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Venture Outdoors Festival -Saturday, May 20, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (rain or shine)
Pittsburgh's North Shore Riverfront Park, near Heinz Field

The Venture Outdoors Festival, sponsored by UPMC Health Plan, is a free event where individuals and families can sample the many outdoor activities available in our region. This free event features canoeing, kayaking, biking, dragon boats, rock climbing, inline skating, fishing and more. Participants can hone their skills or try these activities for the first time - with experienced instructors to provide guidance - and learn where to enjoy these activities all season long. There will be over 90 different clubs and organizations with exhibits and information about outdoor recreational opportunities in the region. Local outdoor shops will also be on hand selling the latest gear. In addition to the physical activities, there will be kids' activities and tours of the river on the discovery vessel, the Pittsburgh Voyager. Plenty of parking will be available (special event rate: \$5).

Also during the festival will be the presentation of the VO ROCS (Venture Outdoors Recreation & Outdoor Community Steward) Award. The award honors an individual who has made a significant contribution to promote outdoor recreation in the region. More information about nominations are coming soon.

What: Venture Outdoors Festival

Where: Pittsburgh's North Shore - near Heinz Field

When: Saturday, May 20: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (rain or shine)

Who: Beginners and Experts - Anyone interested in learning more about outdoor recreation in the region.

Format: Day long festival with tons of exciting activities for the whole family from kayaking, canoeing, fishing, in-line skating, biking, climbing and more!

Information: Call (412) 255-0564

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