

Rubber ducks to race in Greenville for charities



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Thousands of bright yellow rubber duckies will race down the Reedy River falls on May 7 to raise money for charities.

The event, known as the Reedy River Duck Derby, is put on annually by the Greenville Evening Rotary Club,

Teams or individuals can adopt a duck for \$10, or a "quack pack" of four ducks for \$30.

Prizes include a year's supply of groceries (Publix) and a children's playhouse (Home Depot & Habitat for Humanity of Greenville County).

Last year's Duck Derby enabled the Greenville Evening Rotary Club to allocate \$56,100 to eight charities.

The charities that benefited were the Carolina Youth Symphony, Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (GAIHN), Girls on the Run, Greenville Technical College (scholarship), Habitat for Humanity of Greenville County, Mauldin Miracle League, Early Act First Knight and Shriners Hospital.

Additionally, the club was able fund the replacement of the TD Amphitheater Stage in Falls Park, and donate to international charitable efforts such as a water project in the Honduras and a sustainable agriculture project in Haiti.

Ten thousand duckies will be released in the Reedy River for this year's race. They will arrive in Greenville on May 2 and be placed in the river, near the Main Street bridge, on May 7.

Prior to the race, which begins at 2:30 p.m., there will be festivities in the park.

Retro Vertigo and Kelly Jo and Buffaloe will provide musical performances. TimTv will be there with his Magic Cirkus.

There will also be games and activities for kids and it is all free.

Ducks can be adopted in the park or online at [duckrace.com/Greenville](http://www.duckrace.com/Greenville) (<http://www.duckrace.com/greenville>).

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