



Registration Now Open for 2025 Decatur Morgan Hospital Foundation Dragon Boat Race & Festival

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Decatur, AL (February 10, 2025) – Registration is now open for the 12th Annual Decatur Morgan Hospital Foundation Dragon Boat Race & Festival, presented by Toray. The event will take place on **Saturday, May 10, 2025**, at the Point Mallard Aquatic Center Beach in Decatur.

Since its inception, the Dragon Boat Race & Festival has raised over \$1 million to support Decatur Morgan Hospital's programs and services, ensuring that quality healthcare remains accessible to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay.

Participants will race in authentic, 46-foot-long Asian-style dragon boats, with each team consisting of 20 paddlers, a drummer, and a professionally trained steersperson provided by the event coordinators. Open to all skill levels, this exciting and dynamic sport emphasizes teamwork and synchronicity over brute strength, making it an ideal team-building activity for community and corporate groups alike.

The event draws approximately 50 teams and over 1,200 paddlers annually, as they compete for the title of Grand Champion. Off the water, teams engage in a friendly fundraising competition to raise the most pledges in support of Decatur Morgan Hospital Foundation's mission.

Each team will participate in an on-water practice session with a trained coach during the week leading up to race day. On race day, teams are guaranteed at least two heats as they paddle toward victory. The team registration fee is **\$1,500**, and all proceeds benefit Decatur Morgan Hospital.

For more information or to register your team, visit decaturmorganfoundation.org, email foundation@dmhnet.org, or call **256-973-2187**.

Join us for this unforgettable event that combines fun, teamwork, and a meaningful cause. Paddles Up!



About Decatur Morgan Hospital Foundation

The Decatur Morgan Hospital Foundation, established in 1983, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to fostering relationships and promoting philanthropic support for Decatur Morgan Hospital. Through generous contributions, the Foundation funds state-of-the-art technology, facility improvements, employee scholarships, and essential healthcare services. Operating without city or county tax support, all donations are tax-deductible and can be designated for specific hospital departments or services or left unrestricted to address the greatest needs.