Race to Close the Opportunity Gap on September 17th, 2022
A Race for Our Future

• Our goal to raise $120,000 will directly address the opportunity gap through place-based education
• Together we will build awareness for programs that engage students in the outdoors
• Join us to inspire stewardship while introducing opportunities in the outdoor industry

A Race for You

• Build a team of paddlers and race the Mighty Mississippi in a 24-foot canoes
• Join a community to support equitable outdoor access
• Highlight your organization’s dedication to positive educational outcomes for youth

Why We Race ...

BECAUSE EVERY CHILD DESERVES A HEAD START. Funds raised through your sponsorship support engaging kids in the outdoors through Wilderness Inquiry’s Canoemobile program. Canoemobile works with more than 20,000 youth annually through our “floating classroom” to help improve school performance, cultivate a stewardship ethic, and create pathways to higher education and career opportunities in the outdoors.

Race Day Itinerary

(Route/times subject to change)

DATE
SEPTMBER 17TH, 2022

LOCATION
HIDDEN FALLS REGIONAL PARK

SCHEDULE
8:45 am Registration
9:00 am Kick-off ceremony
9:30 am Instructions & safety
10:00 am Race begins
11:45 am Race concludes
12:00 pm Awards & lunch
1:00 pm Event concludes

Past Sponsors

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Dear Friends,

The long term health and vibrancy of our region depends on the strength of our future work force. While students in Minnesota traditionally perform at the top of standardized tests, we have one of the nation’s largest disparities between students of color and their classmates.

All students deserve the chance to reach their full potential. We know that providing educational enrichment opportunities through creative programs like Canoemobile can make a big impact on student success. By getting kids out in canoes on the Mississippi River and providing nature-based learning experiences, Canoemobile helps stem summer learning loss while creating memories that last a lifetime.

Please join us in supporting Canoemobile by getting involved in the Great River Race today.

Sponsorship Information
Your support raises funds and awareness to close the opportunity gap.

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Get Involved ...

Join the Fun!

- Sponsor a boat in the Great River Race
- Join 100 volunteers on race day: wrangle boats, set up, and more
- Donate to provide scholarships for underserved youth
- Join a Canoemobile event as a volunteer
- Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter - #MNGreatRiverRace
- Spread the word about the Race to Close the Opportunity Gap!

Wilderness Inquiry’s mission is to connect people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities to each other and the natural world through shared outdoor adventures. Through our core values of paddling together, finding a way, and seeking the exceptional, we strive to ensure that the outdoors is a place where everyone belongs.