



# Current Connections

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The 2025 River Race is truly one for the books—not only on the course, but behind the scenes as well. This year marked a record-breaking number of sponsors, whose overwhelming generosity has helped set the Delaware Youth Center up for another year of growth and success. The funds raised through their support are essential in offsetting the operating costs of the DYC, allowing us to continue offering quality programs and services to our community. As a heartfelt thank you, we encourage everyone to show their appreciation by supporting these local businesses—because when they thrive, so does our community.



We're thrilled to give a big round of applause to our **2025 Community Champion Sponsors**—Delaware Valley Farm & Garden Center, Riverside Remedies, The Callicoon Pantry, Meadow, and The Treadwell Family.

Their incredible support helps keep the River Race (and the Delaware Youth Center) running strong! Be sure to show them some love and gratitude as you lace up for race day. And don't forget to swing by our photo booth before and after the race to capture your big smiles, sweaty glory, and all the fun in between!



We're thrilled to recognize **Wayne Bank** as this year's **Timing Sponsor** for the Delaware River Race! Their generous support helps keep our event running smoothly—right down to the second. Thanks to Wayne Bank, racers can focus on crossing the finish line while we keep track of every moment. We're so grateful for their commitment to our community. If you're looking for a bank that values local connection and dependable service, check out Wayne Bank—they've got the timing (and the care) just right.

We're also giving a cool shoutout to our **Neighborhood Hero Sponsor**, Northeast Paving and Sealcoat, who will be keeping racers refreshed by proudly sponsoring this year's misting stations.



We are honored to partner with the SCVA in support of this year's 27th Annual DYC River Race. Their commitment to promoting local events and outdoor adventure in the Catskills plays a vital role in making this race a memorable experience for our community and visitors alike.



## Meet the Heart of Our Community

### Ed Van Der Schans

Can you tell us a little about yourself and how you got involved in DYC?

Hi, I'm Ed, I live part-time in Damascus, PA and part-time in Manhattan, NY. My wife, and two boys Patrick (7) & Ollie (6) love spending as much time as we can in the Callicoon area; all 4 seasons bring something special. I'm originally from Essex in the UK, but moved to the US in 2007.



My wife & I supported many of the DYC events when we first came to the area in 2015, but we stepped up our involvement as our boys grew up. They will be spending a lot of their summer in the pool here!

Having been a cross country & track athlete back in the UK for many years, I felt that volunteering to help the River Race was a natural fit.

What is your favorite DYC memory?

My best memory to date from the DYC is my eldest son, Patrick, completing the River Run in 2024.

It was his first ever race, we ran together and it was an amazing experience to share together. Seeing his sense of accomplishment was priceless.

I'm looking forward to my youngest, Ollie, running the Race in 2026.

What is your vision for the Center?

I love how the DYC brings together people from all over the Community, the River Race is another example of that. We bring together Runners, Walkers, local businesses, youth camps & families to support.

I'd like to see the race continue to grow over the years, the further support the DYC in their year-round activities.

## REGISTER NOW FOR THE RACE

The 27th Annual Delaware River Race is **sprinting our way on Sunday, July 20th**—and we want you at the starting line! Whether you're a seasoned sprinter, a casual stroller, or prefer to clock your miles virtually (hello, air conditioning), there's a spot just for you.

So lace up, limber up, and sign up here: <https://delawareyouthcenter.org/register-river-race>.

We've set a fundraising goal that's as ambitious as a runner on espresso, and we need your help to cross that finish line. Not the racing type? No problem!



## DONATE TO THE DYC

You can still support the Delaware Youth Center by donating here: <https://delawareyouthcenter.app.neoncrm.com/forms/dyc-donation-form>. Let's race (or walk, or click) our way to a stronger community!

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