

Rules of the 2018 Williamston Sunrise Rotary Duck Race

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1. Ducks are unbreakable, unsinkable and of the same size and weight.
2. Each duck is marked with a consecutive number, from 1 to 4,000 using indelible ink.
3. Duck Race tickets will be consecutively numbered. If a buyer purchases more than one duck, the number on the ticket will be associated with all ducks purchased. Purchases will be recorded in a MS Excel spreadsheet, one line per duck. Once ticket sales have been completed on race day, a random number from 1 to ~3,500 will be assigned to each line of the spreadsheet. (The exact number will be based on the actual number of tickets sold.) The random numbers will be generated using MS Excel.
4. The ticket number/duck number list will be posted at the race site, prior to running the duck race. The list will also be posted on the Williamston Sunrise Rotary web site www.williamstonrotary.org.
5. The Red Cedar River must be relatively free of obstructions.
6. Prior to the start, the ducks will be held in a pen on the banks of the Red Cedar. ~300 ducks will be selected from the duck pen by Cub Scouts and local children. Children are allowed into the pen for duck selection three at a time. These children are instructed not to look at the numbers on the bottoms of the ducks; parents and Rotary Club members are positioned to ensure compliance with this requirement. Once a child has selected five ducks, they are given to a Rotary Club member, and numbers for these ducks are recorded. Once the selection process is complete, the ducks are taken to the Red Cedar River and dumped into the center of the river using a NIESA fire truck. Expected time of the Duck Race is 2:00 p.m., June 23,

2018, or approximately one hour after the conclusion of the Red Cedar Jubilee Parade.

7. No one will be allowed to touch, hinder or assist the ducks while in the river.
8. The finish line is a chute consisting of weighted booms positioned in the river in a “V” shape. The vertex of the “V” will have a space through which the winning ducks will pass.
9. The numbers of the winning ducks will be transmitted by cell phone to “Duck Central” (aka Williamston Pub & Grill), where a list of winners will be compiled and announced to spectators present.
10. Winners need not be present to win. Those who are not present will be contacted by phone and/or email by a member of Williamston Sunrise Rotary. The winners list will be published on the Williamston Rotary website. Prizes can be claimed at the Race Site on Saturday, at the Rotary booth at the Williamston Farmers’ Market on Sunday, or by another mutually agreeable means.
11. If the race cannot be held in the river, winning ducks will be drawn from the Duck Pen by Cub Scouts and local children. If the weather is deemed too dangerous/inclement (e.g., in the event of a tornado warning), the same winner selection process will move to the Community Center gymnasium.
12. A copy of these rules will be posted at McCormick Park approximately 9:00 a.m. on Race Day, and on the Williamston Sunrise Rotary website www.williamstonrotary.org.