

River Cleanup Group Coordinator Guide



Are you looking to coordinate a meaningful and exciting day of service while boating on the Huron River with your group? Everything you need to know in order to plan a river clean up event with [GIVE 365](#) is in this guide!

The City of Ann Arbor and the Argo and Gallup Canoe Liveries are committed to a healthy Huron River ecosystem. The river and its publicly-owned shoreline and riparian areas create a blue and green corridor across the city that attract river enthusiasts and nature lovers. GIVE 365 coordinates the city's volunteer cleanup efforts on the river in partnership with the liveries. Removing litter from the river and shorelines is important to our river health. We partner with volunteers to do this important and fun work. If this sounds like something you are interested in, we've outlined the process in 5 easy steps!

Step 1: Review group size, paddling experience, and goals for your service day

Groups between 8-20 are welcome to volunteer with us. **Group size maximum for river clean up events: 10 canoes/kayaks are provided which accommodate 20 people** (2 people/canoe). If there are more than 20 people in your group, you may consider whether a third person can fit in a canoe or whether you would want to pay for additional boats. (\$22/boat for Gallup River Clean-Up, \$30/boat for Argo-to-Gallup River Trip)

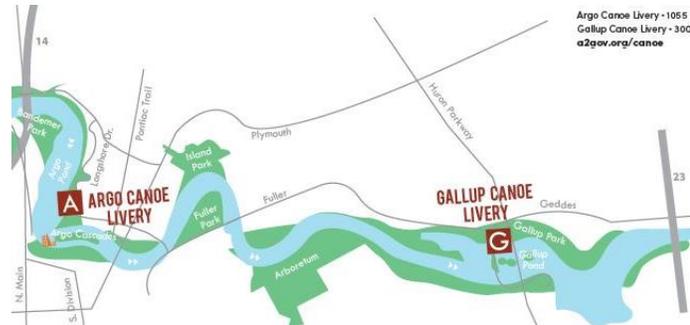
Visit our [River Clean Ups](#) web page for general information and understanding on *Safety, Weather and Water Conditions, What to Bring, Boat & Paddling Information, and Parking*. Contact [GIVE 365](#) for questions 734.794.6445

Step 2: Determine which River Clean Up option is best for your group:

Option 1: Argo to Gallup River Trip (3.7 miles, ~3.5 hours)

We estimate the group to plan for about **3.5 hours** to volunteer for a river clean up trip. The time can vary.

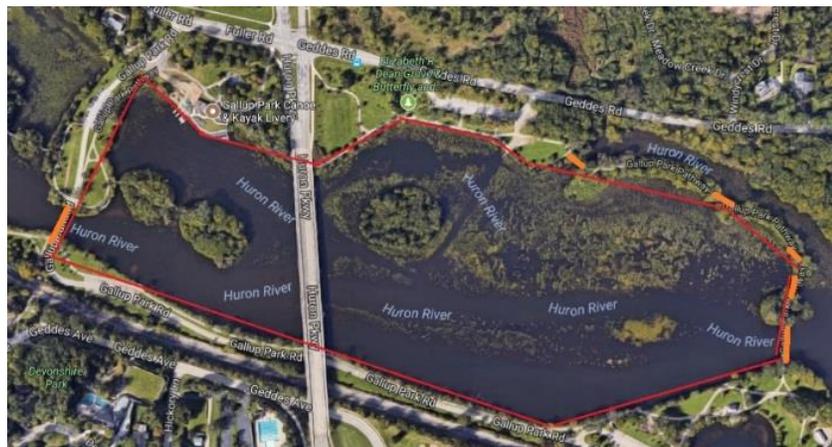
- *Ages 16 and up recommended, at least half the participants **must** have some prior paddling experience*
- *Event time varies depending on: how fast the river is flowing; how actively you paddle; amount of litter; shuttle timing*
- *Offered weekdays only and only during summer months (see page two for specific scheduling availability)*
- *Shuttle transportation back to the start (Argo Livery) is included, which runs about every 20 minutes.*



Option 2: Gallup River Clean-Up (1.5 - 2 hours)

We spend **1.5 to 2 hours** in the low-current area of the Huron River around Gallup Livery

- *Open for youth and novice paddlers. No experience required!*
- *Start and end at same location- Gallup Park*
- *Offered weekdays only during busy summer months*
- *Collecting the accumulation of downstream waste along the banks, focusing on perimeter and around the islands.*



Step 3: Review Scheduling and Availability

River Trip events are spread out and limited. View our [River Clean Up](#) web page for open slots (when scheduling is open) and note times and days of the week for available trips.

Our river clean-up season takes place in **June, July, August, and September** and all events are **weekdays only**. During these months a grant covers all costs making these events free for volunteers. There is extremely limited availability outside of this season and weather may complicate scheduling. Scheduling of events begins on **March 1st**. The number of events we can schedule depends on our grant funding and spots are limited.

Argo to Gallup River (3.7 miles, allow at least 3 hours) WEEKDAYS ONLY

- **Weekdays Only:**

- **Summer: (June, July, August, September)** Meet at Argo Livery, 1055 Longshore Drive. Must start between 9am-3pm. Group will paddle to Gallup Livery and be shuttled back to Argo.
- **Fall: (After Labor Day)** Wednesday through Friday only. (Closed Mon, Tues) Meet at Gallup Livery, 3000 Fuller Rd. Must start between 10am-3pm and be ready to depart on the hour. Group will be shuttled to Argo Livery to begin and paddle down to Gallup. No more than 13 volunteers. Groups must be ready to board the shuttle at the top of the hour.

Gallup River (1.5-2 hours) WEEKDAYS ONLY

- **Summer:** Meet at Gallup Livery, 3000 Fuller Rd. Must start between 9am-5pm.
- **Spring & Fall:** Meet at Gallup Livery, 3000 Fuller Rd. Must start between 10am-4pm. Extremely limited availability outside of summer months.

Step 4: Contact GIVE 365 to reserve your event

Once you have confirmed your date and scheduled it with GIVE, your event is reserved. We will then send our “River Clean Up Volunteer Guide” and [GIVE 365 volunteer registration link](#) for the group coordinator to send to volunteers.

- The River Clean Up Volunteer Guide will confirm service day details and provide confirmation of the meeting point. Be sure to double check this detail at the time of booking to avoid confusion and ensure a smooth day!
- Pre-registration is for first time GIVE volunteers who are not yet in our database or eligible to volunteer. We will also send a waiver and release from the Gallup/Argo Canoe Livery which is required before embarking on a boat.
- If desired, we can also share with you a recruitment flyer for you to share with your group to drum up interest and promote the service day.

Step 5: Hope for good weather & we will stay in touch

Within one week of your event, we will reach out to confirm volunteer numbers and communicate any weather or river conditions that we have our eye on. Keep us posted if you need to reschedule for any reason!

Please let us know if you have any other questions or are ready to schedule! volunteer@a2gov.org or 734.794.6445