

2018 Covered Bridge Regatta

Travel and Regatta Guide

Hello parents and rowers! We hope you are all as excited as the staff is for the first travel regatta of the season. The Covered Bridge regatta is many of our community's favorite event of the year. You should find all the information you need to successfully navigate the weekend contained in this packet. If you have issues related to the Covered Bridge Regatta please contact the following:

CBRC Parent Coordinators - cbrcjuniorteam@gmail.com - 253-888-3584
All volunteer questions and junior team athlete issues.

Brian Coulson – Club Treasurer – bcoulson@dpcpa.com
Any issues related to regatta payment or scholarship questions.

Regatta Overview:

The Covered Bridge Regatta is a two day event, April 14 and 15, hosted by the Oregon Association of Rowers on Dexter Lake, in Lowell, OR. This will be a three day event for our club. Crews are expected to set up Friday April 13th in the afternoon and racing starts early Saturday and Sunday mornings and will wrap-up around noon on Sunday.

Costs:

Travel costs of \$225 for junior athletes need to be paid on the [CBRC website](#) in order to participate at the Covered Bridge Regatta by April 5th.

- Athletes should bring money for the lunch stop on Friday and dinner stop on Sunday.
- Athletes may also wish to have pocket money to purchase t-shirts, snacks and rowing items from the on-site vendors.

Travel:

Junior athletes will travel in vans, as a team, to Eugene and to and from the regatta site at all times. If any deviation from this schedule is necessary please make those arrangements with our parent coordinator, the athlete's coach, and van driver ahead of time. Thank you.

Hotels:

CBRC will handle the booking of hotel room for all athletes who will stay four or so to a room. If you wish to make separate accommodations for your athletes please let us know. Additionally, if you have a middle school athlete it is asked that you make plans to travel to the regatta. If you cannot attend, please designate another parent who is attending the regatta to act as "chaperone". While coaches and parents do watch after the group, having a designated parent for those younger athletes has become club policy.

US Rowing Compliance:

All athletes (Junior and Master) must have signed the online US Rowing Liability and Release Waiver to participate in this regatta.

- Please take care of this on the [CBRC website under US Rowing Compliance](#)

Parking:

Parking at Lowell State Park is reserved for team vans, trailers and trucks. Personal vehicles may be parked along N. Shore Drive or in town. There is usually a shuttle from town but it is also a short walk.

Weather:

The weather is usually nice at Covered Bridge. However, it is spring in the Pacific Northwest which can mean summer weather or snow. Make sure you and/or your athlete are prepared for all contingencies. Additionally, there are no docks for boat launching at the park. All launches are beach launches. Sandals or other water shoes are highly recommended as the shore is very rocky. It can also be quite muddy along the shore and rubber boots may be appreciated by spectators.

Spectating:

There is limited space for spectators to set-up tents or other sun shelter, be prepared with sunscreen and hats. There is a good view of the first 1500 meters of the course, binoculars are recommended. The last 500 meters of the course can be viewed by the boat launches at the west end of the lake. Rubber boots or sandals are nice to have as the grassy areas for team set-up can get muddy. Folding seats are also highly recommended.

Food and Volunteers:

It takes a lot of work to host and feed all of our community at regattas. We are asking all parents and master rowers to pitch-in and help staff our food tent. Please don't hesitate to step-up and help.

Sign-up to volunteer will be sent out in separate email about 10 days prior to the day we travel to the regatta. Please contact Deanna regarding food issues at 253-350-8713.

Important Destinations:

REGATTA SITE: Lowell State Park (Dexter Lake) (30536 Beacon Dr. Lowell, Oregon 98452)

TEAM HOTEL: Comfort Inn Suites Hotel - 541-746 - 5359 (969 Kruse Way, Springfield, OR 97477)

JUNIOR TEAM DINNER: Lee's Mongolian Grill - 541-726-3886 (1820 Olympic St., Springfield, OR 97447)

Tentative Itinerary

Friday April 13th (Juniors Only):

- 9:30 AM – Junior athletes meet for van assignments.
- 10:00 AM – Team vans leave for Lowell State Park.
- 12:00 PM – Junior vans stop for lunch. Lake Oswego, OR.

Lunch Stop Details:

The juniors team will be stopping at I-5 Exit 290 south of Portland in Lake Oswego, OR. There is a Baja Fresh, Subway, Safeway, and many other food choices all within a safe and short walking distance.

- 1:00 PM – Junior vans back on the road no later than 1:00 PM.
- 3:30 PM – Junior vans arrive at race site. Unload trailer, set-up camp.
- 6:00 PM – Dinner
- 7:00 PM – Junior vans depart for Hotel.
- 9:00 PM – Team meeting.
- 10:00 PM – Lights out.

Saturday April 14th:

- 5:00 AM – Wake-up
- 5:30 AM – Team vans depart for race course.
- 6:00 AM – All athletes arrive at course.
- 6:15 AM – Coaches and Coxswain meeting.
- 7:30 AM – First race of day.
- 12:00 PM – Lunch break.
- 5:00- 6:00 PM – Team departure to dinner (some vans may be able to stop at the hotel first)
- 6:15 to 7:30 PM – Junior team dinner.
- 9:00 PM – Junior Team meeting.
- 10:00 PM – Lights out.

Sunday April 15th:

- 5:30 AM – Wake-up.
- 6:30 AM – Team vans depart for race course.
- 7:00 AM – Arrival at race course.
- 7:30 AM – First race of the day.
- 12:00 PM – Approximate last race of the day.
- 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM – Trailer loading.
- 2:30 PM – Team van departure.
- 4:30 to 5:30 PM – Dinner stop. See Friday lunch stop.
- 7:45 PM – Arrival at boathouse, trailer unload.
- 8:00 PM – Athlete pick up from Boathouse.