

9th Annual Chiques Challenge

Run 4+ miles on the Northwest Trail and through Marietta, then board a KAYAK to paddle downriver to finish in Columbia!

Saturday, August 10, 2019

Pre-Registration Required!



Proceeds benefit the Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center
Event Assistance provided by *Shank's Mare Outfitters* and by *Chiques Rock Outfitters*
Timing Services by *Pretzel City Sports*
Course Sponsor *Lancaster County Department of Parks and Recreation*



TEAM ENTRY FORM

Registration: Registration is limited to **150** entries. A team of two counts as one entry. Registrants need to provide their own kayak or contact Chiques Rock Outfitters (Columbia River Park, Walnut Street, Columbia, PA 7512 or (717) 475-6196) to make arrangements for kayak rental. The number of kayaks available for rental may be limited, no canoes may be entered. **Participants must be 16 years and older.**

Course Overview: Pre-registered participants meet at Columbia River Park (along 441 S. at Front & Walnut Streets) at **7:30 am**. Transportation by shuttle bus, which leaves promptly at **8:00 am**, is provided to the starting point at Vinegar Ferry Rd. north of Marietta for our runners. **Start time is 8:30 am**. The first leg of the course includes an *approximate* 4 mile run on the hard-paved Northwest Trail in East Donegal Township. Runners proceed onto Front Street in Marietta heading to Marietta River Park. A more detailed map of the course will be posted on our website closer to the event date. **At this point, the team runner must hand off the bib to the team's kayaker.** After boarding kayaks at Marietta's River Park, the kayakers complete the water leg of the Challenge downriver, finishing at Columbia River Park. The event ends with a brief medal presentation post-event at *approximately* 10:30.

Timing and Awards: Split timing for the running and kayaking legs will be provided by Pretzel City Sports. Results will be posted within 48 hours at www.PretzelCitySports.com. **Although this event is for FUN**, there will be awards. For individual entrants, the first place male & female overall finishers (40 and under) and the first place male & female masters (over 40) will receive \$50 and trophies. Team entrants will receive \$75 and trophies for the first place finish in two categories: teams with an average age *40 and under* and teams with an average age *over 40*. Medals will be awarded to the top male & top female runners and to the top male & top female kayakers. In addition, medals will be awarded for the 1st and 2nd place male and the 1st and 2nd place female in 6 age brackets: 20 and under; 21-30; 31-40; 41-50; 51-60; and over 60. Three cash drawings using bib numbers will be drawn randomly post race in the amounts of \$50, \$25 and \$25.

Entry Fee: \$60 Donation

What You Get: Great **FUN!** ... **bragging rights** ... and one **t-shirt** per team member.

Cancellation Policy: This event is held rain or shine. In the event of extreme, severe weather, we reserve the right to cancel the event for the safety of the participants. Entry fees are donation to the Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center and will only be refunded upon special request.

Once we process your registration, bib numbers will be posted on our website and updated weekly. Check this information to verify gender and age. Call us to correct inaccuracies. **Confirmation cards will not be mailed.** Knowing your bib number is helpful but not required.

Our partners in this event, Shank's Mare Outfitters and Chiques Rock Outfitters, provide guides on the river to offer assistance if needed. Emergency personnel on site.

For all questions related to kayak rentals or water course, contact CHIQUES ROCK OUTFITTERS at 717-475-6196.

- Watch our website for your bib number. The morning of the race, drop off your kayak and water supplies in Marietta River Park, where our volunteers will label your kayak. Knowing your bib number is helpful but not required. (If you are renting, our volunteers will label your kayak when it is dropped off.) Drop off begins at 6:30 am. Please refer to our website visitsusquehannavalley.com for driving directions. After you drop off your kayak, the runner of the team should head to the Columbia River Park to pick up your official event bib and board the shuttle. The team's kayaker may remain in the Marietta River Park or continue to Columbia River Park. One shuttle will make a brief stop to return the kayaker to this point.
- **Please note that the Marietta Boat Ramp is regulated by the PA Fish & Boat Commission. Unpowered boats are required to have a launch permit or to be registered. Visit www.fishandboat.com for more details or to purchase the necessary permitting for your kayak.**
- The shuttle bus will leave from Columbia River Park promptly at 8 am. We will not transport late arrivals.
- The Marietta River Park will be the location of a midpoint water station and a porta-toilet for this year's event. Refreshments and porta-toilets will also be available at the end of the journey.
- For directions to the starting area at Columbia River Park, please refer to our website, visitsusquehannavalley.com/events. We will also post a GPS address to use for these locations.

REGISTRATION ENDS on Friday, July 26, or earlier if the 150 participant limit is reached.

REGISTRATION: Chiques Challenge Complete this portion. Detach and mail. Include registration fee before July 26.

RUNNER: (Please print)

KAYAKER: (Please print)

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

E-mail address _____

E-mail address _____

Age (on Race Day) _____ Gender (M/F): _____

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Runner T-shirt
ADULT Unisex Sizes
(circle one)
S M L XL XXL

Kayaker T-shirt
ADULT Unisex Sizes
(circle one)
S M L XL XXL

PAYMENT: \$60 donation per team

(Cash, money order, or check **made payable to SVCC**) ***NEW* REGISTER ONLINE AT VISITSUSQUEHANNAVALLEY.COM/EVENTS**

- OR - Credit Card: Visa, MC, DISC Number _____ Exp. _____ CVC _____

WAIVER/RELEASE: I hereby waive all claims against the race director, race officials and volunteers, any and all sponsors including, but not limited to The Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, Shank's Mare Outfitters, Chiques Rock Outfitters, the Boroughs of Columbia and Marietta, the Townships of East Donegal and West Hempfield and those in their employ, the County of Lancaster, and all their representatives and successors from any injury or liability I might suffer in this event. I attest that I am physically fit and prepared for this event. I assume all risks associated with participating in this event including, but not limited to: falls; contact with other participants; the effects of the weather, including high heat and/or humidity; and the condition of the road; all such risks being known and appreciated by me. I grant full permission for organizers to use my name and or pictures in legitimate accounts and promotions of this event.

Runner Signature _____ Kayaker Signature _____ Date _____
(Parent or guardian's signature if under 18 years of age.) (Parent or guardian's signature if under 18 years of age.)

You must take responsibility for your own safety and decisions affecting your safety.

ALL participants are REQUIRED to wear a life vest at all times during the kayaking leg and must be equipped with a whistle.

Mail to: SVCC 445 Linden St. PO Box 510, Columbia, PA 17512

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