

Kayakers and canoers are invited to join a late summer paddling event sponsored by the ROTARY CLUB OF MANTUA. Paddle the scenic Cuyahoga Water Trail from Camp Hi in Hiram to the Buchert Park in Mantua Village.

The **SEPTEMBER 12 2026** event is a **Poker Paddle**. Participants will collect a five card hand of poker cards along their way down the river to create a poker hand. Top three hands—highest card value—wins cash prizes

You do not need to be present to win. We will contact you by phone or email. Ties will be settled with a single card drawing —highest card drawn wins. If you are not present, a substitute person will draw for you and we will notify you by phone or email.

PRIZES

Best hand—\$350
Second —\$200
Third—\$100



Rotary will not distribute plastic water bottles. We will have water available to fill your sustainable water



Event presented by

Rotary Club of Mantua

The proceeds from Mantua Rotary's fund raising events will be used to finance Service Projects that benefit the Mantua Community, the United States, and Internationally.

The *Crestwood Primary School's* Summer SAFETY TOWN program is a week of activities for rising Kindergarteners. They learn about safety issues at school, at home, and the greater community. Best of all, they became familiar with their new school in a gentle informal way. Mantua Rotary is proud to sponsor this event so that any child has the opportunity to participate for free.

Rotary shares an interest in protecting our common legacy: the environment.

We are committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment.

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ROTARY CLUB OF MANTUA

5th Annual

POKER PADDLE

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

CAMP HI

12274 Abbot Road Hiram, OH

to

BUCHERT PARK in Mantua Village

4808 E. High Street



Plan on arriving at Buchert Park in Mantua between 1:00 and 2:00 pm.

Shuttles from Buchert Park to Camp Hi will begin at 1:30 and will run approximately every 20 minutes with the last one leaving at 2:30.

Registrations for all sign-ins and same-day registrations will be at **BUCHERT PARK** at Pavilion 2 (East end of the park.)

The event ends at 6:00 p.m. so boats **must be off the river by 6:00**. Score sheets must be submitted by 6:00 p.m. to have their poker hands considered for prizes.

Distance for car from Camp Hi to Buchert Park is approximately 7 miles—10 minutes.



POKER GUIDELINES

- ♣ First playing card given at registration, 3 more distributed at stops along the river, last card is distributed at the end of the paddle.
- ♣ Carry the poker score sheets with you in the plastic zip lock bag we will provide for you. Cards will be marked on the sheet at each stop. Duplicate card drawn of the same suit will be given another draw.
- ♣ Additional cards (2) per score sheet may be purchased at the end of the race back at Buchert Park—\$3.00 for one card, \$5.00 for two. Score sheet must be submitted before drawing additional cards. In case of a tie for best hand, winners will draw a card with the highest card value winning. Ace high.

COSTS

\$35 per person to paddle and for the first scorecard.

Fees will include:

- **One score sheet,**
- **Five playing cards,**
- **Shuttle service from Buchert Park to Camp Hi.**

KAYAK AND CANOE RENTAL

Kayaks or canoes are available to rent from Camp Hi

You may bring your own kayak or canoe. Drop off your kayak at Camp Hi first.

There is no parking at Camp Hi, so your vehicle must be driven to and parked at Buchert Park. Park by Pavilion 2 on the east end of the park. A shuttle will transport you back to Camp Hi. No cost to launch your own kayak.

UNDER AGE 18 PARTICIPANTS

All ages are welcome to paddle the river. Under 18 age are not eligible to purchase a poker sheets.

EXTRAS

\$15 for an additional score sheet. (no limits), purchased at registration.

REGISTRATION: Limited to 150. If pre registrations reach this number, on line registrations will close and in person registrations will not be accepted.

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

www.mantuarotaryclub.org

Pay with a credit card.

or

Entries and fees can be MAILED to

ROTARY CLUB OF MANTUA

P.O.Box 354

Mantua, OH 44255

NAME _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

REGISTRATION

Registration \$35 per paddler

_____ x \$35 \$ _____

Under 18 **Free** . # attending _____

Total number attending in your party _____

FOR KAYAK AND CANOE RENTAL

Kayak or canoe rental is \$25 per person.

Kayaks _____ Total \$ _____

Canoes _____ Total \$ _____

Total Registration \$ _____

Total Rental \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

Waivers are required to be completed and signed for each paddler. Waivers will be available at registration or downloaded from our website brought it with you.