

## **Bring your boat to IPFW RiverFest**

Don't leave your boat in the lurch! Let it join the fun at this year's IPFW RiverFest on the St. Joseph River! You'll find great boating and beautiful views as you cruise the river during the festival.

The St. Joseph River is safe for powerboats and pontoons.

### **LAUNCHING AND NAVIGATION**

Launch at Shoaff Park and head south, downstream, to the fun at IPFW RiverFest. Navigate just to the right of river center for plenty of depth for motor operation.

Crews swept the river for floating logs leading up to IPFW RiverFest. Still, keep a lookout for logs and other river hazards to be on the safe side.

### **LANDING AT RIVERFEST**

When you arrive at RiverFest, look for on-shore tie-ups marked with red streamers. You'll find the on-shore tie-ups just upstream of Venderly Family Bridge on the east bank (on your starboard as you come south on the river).

Secure the bow of your boat to the tie-off, and then anchor your boat's stern off-shore.

### **COURTESY DOCK**

The IPFW RiverFest courtesy dock gives you a great place for loading and unloading passengers. Look for it on the west side of the river, about 500 feet upstream of the Venderly Family Bridge.

### **WATCH FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AND RIVER TRAFFIC**

During the day, several special events take place on the river. During these special events, please be aware of other boats and river traffic. Always practice safe boating!

These events take place in front of the IPFW campus, near the Venderly Family Bridge.

- 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. – Canoe, kayak, and pontoon rides
- 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. – Float plane landing and water ski show. During these event, please stop motoring and move to either shore so you can enjoy the show.
- 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. – Flotilla (boat parade) begins at the Venderly Family Bridge. The flotilla will travel upstream to St. Joe Center Road, then back to the IPFW campus.
- 10:30 p.m. to midnight – Floating cauldrons of fire on the river. Please keep a safe distance from these open fires.
- 10:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. – Fireworks light up the sky! For a great view, stay upstream of the Venderly Family Bridge, close to the east bank.

### **DECORATE YOUR BOAT!**

Show off a bit! Decorate your boat for the day. Use flags, streamers, lights, or whatever you want to join the fun and show off your creativity. Dress your boat for the party!