

Firstly, a big thank you to all who attended the Hoover Invitational this past weekend in Columbus, OH to support our junior rowers. Huge, extra kudos to those who volunteered their time and energy with planning, driving/hauling, cooking, set up and tear down! Your continued support and participation is appreciated AND essential to ensure our regattas are successful both on and off the water.

Though the attention of many at IRC has now turned to regattas at Eagle Creek Park the next 2 weekends (the Collegiate Invite followed by the High School Invitational), planning is already well underway for the Midwest Jr Championships, May 14-16<sup>th</sup>, at Harsha Lake on the east side of Cincinnati. Our team will depart Indianapolis Friday May 14<sup>th</sup> and return Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup>. Not only will there be 2 entire days of rowing at this event but on the Saturday evening we'll celebrate the spring season's achievements and honor our departing seniors during the traditional end-of-year banquet.

**For this last regatta of the season, most pressing is the need for parents to MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS and/or VOLUNTEER to drive or chaperone our team to and from Cincinnati (see details below).** If you need a hotel room, we encourage you to make your reservations soon; rooms at nearby hotels during the May 14-16<sup>th</sup> weekend appear to be scarce. A block of rooms has been held for parents at the Fairfield Inn and Suites - Eastgate but reservations must be made through this Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup> to get the IRC rate. The Fairfield is next to/shares the same parking lot as the Holiday Inn Cincinnati Eastgate which is our usual hotel for this event and where our juniors and coaches will be staying Friday May 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, the Holiday Inn is hosting two weddings this weekend and could only just accommodate our crew.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

PLEASE email Lisa Clarke at [DLGHClarke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:DLGHClarke@sbcglobal.net) **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** if you can:

#### **1) HELP HAUL THE FOOD TRAILER**

Mark Bucherl has kindly volunteered to drive, however, a vehicle with sufficient horsepower is needed. We could rent a truck BUT would prefer if someone with a truck/large SUV is willing to pilot/co-pilot with Mark. IRC will pay for the gas.

#### **2) DRIVE A PASSENGER VAN**

Currently, we plan to transport our juniors and coaches in 12-passenger vans rented from ACE Rent-A-Car. Vans will leave the International School of Indianapolis (ISI) parking lot on Friday afternoon, May 14 and return Sunday evening, May 16. Each van will need 2 parent drivers. As a parent driver you get free transport and IRC pays for the gas!

All ACE Rent-A-Car vans are recent models and equipped with seat belts for all passengers. Drivers and passengers are fully covered by US Rowing insurance. Please contact Bernadette if you have questions or would like more detailed insurance information. ACE Rent-A-Car has video surveillance parking for personal vehicles left in their rear lot during the regatta weekend.

#### **3) CHAPERONE**

We may also charter a school bus to transport some juniors. Two chaperones would be needed. Benefits: free travel and more time to get to know your junior's crew mates!

**MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS - block of rooms available through FRIDAY APRIL 23!**

A limited number of rooms have been blocked for IRC parents at the Fairfield Inn and Suites - Eastgate, 4521 Eastgate Boulevard, Cincinnati, OH 45245. Tel: 513-947-9402. Parents must make their own hotel reservations. Room availability is on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you wish to stay at the Fairfield on Friday May 14<sup>th</sup> and/or Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup>, please call the hotel as soon as possible and identify yourself as an IRC parent eligible for the discounted group rate of \$125 plus tax/night (available through April 23<sup>rd</sup>).

The Fairfield is next to/shares a parking lot with the Holiday Inn Cincinnati Eastgate where our juniors and coaches will be staying. Hotel reservations for rowers and coaches have been made by IRC. The Holiday Inn is at 4501 Eastgate Boulevard, Cincinnati, OH 45245. Tel: 513-752-4400.

Contact David Clarke, lodging coordinator, at [DLGHClarke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:DLGHClarke@sbcglobal.net) with any questions or concerns.

Additional information regarding driving directions and event information for the Midwest Junior Rowing Championships will be circulated later.

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