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Registration On-going for Goliad Summer River Flotilla

SAN ANTONIO. The time for the 3rd Annual Summer River Flotilla in Goliad is drawing near, but there is still time to register! The Flotilla will be held on Saturday, June 5. Since its inception, this family-friendly paddling event has drawn paddling and adventure club members from throughout the state, as well as first time paddlers. The Flotilla follows the 6.6-mile Goliad Paddling Trail route from the Highway 59 Bridge west of downtown Goliad to Goliad State Park.

Registration is required by noon on Wednesday, June 2 at kccanoe@aol.com or at (830) 780-3249.

All registered paddlers will receive free shuttle service at Goliad State Park from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and a free lunch at the Goliad State Park Group Dining Hall until 2:30 p.m. Paddlers also receive assistance getting their craft in and out of the river.

"This was my first time paddling the Goliad Canoe Trail and I had a wonderful time", said Georgia Snodgrass, an employee in SARA's Real Estate Department who participated in the Fall 2009 Flotilla. "I had a leisurely float down the river and met some fantastic people, it was a great experience!"

On event day, registered participants unload their canoes, kayaks, small jon boats, and safety gear in the staging area on the north side of the Highway 59 bridge, west of downtown Goliad on the San Antonio River. Once unloaded, participants are invited to drive to Goliad State Park where a shuttle service will begin returning paddlers to their boat and gear at 9:00 a.m. Shuttle service will continue until 11:00 a.m. The Goliad State Park entrance fee will be waived for registered flotilla attendees. Individuals driving into the park must check-in at park headquarters. All camping rules and fees apply.

Paddlers must supply their own craft and safety equipment. The flotilla and shuttle service are subject to cancellation through 8:00 a.m. on event day due to weather and/or flow conditions. Contact (361) 645-3405 for event status.

The flotilla is hosted by the San Antonio River Authority and is staffed by volunteers coordinated through the non-profit Canoe Trail Goliad, Inc., and by staff members from the San Antonio River Authority and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. For more information visit www.canoetrailgoliad.com or call Wilfred Korth at (361) 575-6366.

To learn about the Goliad Paddling Trail, go to <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/boat/paddlingtrails/inland/goliad/>. For information about recreational opportunities in the San Antonio River Basin, go to www.riverrec.org.

The San Antonio River Authority (SARA) was created by the 45th Texas Legislature on May 5, 1937 and reorganized in 1961 to plan, manage and implement water-related programs and projects within the San Antonio River Basin. The State of Texas empowered SARA to preserve, protect and manage the resources and the ecology of the San Antonio River and its tributaries. To learn more about the SARA visit our website at www.sara-tx.org.

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