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A kayak and canoe race to benefit the American Cancer Society is scheduled to take place on the Roeliff Jansen Kill on Saturday, April 30.

An open-house potluck is also scheduled on the day of the race at the Roe Jan Creek Boat Club in Linlithgo overlooking the finish line.

This year's race will feature two options for competitors.

Racers in the Pioneers' Bracket may start just downstream from Elizaville Falls—where Route 2 and Route 19 meet in Elizaville. This course, at 14 miles, includes two challenging portages and is open to experienced paddlers seeking a four-to-six hour adventure. Pioneers' bracket paddlers may start anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the day of the race and should arrange to be dropped off at the start.

Racers in the Fast-water Bracket will start just below the Bingham's Mills waterfalls (on the Livingston side of the stream). This course is seven miles and is open to experienced paddlers ready to maneuver through many challenging sets of rapids. The fast-water section will take the quickest paddlers around an hour and a half; and it may take others well over two hours.

The property owners at Bingham's Mills will be opening up access to the stream for competitors on the day of the race.

Competitors in the Fast-water Bracket may start between 11:30 a.m. and noon on the day of the race.

Racers starting at Bingham's Mills must either arrange a drop-off at the start or take advantage of a ferrying system that will allow competitors in the Fast-water Bracket to park their cars at the Roe Jan Creek Boat Club on Station Road in Linlithgo and be brought with their boats to Bingham's Mills. The two transports are scheduled to depart the boat club at 11:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

The race is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Racers are encouraged to seek sponsorships in the form of a donated amount for each stream mile that the racers plan to brave. Sponsor sheets may be obtained on roejancreekboatclub.org or by emailing roejanrace@gmail.com. Hard copies of the sponsor sheets, which can also be used to make general sponsorships of the race, will be tacked onto a bulletin board outside the Roe Jan Creek Boat Club in the days before the race. For racers unable to gather sponsorships, there is a suggested donation of \$20 for single paddlers or \$30 for two-person teams. Checks should be made out to the American Cancer Society.

Timing categories will be broken down by the two different brackets and by single paddlers and two-person teams. And the most coveted first-place finish will go to the

highest fundraiser. Last year, the race drew 51 competitors and raised \$2,574. The winners will be announced the day after the race.

The race is sponsored this year by the Roe Jan Creek Boat Club and by Columbia Landscape & Tree Corp.

Members of the public are invited to the Roe Jan Creek Boat Club on the day of the race. Guests are encouraged to bring a covered dish and the club will provide meat and beverages.

Racers will register on the morning of the race, but those who RSVP to roejanrace@gmail.com will receive information regarding the course in the days leading up to the race. Questions may also be forwarded to that email address or to 518-249-8761.

In the case of heavy rains and-or cold weather, the race will be moved to Sunday, May 1. Please check roejancreekboatclub.org or the boat club's Facebook page on the day before the race in case of postponement.