



January 9, 2018

Dear Fellow Marine Industry Partners:

We invite you to participate in the 13th annual Paducah Marine Industry River Cleanup Challenge to be held Friday, May 4, 2018, to clean up trash along the Ohio River bank.

This year's event will be held at Fort Massac State Park; located at 1308 E. 5th Street in Metropolis, IL. Lunch will be served from 11:30AM – 12:30 PM, followed by a safety briefing. Then, teams will be transported via boats to various clean-up sites on the Metropolis side of the river. Depending on the weather, volunteers should dress accordingly, we advise that they wear long pants and old shoes or boots.

Gloves and trash bags will be supplied to all volunteers. Some life jackets are available, but volunteers should bring their own if they have them. Please note that work vests cannot be worn instead of life jackets. The Coast Guard will have safety boats on site and EMT's will also be present as an added safety measure.


Volunteers will return back to Fort Massac State Park around 3:00 PM for wrap-up and dinner celebration. Marquette has again agreed to prepare lunch and dinner, and Living Lands & Waters will be providing drinks.

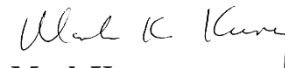
We've got great commitments already from many companies and vendors in the industry to make this another great event. If you'd like to help sponsor this event, you can donate at the following levels:

Trash Can Level Sponsor	\$250
Dumpster Level Sponsor	\$500
Garbage Barge Level Sponsor	\$750 or more

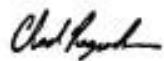
Please contact **Brooke Colinger** at Ingram Barge Company to participate or become a sponsor at (270) 441-1622. Sponsor logos will be placed on communication fliers. We will need to know the approximate number of volunteers you will be bringing and if you would like to be a sponsor no later than April 20th.


It's going to be a great event and a great way to give back to the river and our community!


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