

Upper Delaware Council

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Reserve by July 29 for Upper Delaware Council's Family Raft Trip on August 7

NARROWSBURG – The 34th Annual Family Raft Trip that the Upper Delaware Council (UDC) sponsors to promote stewardship of the river through direct interaction with its natural and scenic resources will take place on August 7. Reservations are required by July 29.

An exciting five-mile stretch of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River from Skinners Falls in the Town of Cochecton to Narrowsburg in the Town of Tusten will be floated.

Lander's River Trips will provide the sturdy inflatable rafts, paddles, life jackets, safety instructions, and transportation between bases.

Participants will rendezvous between 9-10 a.m. at Lander's Narrowsburg Campground, 69 DeMauro Lane (turn off Bridge Street) to park, check-in at the UDC table, and board a shuttle bus up to the Skinners Falls launch.

The UDC's deeply-discounted group rate is \$19 for ages 4-12 and \$29 for ages 13 & up.

Advance payment by cash to the UDC office at 211 Bridge St. in Narrowsburg; a check made payable to "UDC" mailed to P.O. Box 192, Narrowsburg, NY 12764; or electronically via PayPal at https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/upperdelawarecouncil is requested.

Find a fillable 2022 registration flyer posted at https://upperdelawarecouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2022-Registration-Flyer.pdf or separately submit: reservation name, address, phone number, and email address; a list of all raft group members; ages of any minor children (under age 18 as of Aug. 7); and the total number of guests at the \$29 and \$19 rates to UDC Secretary Ashley Hall-Bagdonas at ashley@upperdelawarecouncil.org by Friday, July 29. Please call (845) 252-3022 with any questions.

The average length for this trip is 2.5 hours, depending on the river level, wind, and each group's desired pace.

Participants should be in good physical condition. Children must weigh at least 40 lbs. and be able to swim. All guests must sign liability waiver forms before launching.

For optimum safety, all UDC participants (children and adults) will be required to wear a life jacket when they are on the water for the duration of the trip.

Dress to get wet, wear sunscreen and foot protection, and don't bring valuables. Bring plenty of drinking water. Carry out trash. Glass containers are not allowed on the river. Small coolers and waterproof bags for items such as cameras and keys may be tied into the raft. Remember and respect that the majority of land along the river is privately owned.

About the UDC

The Upper Delaware Council was created and mandated in 1988 by an Act of Congress. It oversees a partnership of Federal, two States, and local governments to manage the 73.4-mile designated Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

The UDC fills a vital role in the relationship between the National Park Service and the local communities, protecting home rule authority, safeguarding private property rights, and advising towns/townships on meeting the River Management Plan Land and Water Use Guidelines.

The organization has been funded through a federal allocation, flat since its inception, with neither the State of New York nor the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania contributing their shares. Despite funding challenges, the UDC has fulfilled its core responsibilities set out in the federal legislation for the benefit of the approximately 250,000 visitors each year and all those fortunate enough to live in the Upper Delaware River Valley.

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