

Derby Festival adds 'duck derby' to event list



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The Kentucky Derby Festival has agreed to add the [2016 Ken-Ducky Derby \(https://www.duckrace.com/louisville\)](https://www.duckrace.com/louisville) charity event to its official event calendar.

The 13th annual event is sponsored by Harbor House and will be Saturday, April 30, on the Ohio River.

Placement on the festival event list allows the sponsors to use the festival's name in promotions and permits the festival to provide a variety of support to the activity. The festival calendar typically includes more than 70 events between [Thunder Over Louisville \(/story/entertainment/events/kentucky-derby/festival/2016/02/22/boat-slips-available-thunder-over-louisville/80750574/\)](#) and the [Kentucky Derby \(/sports/horses/\)](#).

The Ken-Ducky Derby will be at 7 p.m. April 30 at Kroger's Fest-a-Ville at Waterfront Park's Great Lawn. Admission is free with a [Pegasus Pin \(/story/entertainment/buzz-around-town/2016/03/02/pickup-pegasus-pin-riverside-parking-garages-locations/81199770/\)](#). Funds are raised by people "adopting" ducks entered in the race. The person who adopts the duck that wins the floating race will win a 2016 Nissan Versa.

Adopting a duck costs \$5 and every dollar raised goes to help Harbor House programs and initiatives. The organization's goal is to empower individuals with disabilities to lead productive lives.

Ducks can be adopted online at [www.hhlou.org \(http://www.hhlou.org/\)](http://www.hhlou.org) and at a number of retail sponsor locations.

"The Ken-Ducky Derby supports a wonderful cause and is a great addition to our schedule this year," said Mike Berry, Kentucky Derby Festival President and CEO.

Harbor House is a nonprofit certified training and development center for adults with developmental and physical disabilities. More than 300 adults are served annually with on-site and community-based employment opportunities, plus a full range of other services.



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