

# FAQs

## About The Flathead Food Bank's Rubber Duck Regatta

Listed are Frequently Asked Questions about Flathead Food Bank's Rubber Duck Regatta. Click on the question to find the answer. If you have a question that is not answered here, please quack us at: [www.flatheadfoodbank.com](http://www.flatheadfoodbank.com)

FAQs:

**Q: How do I know if I won a prize?**

**A:** Winners will be posted on race day after the race is completed at the community celebration at Lawrence Park. Prize winners will be posted to the [prizes page](#) by noon on Monday, August 28, the day after the race. Prize winners will be notified the week after the event through email. ([Back to top](#))

**Q: How did the Duck Race get started?**

**A:** One day, after deciding to no longer host a Duck Derby, the Whitefish Community Foundation gifted Flathead Food Bank a flock of ducks! Lots and lots, thousands of ducks! Not only that did it seem to be a fun idea for Flathead Food Bank to host such an event, it is a good way to raise money to support the hunger relief programs of Flathead Food Bank.

**Q: When is the Flathead Food Bank's Rubber Duck Regatta?**

**A:** The First Annual Rubber Duck Regatta is Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup> 2017, from 1:00 – 4:00 PM at Lawrence Park in Kalispell. ([Back to top](#))

### **Q: How does the Duck Race work?**

**A:** Rubber ducks will race down the Stillwater River, from the walking bridge north of Lawrence Park, to the community celebration at Lawrence Park! For a small fee YOU can “adopt” one or more ducks for a chance at winning valuable prizes. Each duck is linked to a unique number that’s stenciled onto a racing rubber duck.

At the starting line, rubber ducks are simultaneously emptied into the Stillwater River. The winning ducks are the ones that float to the finish line first. There will be three races: one for children and families (Kids Quack’n Qwazy Duck Race), one for families and community members (Release the Quack’n Race) and one for the community and businesses (The Battle of the Mighty Ducks Race). Each race will have its own set of incredible prizes for the first 10 ducks to cross the finish line!

We know that everyone will be flocking to adopt a duck, a chance to win awesome prizes, all while **supporting the fight against hunger in Northwest Montana.**

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### **Q: What does the money raised go for?**

**A:** Flathead Food Bank will utilize 100% of the money collected from the duck adoptions to support their hunger relief programs in Northwest Montana: Kalispell Pantry, the mobile pantries in Coram, Martin City, Hungry Horse, Kila and Marion Montana; the Senior Commodities Program and the Children’s BackPack Program.

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### **Q: How do I adopt a duck?**

**A:** It’s easy! However you choose to adopt a duck, it will be entered into the Rubber Duck Regatta on the day of the race!

1. You can drop by Flathead Food Bank to make an adoption.
2. You can [fill out Adoption Forms on this website.](#)
3. You can call us at 406-752-3663 and we’ll help you fill out the adoption paperwork!
4. You can adopt a duck at our mobile adoptions center. The Mobile Duck Adoption Center will be at your local grocery stores:
  - Friday June 30 and Saturday July 1 at **Albertsons** – 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM
  - Friday July 7 and Saturday July 8 at **Super One Kalispell** – 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM
  - Friday July 14 and Saturday July 15 at **Super One Evergreen** – 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM
  - Friday July 28 and Saturday July 29 at **Smiths** – 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM

5. You can adopt a duck at the Northwest Montana Fair! Visit us at our Duck Adoption booth August 16 – 20, 2017!
6. Kalispell Thursday Fest
7. Ducks can also be adopted through these sponsors: Brett Kelly Group – Performance Real Estate, Kalispell Ford, Kalispell Toyota/Scion, Whitefish Ford/VW, Second Helpings Thrift Store.

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### **Q: How much does it cost to adopt a duck?**

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#### **Kids Quak'n Qwazy Duck Race**

- ✓ Ducks are \$5 each!

Adopt a duck for the Community **Release the Quack'n Race!**

- ✓ \$5 – “Quak'n Duck” = 1 adopted Duck!
- ✓ \$25 – “A Six Quack'n” = 6 adopted Ducks!
- ✓ \$50 – “Sack of Quack'n” = 12 adopted Ducks!
- ✓ \$100 – “Feathery Quack'n Flock” = 24 adopted Ducks!

Businesses can adopt a duck for **The Battle of the Mighty Ducks Race** for \$100 for each!

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### **Q: What do I do if I choose to adopt a duck using the Rubber Duck Adoption Form on line?**

**A:** Print the form, fill it out completely and either bring it to, or mail it to Flathead Food Bank: 1203 Highway 2 West, Suite #2, Kalispell, MT 59901. The form can also be FAXED to us at: 406-752-2572 or emailed to [angela@flatheadfoodbank.com](mailto:angela@flatheadfoodbank.com). Payment will be required in cash, check or through credit card. All adoption forms must be received by August 20, 2017.

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### **Q: Is there a limit to the number of adoptions I can purchase?**

**A:** No, there is no limit! You can adopt 1 or 1,000!

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### **Q: I've ordered some adoptions on the online system. Do I receive some actual adoption forms in the mail or what?**

**A:** Keep a copy of your submitted form. We will send you a confirmation of your duck numbers via email. Your duckies are all primed and ready for the RACE!

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**Q: What happens on Race Day?**

**A:** At 1:15 PM on the day of the race, rubber ducks will simultaneously be dumped off the walking bridge at north Lawrence Park and will race down the Stillwater River!

As the ducks cross the finish line, a volunteer crew fishes the winners out of the river and begins a real-time posting of the winners. This action continues amidst many family fun activities at the community celebration finish line until all the prizes have been posted. Depending on the condition of the river, the races may take anywhere from 1-3 hours from start to finish.

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**Q: Do I have to be present to win?**

**A:** No. All winners will be notified by telephone and/or email. All prizes will be picked up from Flathead Food Bank the week following the race.

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**Q: What are my chances of winning a Prize?**

**A:** Your chances depend on how many ducks are adopted and the journey your duck(s) take down the river!

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**Q: What happens if the weather is bad?**

**A:** We did not raise any wimpy duckies! The Race is held in all kinds of weather and river conditions.

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**Q: How can I become a Sponsor / Volunteer for the Duck Race this year or next year?**

**A:** Sponsors for this year must be identified by May 15, 2017 to be included in all of the PR opportunities. We love to have people involved! Please contact us anytime if you would like to volunteer this year or next! Email us at [www.flatheadfoodbank.com](http://www.flatheadfoodbank.com) or call us at 406-752-3663 and we'll talk about it. But for this year, don't forget to adopt ducks!

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