



THE COMMUNITY PAGE

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QUACK ATTACK!



Nothing beats a roaring, shouting, frenzied crowd cheering their champions through a rough and rolling course toward the finish line. The tension is sure to be high on August 12th as thousands gather on the banks of the Snake River, their hearts and dollars invested in the mad pack racing through the rapids to be the first duck across the line!

Yes, duck!

THE ROTARY DIFFERENCE

The 16th Annual Idaho Falls Great Snake River Greenbelt Duck Race gives you an opportunity to make a difference in the community and show your hidden competitive side.

Since 1989, the event has garnered more than \$850,000 for the Rotary Club's charitable projects, which in the past have included such landmarks as the Taylor Toll Bridge replica, the bronze trapper statue on Memorial Drive, and the walkways behind the Science Center. Combined with incoming grant money, the charitable fundraising has thus far totaled more than \$3 million. Rotary intends to use this year's proceeds to continue to beautify the greenbelt.

All of these projects reflect the mission of the 1.2 million-member association, Rotary International: *Service Above Self.*

Local Rotary clubs, like the Idaho Falls chapter, aim to assist in community projects as well as global humanitarian projects.

ADOPT A DUCK

Every year, each Rotarian receives 50 adoptable ducks, which they lend out to members of the community who make a donation of \$5 per duck.

If you'd like to increase your chances of winning, you can donate \$25 and register a full 'six quack' (six ducks for the price of five) or you can register a team of as many ducks as you'd like.

On race day approximately 15,000 numbered ducks will be raised by a crane above the river and released into the rapids at 4 pm. When that time comes, most of the crowd isn't concerned about the funding—they just want their ducks to win!

After taking the plunge, the ducks must navigate an obstacle course, including the falls, guided by large booms and kayakers.

After flailing through the whitewater, the ducks are funneled into a 'duck catcher,' manned by the Bonneville County Sheriff's Department, where the first 100 rubber ducklings across the line are matched with their adopters—the race's winners.

Each year, Wackerli Auto generously donates a vehicle for the Grand Prize, while additional great prizes are donated by various other community businesses. There is also a chance that your winning number will match a preselected number, making you an instant millionaire!

But after all the fun is over, the real winners are the citizens of Idaho Falls and anyone else who enjoys the greenbelt or the many projects spearheaded by the Idaho Falls Rotary Club.

Regardless of whether your duck crosses the line first, come cheer the ducks on, make a donation, and be a winner at the greenbelt.

MORE THAN A RACE!

The Idaho Falls Duck Race brings with it a host of other exciting events lasting most of the weekend.

Friday:

- The Great Quacker Backer Duck Race and dinner at the Idaho Falls Country Club. Decoy ducks are floated out onto the waters at the Country Club and then retrieved by hunting dogs. The first four ducks brought back will win their owners some exciting prizes.

Saturday:

- The biggest car show in Eastern Idaho.
- Boat shows near the Driftwood Inn and the Snake River Boat Ramp. The Snake River Speed Boat Association will sponsor a drag race with entrants from four different states, all with 1500 HP motors growling.
- Remote control airplane demonstrations
- National Guard military vehicle display (including a tank and a Blackhawk helicopter),
- Snowmobile drag races (on water), motorized paragliders.
- Ping Pong Duck Egg Drop with 3,000 marked balls.
- Snake River Roaring Youth Jam on the east side of the river.
- Idaho Falls Fire Department trucks (including the antique and the latest trucks) on display.
- Food and craft booths on the west side of the river.

WANT A DUCK?

Buy a duck from one of the sponsors listed below, or go to one of these locations...

- Sam's Club
- Smith's grocery
- Albertson's (Ammon)
- Albertson's (17th Street)

... at one of these times

- August 10th, 4-7 p.m.
- August 11th, 4-7 p.m.

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