



SUSQUEHANNA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

# BRIDGE BURNER RUN & PADDLE CHALLENGE

Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> – 9 AM – Columbia, PA

Riverfest commemorates the burning of the Columbia-Wrightsville Bridge during the Civil War. On the last Sunday in June 1863, locals prevented Confederate troops from crossing the river and moving toward Harrisburg or Philadelphia. Confederate troops were forced to turn back and just three days later the Battle of Gettysburg erupted. Race proceeds benefit Susquehanna National Heritage Area (SNHA) educational programs, recreational offerings, and local heritage sites. **Check out all the Riverfest activities at [RiverfestPA.com](http://RiverfestPA.com).**

**Run & Paddle Course:** Race to burn the bridge before the Confederates cross! Run from Columbia River Park at the bridge entrance up the Northwest Lancaster County River Trail to the Iron Furnaces (1.75 Miles). Collect all your ‘dynamite’ (race baton) you’ll need and race back to the River Park (1.75 Miles). Board your kayak and paddle across the Susquehanna north of the Covered Bridge Piers (1.25 Miles). Once across drop off the ‘dynamite’ (race baton) and paddle back on the south side of the Veteran’s Memorial Bridge to Columbia River Park (1.25 miles). **NO real fires/dynamite during race. This is a wheeled course. Run portion of the race is mixed sidewalk and paved trail. There is also railroad crossing on the course.**

**Location & Race Timeline:** Columbia Crossing 41 Walnut Street, Columbia, PA 17512. Center is located off the Columbia Exit for Route 30; at the intersection of Walnut Street and Front Street (Route 441). Bib pick up is between 10 AM and 5 PM on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> or beginning at 8:00 AM, Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Meet at Columbia River Park pavilion for safety meeting by 8:30 AM. Race begins at 9 AM.

**Cancellation Policy:** This event is held rain or shine. In the event of severe weather or dangerous river conditions, we may delay the start until conditions improve or we reserve the right to transition the race to a run only event.

**Kayak/Canoe Information:** Registrants can provide their own kayak or rent one from a local outfitter like Chiques Rock Outfitters ([chiquesrockoutfitters.net](http://chiquesrockoutfitters.net)). Columbia River Park is a PA Fish & Boat Commission regulated launch so kayaks must have unpowered boat launch permit. Visit [www.fishandboat.com](http://www.fishandboat.com) to purchase the necessary permit. All participants are required to wear a life vest during the kayaking leg and must be equipped with a whistle. Participants must be 16 years and older.

**Timing and Awards:** Split timing for the running and kayaking legs will be provided by Pretzel City Sports. Results will be posted within 48 hours at [www.PretzelCitySports.com](http://www.PretzelCitySports.com). Awards will be given for overall event as well as run-only to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place male and female.

Entry Fee includes finisher medal, one t-shirt and swag bag! Late registrants may not receive desired size.

**ENTRY FEE:**

**Run/Paddle: \$50 by May 1. After that and race day: \$60**  
**5K Run Only: \$30 by May 1. After that and race day: \$35**

Questions: Call Columbia Crossing at 717-449-5607 or email [info@columbiacrossing.org](mailto:info@columbiacrossing.org)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Run/Paddle  Run Only  Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Age (on race day) \_\_\_\_\_

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Sex: M F Shirt Size (circle one): XS S M L XL

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**WAIVER/RELEASE:** I hereby waive all claims against the race director, race officials and volunteers, any and all sponsors including, but not limited to Susquehanna National Heritage Area and Pretzel City Sports and those in their employ, the Borough of Columbia and County of Lancaster, and all their representatives and successors from any injury or liability I might suffer in this event. I attest that I am physically fit and prepared for this event. I assume all risks associated with participating in this event including, but not limited to: falls; contact with other participants; the effects of the weather, including high heat and/or humidity; and the condition of the road/river; all such risks being known and appreciated by me. I grant full permission for organizers to use my name and or pictures in legitimate accounts and promotions of this event.

signature \_\_\_\_\_  
date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Payment: Cash, Check, & Money Order made to Susquehanna NHA can be mailed to 1706 Long Level Road, Wrightsville, PA 17368 or dropped off at Columbia Crossing.

Online Registration Available at:

[www.RiverfestPA.com](http://www.RiverfestPA.com) or [www.PretzelCitySports.com](http://www.PretzelCitySports.com)