

2019 Dragon Festival at Lake Phalen in St. Paul

Yinghua parent volunteer Lisa Daniel is coordinating Yinghua's participation in the 2019 Dragon Festival, and she invites Yinghua parents, guardians, and friends to join her as paddlers or as part of the cheering crowd. **Yinghua's 2019 team will paddle on Sunday, July 14.** Yinghua's 2018 team earned 3rd place—let's do it again, Yinghua!

If you would like to participate, please read on and contact Lisa at lisa.snowfox@gmail.com.

The Dragon Festival at Lake Phalen in St. Paul brings together the Greater Twin Cities community in celebration of the diverse Asian Pacific cultures through an annual dragon boat race and festival. It's a free-to-attend event that takes place in mid-July. In addition to the race, this festival includes: corporate-sponsored tables with swag for the kids, face painting, Kung Fu expos, food vendors, bounce castles, and more. Our team will race in two heats on Sunday (times not yet known). Each race is approximately 90 seconds long.

What we need:

- 25 or more paddlers who are prepared to work hard and get wet--life jackets provided; must be at least 18 years of age; everyone gets a chance to paddle
- A minimum of **8 women**
- 1 Drum Banger--generally a light-weight person sitting up front and keeping pace for the team
- 1 Flag Catcher--at least 16 years old, small, spindly, and with Spiderman-like abilities to hang from the dragon's head and extend as far as possible to grab the flag
- Cheering crowd: Lots of healthy lungs with loud voices, bells, whistles, flags, you name it! There is a spirit award that would be nice to win. Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, sun screen, coolers, drones, etc. What a fun afternoon to hang out, let the kids run, and catch up! Come as early as you'd like, and stay as long as you want.

Lisa says, "I'LL TAKE THE FIRST 30 REPLIES AND GO FROM THERE." Write to her soon at lisa.snowfox@gmail.com.