

Hospitality, Welcome!

Welcome back to all sophomore, junior and senior rowers. We are glad to see you return. We would also like to give a warm welcome to the new freshman and novice. Welcome to Harriton Crew.

Crew is more than just a sport for the high schoolers; it is a sport for the family. Each weekend from March through May, Harriton Crew rowers, parents and friends gather at the “tent” along the Schuylkill River to enjoy the races. It is an opportunity to meet other parents and enjoy a delicious feast. And no matter the weather, we will be on the Kelly drive to watch our rowers on the river. The enthusiasm on the river truly is a motivation to the rowers, and it is important that we support our children in their races.

Our tents, team banner, and tables, are all set up early at least 2 hours before the first race. Harriton’s usual spot on the Kelly Drive is located between the Grandstands and the Grandstands Parking Lot. Our tents remain up until our last boat has gotten back to the tent to eat. If for some reason the last race runs late, save some food and drinks for these rowers. We must be off Kelly Drive by 6:00 PM, which is the time that the drive re-opens to the public.

Each family is in charge of contributing food for one race to accommodate at least 30 people. In the past we assigned families to a weekly regatta to work the tent. This year we are asking you to volunteer to work the tent when it is best for you. We are confident that everyone will pitch in and make the tent run as smoothly as possible this season.

Food Suggestions:

Sound nutrition is essential for strength and endurance; please keep this in mind when selecting your contribution for race day.

(We are asking this year that you do not send salsa and chips. Over the years we have found that we receive more than we could ever eat and it just goes to waste.)

Appetizers: Includes fresh fruit, vegetables with dip, cheese and crackers, hummus and pita, shrimp cocktail.

Main Dish: Pasta salad, tossed salad, Caesar salad, tomato pies, hoagies. As well as hamburgers with rolls and cheese, hotdogs with rolls, chicken tenderloins, ribs, and other grilled goods. We are open to suggestion.

Also remember that we have chafing dishes so you can also prepare your favorite dish at home and bring it to the river, if this is easier for you.

Deserts and Beverages: Sports drinks, bottled water, lemonade, juice. Deserts can be muffins, breakfast cakes, brownies, etc.

We welcome your individual creativity and tastes. Please make your choice of food with our rowers and coaches in mind. They work very hard on race day and are always very hungry. Also, please don't forget that our spread is also for all of the parents and all of the friends who come to see the races.

Friends of Harriton Crew provide all paper goods, utensils, trash bags, coolers, drinks, water coolers, as well as propane for our grill.

Thank you in advance for your generous contribution of food and your time. Harriton Crew is proud of its team's success and the participation of its families.

Harriton Crew Tent Duties

Tent Captains: For each race we will need at least 8 parents consisting of 4 husband and wife teams. At least two sets of parents should be experienced; one set to help set up the tent and one set to help breakdown the tent. Tent Captains will be in contact with each other before the day of the race to coordinate the work that needs to be done. You will also need someone to collect food from people who will not be making it to the river early or not at all. This can be arranged however you wish (food brought to your home, or sent with another parent to the river.)

Coffee and hot water: We have two large plastic urns. EARLY on race day one is to be filled with fresh hot coffee, the other with hot water for tea, hot chocolate, and decaf coffee. They will be brought to the tent early in the morning. After the race, please bring home the urns and clean them and the parent in charge of this job will pick them up for the next race.

- Make sure the grill is clean and ready to cook on.
- AM tent parents, bring 6 large bags of ice. PM tent parents, plan on bringing 6 large bags of ice, but please call AM parents to see if they need more ice.
- Be at the river by 6:00 AM to meet the trailer and set up the tents.

- Set up the tables for the coffee and food.
- At noon, call the trailer hauler to let him/her know what time to come to get the trailer.
- At the end of the day start breaking down the tents around 4:00PM. We MUST be off of the river by 6:00PM.
- There are pictures in the trailer of how items need to be stored. Please refer to these before loading trailer.
- Distribute or dispose of perishable leftover food. Assure that the other food is properly put away.
- Take home and clean all utensils. Also, clean the grill before handing off to the next week's captains.
- There are two races that the tents need to be set up the day before the race. They will be Upper Merion, and the Stotesbury Cup Regatta. Parents hosting either one of the two races will need to start making plans early in the week, as there are no assigned spaces for either event.

Be prepared for anything, as things often change at the river at a moments notice.

See you on race day.

Hospitality Board

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