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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate opening of G2 Rowing Community Rowing Center

FORT WAYNE, Aug. 11, 2023 – G2 Rowing will celebrate the grand opening of its new boathouse with a ribbon cutting on August 17, from 5 to 8 p.m. with the ribbon cutting at 6:00 p.m. Community members interested in rowing or seeing the facility are welcome to join the celebration, with rowing demonstrations and food trucks.

In partnership with Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation, the new boat storage facility is located in Shoaff Park next to the boat launch along the St. Joseph River.

G2 Rowing has been training rowers and putting rowing sculls (which have two oars per rower) and sweeps (with one oar per rower) on the Fort Wayne rivers since 2009. “It used to be, the only time you would see rowing in our city is if you were watching it on the Olympics. Rowing as a competitive sport is growing in Fort Wayne,” notes Dan Wire, Board Chair for G2 Rowing. “We had humble beginnings living off of trailers, so we’re especially proud to share our new Community Rowing Center with the public. We’ll be showcasing the next level of activity for Fort Wayne rivers and giving both competitive and recreational rowers a way to access our beautiful waterways.”

Over the past few months, the facility has provided a powerful boost to the different rowing programs offered by G2. “After ten years with the program as a rower and as a coach, having a boat house as the heart of the program makes a big impact on what we are able to teach our rowers and how much time we can spend on the water,” said G2 Head Coach Cody Hough. “In the past we would spend hours each week rigging and unrigging our boats, trailering the shells and hauling coaching launches to a secure site several miles away from where we row. Today our kids have a safe place to meet and store the boats, and we can get directly onto the water which improves the quality of the instruction we can provide.”

G2 Rowing offers competitive high school rowing year round, with high school call-outs beginning August 21st for interested students of high school age. “We will be attending several regattas in the eastern U.S., as well as hosting our own regatta this fall,” said Hough. The program also offers middle school rowing to everyone through the Concordia Lutheran High School summer camps program, and it provides opportunities for college rowers who are home for the summer. In August, it launched a Beginning Rowing program for adults ages 18+ and will eventually offer adaptive rowing for differently abled individuals.

“Rowing is such a beautiful sport, and we hope the community joins us to get a glimpse of these very graceful boats out on the St. Joe, and see where they are housed. It’s a wonderful asset for many people in Fort Wayne, whether you love sports or love our rivers” said Wire. “We are deeply grateful to the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department, and all of our partners, for the support of rowing as a sport on our rivers and G2 Rowing as an organization.”



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About G2 Rowing Association

The Mission of G2 Rowing is to provide rowing programs for youth and adults with varying levels of ability to participate for sport and/or physical fitness.

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