

# Duck Races Slated June 14

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The Vermillion Rotary Duck Race will be held June 14 to support the Vermillion Community Connection Center.

Steve Walters, Rotary President Emeritus, was looking for a fun way to support the new Vermillion Community Connection Center. The local Rotary club has long supported various organizations in the area, including the Food Pantry, and Steve wanted



to do something special. He assembled a team of experts, and they decided that a Duck Race was needed. Vermillion has everything necessary for an outstanding rubber duck race. The Prentis Park Pool has outstanding water slides, and Steve thought that they looked like ideal starting gates for the rubber ducks. The lazy river after the water slides, why that was simply a race track for the swimming ducks. Director of Parks and Rec, Jim Goblirsch, helped organize the ducks into heats, where 200 bright yellow rubber ducks will plunge down the slides into the lazy river where the Prentis Pool life guards are there to insure the safety and security of each duck as it swims its course through the lazy river. If this all sounds like fun, it is.

There are three ways to get involved with the duck race. The first, Rotary is offering ducks for adoption. The cost of adopting a duck is \$5.00, and 1,000 ducks will run in this inaugural event. The fastest duck earns a grand prize of \$125, second place earns \$75, and third place earns \$50. All proceeds go to the Community Connections Center. Kelsey Collier-Wise, the Executive Director of United Way Vermillion, says that the funds raised by this duck race will help purchase the commercial stove for the new kitchen at the Center. You may adopt your ducks at the event!

The second way to get involved is to volunteer to help with the event. It takes many hands to manage 2,000 ducks. Contact Steve Walters at 402-320-0347 to volunteer.

The third way to get involved is to come to pool and celebrate. Do you want to see the pool covered with yellow racing ducks? The pool concession stand will remain open for the enjoyment of all watching the races!

Again, the location of the event is the Prentis Park Pool on Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>. The festivities begin at 6pm with activities at the park, including free hotdogs and hamburgers. The races begin at 7:00pm with three heats of ducks plunging down the slides to compete on the lazy river, and the final heat for the grand prizes start at 7:30pm for the top twenty ducks from each of the three heats.