions!

1. Can we set-up team tents on Friday night?

- a. YES! We will have the site open as of 12:00pm on Friday, August 9th, 2024. If you are participating in practices or attending the Fire & Ice Opening Ceremony, this is the perfect time to set-up your tent. We do not assign areas to teams, so it is first come, first serve. There will be security in the park overnight.

2. What's happening at the Fire & Ice Opening Ceremony?

- a. A TON of FUN! Last year we had over 200 attendees and we are really hoping for a good turnout this year too! Your ticket purchase (\$50), includes a full buffet dinner, wine/beer samples all night, a photobooth with our festival photographer, shopping our vendors (avoid the lines on Saturday!), a silent auction, live music, dancing, speeches and more! Join us for an awesome night!! [Buy your tickets here](#). PLUS, we are doing 2 door prize giveaways, valued at over \$100 each!

3. Will there be food vendors?

- a. YES! We have 6 food vendors coming to this event, including:
 - Angels Wings Devils Poutine
 - 416 Coffee
 - Fiesta Empanada
 - BeaverTails
 - Bagpipers Fish & Chips
 - LeSher Kitchen

4. What other vendors do you expect to have there?

- a. We have an awesome array of vendors coming - make sure you save time for yourself to do some shopping!!
 - Chinook Paddles
 - Zizu Optics
 - Organic Cannabis Clothing
 - do+dare undie co.
 - Hearing Life Canada
 - BeachLife Beauty Co.
 - Purple Accent Crafts
 - Miss Marla Desgins



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5. Will there be a water refill station on site?

- a. YES! All water in the washroom sinks and fountains are potable, plus we will have a water truck on-site.

6. Who will be participating in the BCS Ceremony?

- a. ALL paddlers who are part of the BCS, ACS or Special Needs community at this event, will be invited to participate. If you are attending with a BCS team, your entire team will take part in the ceremony and will receive more details the week leading up to the event. We anticipate that this ceremony will take place completely on the water, and supporters, spectators and other teams can watch the ceremony from the grand stand.

7. Will you be providing life jackets and paddles?

- a. YES! We will have plenty of life jackets and paddles available for teams to use. As a reminder, ALL participants must wear a life jacket at this event, but inflatable PFD's are acceptable. If you are under the age of 18 or a non-swimmer, you must wear a full life jacket.

8. How do we book a steersperson for this event?

- a. There is a \$100 fee to book a steersperson for this event, which you could have added at the time of registration. If you did NOT do this but require a steersperson, please send an email to: katy.dunlop@alkame.ca to arrange the details.

9. Will there be a virtual Team Captain's meeting before the event?

- a. YES! We will be hosting two virtual Team Captain's meeting on Thursday, August 8th, 2024, at 12:00pm (EST) and 7:00pm (EST). This will replace an in-person Captain's meeting, so please have your Team Captain's, Coaches and Steersperson attend one of these meetings. Zoom link with details will be sent out with the schedule on Monday, August 5th.

10. Is there anything else I should know?!

- a. Don't forget, we have a bunch of activities happening on Sunday as well, that are exclusively planned and provided to attendees of the Welland Hope Floats Challenge! This includes:
 - A Steering Accreditation Course - [Register NOW!](#)
 - A Wine, Chocolate & Farm Tour - [Register NOW!](#)
 - A Winery tour by e-Bike - SOLD OUT

Still have questions? Send us an email!

First version of the schedule will be released on Monday, August 5th.

