



Raise Your Paddle for the Buffalo Protest Float Saturday, May 24th

If you've been looking for a way to express your opinion about the wisdom of siting an industrial hog farm in the sensitive ecosystem of the Buffalo River, here's your chance! The Ozark River Stewards, a group of concerned citizens, are inviting all canoeists, kayakers and rafters to join them in a show of support for protecting the Buffalo River from the degradation already showing up from recent testing.

We have established two places for people to meet; either at Ozark Campground north of Jasper, or Grinder's Ferry, by the Hwy 65 bridge and just north of the entrance to Tyler Bend. We ask that you arrive around 9:00 am on **Saturday, May 24th** so that we can take a group photo to submit to the media. You may work out shuttle plans beforehand, or see if you can make arrangements with fellow protesters once you arrive. If we have some idea of the number of participants, we may also be able to help in arranging shuttles.

Paddlers are asked to decorate their boats, themselves, whatever it takes to make it clear that we are floating in support of preserving and protecting the water quality of the Buffalo River. Plastic banners for the side of your boat, Flags or pennants, signs you can tie to your life jacket, even Contact paper with messages for your paddle blades, and hog hats or face paint for yourself will let people know you have a message! There will be extra signs available at either site as well. Decorations should be waterproof.

Let's not leave anything in the river.

A bonfire rally is planned for that evening on the upriver end of the Gilbert gravel bar for anyone who wishes to join in. Bring something to grill, something to share and your own beverage. For more information, contact LinWellford@gmail.com, who will be at Grinder's Ferry, or Teresa_Turk@hotmail.com who will be at the Ozark Campground access. In case of rain, we will reschedule to Sunday, May 25th.