

CANOEFEEST 2009 PRESS RELEASE

Canoefest is back and bigger than ever in 2009 when Indiana's largest canoe race teams up with an all-star cast of national celebrities, the universe's largest fried chicken contest, and a fireworks and laser show that will knock your socks off!

Eagles tribute band 7 Bridges headlines this year's acts, but they won't be the only celebrities on the Canoefest stage this year. The eagerly anticipated American Imposter competition pits tributes of the greatest performers of all time on stage together. Elvis! Marilyn! Ozzy! And many more will be on hand to thrill the crowd, not to mention the finale fireworks and laser show. If you saw it last year, I know you'll be back, but if you didn't see it, **YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT TWICE!**

Festival goers will be ready to rock on a full stomach as the universe's largest fried chicken contest commences to determine who will win "Clara" in the Great Chicken Fry-Off 4. Last year over 25 teams battled it out and many more are expected this year. And this year you can become a judge just by eating fried chicken at 12 of 30 restaurants on the Chicken Trail. Delicious.

The Canoe Princess Contest for girls age 13 to 15 is back, with their famous ride in on classic cars. Also back is the wildly popular Canoefest Idol, which showcases the best in local talent in a 2 night format where the crowd helps pick the winner. Who will make the final round, and who will get an audition with a professional talent agent as the winner of Canoefest Idol?

The Olde Time Baseball Game joins the other great Canoefest events: the Paint the Paddle art contest, the Longest Cornhole Shot Contest, and the Mini Canoe Races for a festival and event like no other in America, or for that matter, the world.

Come on down to Brookville, Indiana, and the Whitewater River, one of the finest paddling rivers in the entire Midwest, not too hard for the novice, but a fun and swift flow for the experienced paddler. Race in one of three races, the 2.4 mile Recreational Race, the 8.4 mile USCA rules race, and the 8.4 mile paddle / 6.7 mile run Biathlon.

Racers in the USCA rules races, using an aluminum or a standard canoe, race to have their names engraved on the 1963 Traveling Trophy, newly enlarged to what is believed to be the largest canoe trophy in America.

With racing starting in 1963, Brookville was a pioneering location for canoe racing. Now in the modern era, Brookville leads again by returning the sport to its roots, and sponsoring a race for traditional canoes. Let the best paddler win, whose ability to read the river and paddle effectively and strongly determines the winner.

For the paddling beginner, or for those who just want to get their feet wet, there is the Recreational Race, that is just \$15 dollars complete for 2 people. That includes 2 t shirts

so you can't beat that. Great for families, couples, and even the weakest of Weekend Warriors. Or challenge your competitor business to a Grudge Match!

All in all, you can't beat Canoefest for authentic and original fun. Come on down to Brookville June 26 and 27 for Canoefest. More information, contact Jim Suhre at 765-647-4116 (jsuhre@fcnbank.com) or go to the website at www.canoefest.org.