

WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?

Now that you know what you can do for us, what can the Lawrence Tech Detroit to Pittsburgh Canoe Team do for you?

- **ALL** sponsors will be listed in published materials and on a banner to be carried on the trip and displayed at each stop.
- Sponsors at Levels 1 and 2 will be specifically recognized in print and press releases.
- All donations to Lawrence Technological University are tax deductible.

GIVING LEVELS

Giving Level 1: Lake Erie \$10,000

You get: Large Decal/Logo/Name on Logo Canoe
Large Decal/Logo/Name on Banner
Commemorative Plaque
Logo/Name on Back of Trip Shirt

Giving Level 2: Rouge River \$5,000

You get: Medium Decal/Logo/Name on Logo Canoe
Medium Decal/Logo/Name on Banner
Commemorative Plaque
Logo/Name on Back of Trip Shirt

Giving Level 3: Alleghany River \$2,500

You get: Small Decal/Logo/Name on Logo Canoe
Medium Decal/Logo/Name on Banner
Commemorative Plaque
Logo/Name on Back of Trip Shirt

Giving Level 4: Detroit River \$1,000

You get: Name Listed on Logo Canoe
Small Decal/Logo/Name on Banner
Commemorative Plaque

Giving Level 5: French Creek \$500

You get: Name listed on Banner

Giving Level 6: LeBoeuf Creek \$100

You get: Name listed on Banner



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DETROIT TO PITTSBURGH CANOE TRIP 2005

*Commemorating the
250th Anniversary of the
French and Indian War*

A CENTURIES-OLD ADVENTURE

In the summer of 2005, students from Lawrence Technological University will recreate an historic canoe trip from Detroit to Pittsburgh via Lake Erie to mark the 250th anniversary of the French and Indian War. In the 18th century, the French and Native Americans used the waterways from Detroit to Pittsburgh as primary trade routes.

Lawrence Tech students will be the first people in modern times to make this historic voyage. The 6-week trip was two years in the planning and is being implemented largely by students. The student team will depart in May of 2005 from Lawrence Tech's campus and arrive in Pittsburgh on July 9, 2005, the anniversary of General Braddock's defeat in the Battle of the Monongahela at Pittsburgh. The trip will be coordinated with historical reenactments and other commemorative events celebrating the anniversary.

HISTORY

In 1750, British and French representatives met in Paris to try to solve territorial disputes, but no progress was made. In 1752, the Marquis Duquesne was made governor-general of New France with specific instructions to take possession of the Ohio Valley, removing all British presence from the area. The following year, he sent troops to western Pennsylvania where they built forts at Presque Island (Erie) and on the Rivière aux Boeufs (Waterford). At the same time, Robert Dinwiddie, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, was granting land in the Ohio Valley to citizens of his colony. Dinwiddie, hearing of new French forts on the upper Allegheny River, sent out a young Virginia officer, George Washington, to deliver a letter demanding that the French leave the region, setting in motion the events which inevitably led to the French & Indian War.

Info from: <http://www.philaprintshop.com/frchintx.html>



www.barkcanoe.com

CANOE BUILDING & WATERWAYS TRAVELED

Lawrence Tech students will build two replicas of eighteenth-century canoes, for safety's sake using modern composite materials instead of birch bark. One of the canoes will be a 26-foot replica with an 8-person capacity. The other canoe will be a 14-foot replica with a 4-person capacity. The journey begins on the Rouge River in Southfield, Michigan, near Detroit, then proceeds down the Detroit River to Lake Erie. The Lake Erie portion ends in Erie, Pennsylvania, where there will be a 14-mile overland portage to reach Waterford, Pennsylvania. Here the canoes will enter the water again on Le-Boeuf Creek, which leads to the French Creek and finally to the Allegheny River, where the trip culminates at Pittsburgh.



TEAM GOALS/BENEFITS

Beyond making history and celebrating the anniversary of the French and Indian War, students embarking on this project are gaining out-of-class knowledge and experience in:

- Teamwork
- Leadership
- Communication
- Engineering
- Environment
- History
- Organization
- Logistical Planning
- Physical Fitness/Endurance

SAFETY

Safety is the number one priority for an adventure such as this. All participants are competent swimmers and a number have also received their life-saving certification. Safety being priority one, everyone on the trip will be equipped with appropriate safety equipment, including flotation devices. In addition, the Coast Guard will be periodically notified of our location along the route and we will proceed accordingly under their discretion.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Now that you are interested in contributing, you must be wondering "What can I do to help?" There are several options available to sponsor our team and help us reach our fundraising target of \$55,000. These include:

- Equipment Donations
- Donations of Supplies
- Cash Donations