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CULVER, IND.--A 60-mile canoe race on the Tippecanoe River will be sponsored by Culver Military Academy on the weekend of April 18 and 19.

William Garrison, an Academy history teacher, conceived the idea of the race and will serve as its chairman. Garrison formerly taught at University High School in Bloomington, Ind., and chairmanned a similar event in that area last year. Thirty participants--many of them college students--competed in the race.

The Academy race is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 18, from Leiters Ford. The end of the first leg will be at Elvera Beason Memorial Park, an Academy-owned recreational facility located on the Tippecanoe some 17 miles from the Culver campus. Canoes and crews will set out Sunday morning to cover the remaining distance to Buffalo, Ind.

There is no age restriction on entries and Garrison said anyone may enter the race. Crews will be limited to three members and the type of craft is restricted to canoes. The Academy will make available for purchase a Saturday evening meal and Sunday breakfast at Beason Park, where overnight lodgings will also be provided. Academy buses also will transport contestants from the Academy to Leiters Ford and will also return them to the Culver campus from Buffalo at the conclusion of the race.

Garrison said entry fees will be used to purchase prizes, and crews will have their choice of prizes according to the place in which they finish. He added that Culver will also make some of its canoes available to participants, although Academy students will have first claim. Others will be loaned on a first come, first served basis.

Additional details and entry blanks may be secured by writing Garrison in care of Culver Military Academy, Culver, Ind.

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CULVER, IND.--Crews for some 50 canoes have been entered in Culver Military Academy's 60-mile canoe race down the Tippecanoe River on the weekend of April 18-19.

William Garrison, an Academy history instructor who is serving as chairman of the race, says he expects possibly 100 canoes to be entered by the time the first wave of boats leaves the shores of the Tippecanoe at Leiters Ford, Ind., at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 18. The race will end Sunday evening at Buffalo, Ind.

Entries for the race will be received up until the start of the race on April 18, however Garrison said a deadline of April 16 has been placed on reservations for overnight lodging at Beason Park, where canoeists will end the first leg of the competition Saturday night. Reservations for lodging, entry blanks, and information may be obtained from Garrison by writing him in care of Culver Military Academy, Culver, Ind.

Rules of the race allow anyone to enter, but crews are restricted to three men. Garrison said he expects additional entries to come in from college students in the surrounding four states. In addition, 29 canoes owned by Culver will be manned by Academy cadets.

Other rules to be in force during the race prohibit mechanical aids and the use of other than conventional type paddles. Canoeists may not receive help from anyone other than a member of their crew, and crews may leave the Tippecanoe only to portage around obstructions.

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