

Wabash River Hovercraft Journey to Benefit Childhood Hunger Charities in Indiana

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Goshen, IN –

Organized by the Hoverclub of America, a group of hovercraft adventurers will come together for a unique 5 day, 500 mile “*Hover for Hunger*” journey up the Wabash River. The “*Wabash 500 Hover for Hunger*” will cover the entire navigable portion of the Wabash River, while raising funds and awareness for charities combating childhood hunger in Indiana.

On July 29 the group of 12, with 7 hovercraft pilots and support vehicles will launch from Old Shawnee Town, IL 10 miles south of the confluence of the Ohio and Wabash Rivers, and end 5 days later in Fort Recovery, OH. “*The downriver trip has been done by boat, but never by hovercraft and never upriver. This will be the first attempt ever to complete the entire journey by hovercraft in one go. The hovercraft is ideally suited for navigating the shallows, sand bars, rapids, log jams, buried debris, and low head dam and shoals found along the Wabash,*” says Dave Reyburn, organizer of the trip and President of the Hoverclub of America.

The hovercraft pilots will be aided by several ground support persons driving vehicles/RVs for camping each night, towing trailers for recovery, and carrying fuel, spare parts, tools, food and supplies. “*We hope to cover about 100 miles per day, stopping at many towns along the river to raise awareness and telling the story of our journey. This will be a team effort by all involved,*” says Reyburn. “*It's called "Hover for Hunger" because we are using this occasion to raise awareness of childhood hunger in Indiana. This is hovering with purpose. We will be raising funds for charities that combat childhood hunger.*”

One of the groups to benefit will be the food pantry of the Goshen Middle School. The GMS “bak-pak program” feeds children from elementary school through high school age. A similar program at South Vigo High School in Terre Haute will also benefit from the funds raised.

“*These are kids that are identified by their teachers or counselors as being at-risk of going hungry when they go home over the weekend. Through the program, once per week the kids are sent home with a large bag containing enough nutritious food items to supply them with weekend meals. The food pantry is stocked entirely by donations from our local churches, individuals and grants when available,*” explains Reyburn, whose wife Tina is an organizer for the Goshen program.

All participants are self-sponsoring their costs of the trip, but they are also seeking donations from their friends, family and co-workers for 5c per mile. (That's \$25 if they make it the full 500 miles). 100% of proceeds raised will go to the charities identified by each adventurer.

Online donations may be made at www.hoverclubofamerica.org. Click on the Wabash River 500 link and click the “Donate Now” button.

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Raising funds to combat childhood hunger in Indiana

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