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HURON RIVER DAY CELEBRATION SUNDAY JULY 13 OFFERS FREE RIVER ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

ANN ARBOR, Mich., June 17, 2008 — Enjoy the beautiful Huron River and participate in free family activities during the Huron River Day Celebration at Parker Mill County Park and Gallup Park.

Event Details

The Huron River Day festival will be held at Gallup Park on Sunday, July 13 from 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. The event will be kicked off with the Gallup Gallop Run at Gallup Park at 3000 Fuller Road at 8:30 a.m. with a 5K run and a one-mile fun run hosted by the Ann Arbor Track Club. For more information and to pre-register visit the Web site: www.aatrackclub.org

As part of Huron River Day is a guided canoe trip on Sunday, July 13 from Barton Dam to Gallup Park leaving the Argo Canoe Livery at 10 a.m. This trip requires pre-registration and payment of \$20/boat. Canoes, one-person and two-person kayaks are available to rent. Call Gallup Park at 734.662.9319 for more information and to pre-register.

The activities on Sunday, July 13 at Gallup Park from noon until 4 p.m. will include FREE canoe and kayak rentals, children's activities, interesting river exhibits, fishing fun, river animal presentations and explorations, storytelling, planting rain gardens, WCC Jazz Bands, Metroparks Learning Center, and river geocaching.. Enjoy the history of the Huron River viewing the Classic Small Boat Show and attending a history presentation by Grace Shackman. Hotdogs, Stucchi's ice cream, Zingerman's baked goods and more will be available for purchase.

This Huron River Day Celebration is sponsored by DTE Energy Foundation, with support by the City of Ann Arbor, Huron-Clinton Metroparks, Huron River Watershed Council, National Wildlife Federation, Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation and O'Neal Construction.

On Sunday, July 13 at Parker Mill County Park from 1 to 2:30 p.m. is a naturalist program on Who Lives Here? – Wading Fleming Creek. Be sure to wear shoes to get into the water! Visit a Pioneer Grist Mill from 1 to 4 p.m. For kids are Rubber Duck Races on the Creek from 3 to 4 p.m.

Huron River Day History

Twenty-eight years ago, the Huron River Day Celebration began as a way to encourage partnerships among government, private and non-profit organizations and to encourage and educate citizens about the importance of water quality and Huron River preservation. During the last 25 years, 400 billion cubic feet of water has flowed from the Huron River into Lake Erie and eventually into the Atlantic Ocean. Each year, this event draws nearly 2,000 people from the Ann Arbor community.

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