



SUMMARY
OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
PREMIER “DUCKS ON THE MISSISSIPPI”
RUBBER DUCK RACE

The race is presented by the Southside Optimist Club and Esprit Optimist Clubs, 501(c)3 nonprofit service organization of Optimist International. The vision of Optimist International is: By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists Bring out the Best in Kids. The race is being held to raise funds for Childhood Cancer Campaign and other Southside programs for children and youth.

Four levels of race sponsorship are available.

- Ducks I: The Donald, a \$1,000 sponsorship race.
- Ducks II: The Quackers, a \$500 sponsorship race.
- Ducks III: The Paddlers, a \$250.00 sponsorship race.
- Ducks IV: The Ducks, \$10.00 recommended donation

Rubber ducks will be launched from Kidd's Oil Dock, on the Mississippi River, in downtown Cape Girardeau at approximately 1:30 pm, September 14th.

Approximately 2,000 ducks will be entered into the race. The race will consist of at least 2 races:

1. Sponsor's race for Ducks I-III.
2. Public Race for Ducks IV.

The first and last ducks to complete each race will receive a prize. The winner of the sponsor's race will be proud holder of the Ducks on the Mississippi traveling trophy until the next race. The prizes for the public race will be \$250 for the first duck and \$100 for the last duck to cross the finish line.

A number is attached to each duck. All Level IV Ducks are “Adopted” and will be used again in future, annual duck races. Each duck adoption application must be completed in full and payment included and delivered to a Club Representative, or mailed to Rubber Duck Race, 629R Good Hope, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. No purchase is necessary in order to enter or win. Optimist does request a donation of \$10 per entry to benefit childhood cancer and other Southside programs. Free race entry defeats the charitable purpose of the event and is not encouraged. However, one free race entry per household can be obtained by presenting a handwritten request to Rubber Duck Race, 629R Good Hope, Cape Girardeau, MO 63703. Requests for free race entries are limited to one per household. Requests for free race entries made after 5 PM, June 15, 2008, or after 500 ducks have been adopted will not be honored. Optimist, at its sole discretion, can increase the number of ducks or change the deadline without notice.

Race winners will be announced as soon as possible after the duck race. This race is being held in conjunction with River Tales Classic 2008 Car Show, Old Towne Cape's sponsoring event.

The deadlines on the attached official application will be extended to reflect the later race date.

Questions or Comments should be directed to club representatives:

Southside Optimist Club
Peder Leth, (573) 334-2222

Esprit Optimist Club
Barb Schwepker, (573) 332-1155

*Co-sponsored by Southside Optimist Club & Esprit Optimist Clubs of Cape Girardeau
Benefiting Childhood Cancer Campaign*

OFFICIAL APPLICATION



Ducks I: *The Donald*, \$1,000 Level Sponsorship
Includes 1 – 10’ Banner, “Ducks on the Mississippi,” 12 t-shirts, Logo on Back of Official Shirt in Gold, Name in Newspaper Ad; a 10” Duck to decorate as you wish. Banner will hang in your place of business until race day and then displayed at Libertyfest. Request you sell \$10 ducks for the Race. *Deadline May 30, 2008.*

Ducks II: *The Quackers*, \$500 Level Sponsorship
Includes 1 – 5’ Vertical Banner, 6 t-shirts, Logo on Back of Official Shirt in Duck Beak Orange, Name in Newspaper Ad; a 10” Duck to decorate as you wish. Banner will hang in your place of business until race day and then will be displayed at Libertyfest. Request you sell \$10 ducks for the Race. *Deadline June 7, 2008*

Ducks III: *The Paddlers*, \$250 Level Sponsorship
Includes 1 – 3x5 Poster, modeled after 5’ Banner, 2 t-shirts, Logo on Back of Official Shirt in White, Name in Newspaper Ad; a 10” Duck to decorate as you wish. Posters may be displayed at your place of business. Request you sell \$10 ducks for the Race. *Deadline June 14, 2008*

Ducks IV: *The Ducks*, \$10 Individual Donation. May be purchased right up to race time.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Please make checks payable to: Optimist Club