



Tulsa's Great Raft Race, Inc (501c3)
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Media Release:

2021 Great Raft Race Canceled Due to Bridge Construction

After canceling in 2020 due to the pandemic, Tulsa's Great Raft Race sadly announces the cancellation of the 2021 event due to the construction of the Gilcrease Expressway extension.

Organizers shared the update after recently touring the construction site, where the ongoing bridge and turnpike construction of the Gilcrease Expressway over the Arkansas River will create an unsafe and unpredictable construction zone for rafts to travel through.

"Safety of our participants and organizers has always been our top priority," Seth Erkenbeck, Tulsa's Great Raft Race Director, said, "and we don't feel it's possible for a safe river passageway through the area. Like many events in town, we were really looking forward to the return of the race again in 2021, but some things are out of our control."

With bridge construction slated to be completed by Spring of 2022, organizers look forward to the triumphant return of this iconic Tulsa event Labor Day weekend next year when a top-notch racer experience can be assured.

About Tulsa's Great Raft Race:

The Great Raft Race brings thousands of people to the banks of the river every year on Labor Day starting in Sand Springs Case Community Park, floating 8 miles downriver, and ending at River Parks West Festival Park. The event was originally started in 1973 and ended in 1991 before its current revival in 2015. Tulsa's Great Raft Race, Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit organization, and could not be produced annually without the generous support of our sponsors, corporate and non-profit partners, and hundreds of volunteers that make this Labor Day tradition a reality. We look forward to seeing you on the river in 2021!