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AT THE RIVER WALK  
PRESENTED BY CROSS TIMBERS ROTARY

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Who does the Cross Timbers Rotary Duck Derby benefit?

All proceeds from the Cross Timbers Rotary Duck Derby will benefit the Cross Timbers Rotary Club, whose purpose is to help local and worldwide charities. Over the past 5 years the Cross Timbers Rotary Club gave grants to Adaptive Training Foundation, Boy Scouts of America, CASA of Denton County, Children's Advocacy Center, Cloud 9 Charities, Communities in Schools of North Texas, Crazy Cool Family, Cross Timbers YMCA, Cumberland Youth & Family Services, Denton County Friends of the Family, Grace Like Rain, Hearts for Homes, Journey to Dream, Lewisville ISD Education Foundation, Metroport Meals on Wheels, Our Daily Bread, Ranch Hand Rescue, Refuge for Women North Texas, She Supply, Solutions of North Texas, Sower of Seeds, Span/Meals on Wheels of Denton County, Winning the Fight, Your Home Team Cares, and other local organizations.

### How does it work?

Everyone who adopts a duck, whether online, in the mail, at a Duck Race booth, from a nonprofit partner, or in a sponsoring business, is entered into what we call E-Quack, a database that stores all of the information. Next to your name in E-Quack is the number of ducks you have adopted. The tag range is entered into E-Quack, and all the numbers are shuffled up. Then, E-Quack automatically assigns the number of ducks you have adopted next to Tag Numbers. Thus, if you adopted 5 ducks, your name will be placed next to 5 different Tag Numbers.

### How do my ducks get in the water?

Let's Tag! A few days prior to the Cross Timbers Rotary Duck Derby, volunteers will place numbered tags on the bottom of every duck that will be in the Duck Race. The tags are waterproof labels with a 7-digit number. All ducks will be tagged prior to the race, and loaded into a duck-friendly cage in preparation for their big race. All ducks will be released from the cage at the River Walk waterfall at 1:00pm and make their way to the finish line.

## What is my tag number?

Tag numbers are automatically and randomly assigned by a computer. We want to make sure that no duck has an unfair advantage and the race is not fixed, so to ensure the integrity of the race, the computer randomizes the assignment. Rest assured, all the ducks you have adopted will be in the water.

## What if you have 29,000 Adopted Ducks, but you have 30,000 Tagged Ducks on Duck Race Day?

If all our ducks have not been adopted by race day, it means that a lucky adopter can still adopt up to 30 minutes prior to the race. Their names will be placed at random into the mix, next to a number that does not already have a name by it. Anyone can adopt until 30 minutes before the race begins, as long as the race is not sold out.

## When and where is the Cross Timbers Rotary Duck Derby, and what does it cost?

The Cross Timbers Rotary Duck Derby will take place on September 16, 2023, at The River Walk at Central Park in Flower Mound, Texas. This event is FREE to attend, and duck adoptions are only \$5 each! Ducks are on sale until 12:30. We will launch at 1:00 pm. The first 10 ducks through the finish line will win some amazing prizes. Winners will be announced at 1:45 pm.

## How will I know if my duck wins?

The Cross Timbers Rotary Club will contact you using the information you provided with your duck adoption. You do not need to be present to win.

## Are they real ducks or rubber ducks?

Rubber ducks!

## Who can adopt a duck?

You must be at least 18 years old to adopt a duck.

## Once I adopt a duck, do I get to keep it?

No. After you adopt your duck, the Cross Timbers Rotary Duck Derby team will work hard to train, coach, and make sure each one is ready for Duck Race day. After the race, all of the ducks will fly off to their next race somewhere in the US.

### Do I need to be present to win?

No, the winner does not need to be present to win. We do hope you will join us for the race, though! Winners will be announced at 1:45 pm, and winners are posted online at <https://www.duckrace.com/crosstimbers> and <https://www.facebook.com/CrossTimbersRotary>

### Can I adopt ducks on race day?

If all our 30,000 ducks have not been adopted as of September 16, the remaining ducks will be available for adoption on race day until 30 minutes prior to the start of the race at an adoption booth set up during the Cross Timbers Rotary Duck Derby.

### Where do I park?

Head to the Marriott Courtyard (4330 Courtyard Way, Flower Mound, TX 75028), and there will be Rotarians directing traffic.

### Can I bring food or drinks?

Food trucks and vendors will be present at the event, but you are welcome to bring your own food if you would like. Please be mindful that the Town of Flower Mound alcohol ordinance will be in effect.

### Will restrooms be available?

Yes. There are portable restrooms at the event.

### Is Duck Derby bad for the environment?

No. These adorable yellow rubber ducks race down a manmade river toward the finish line, where the winning ducks are revealed. After the race, The Cross Timbers Rotary club and their volunteers gather every last duck so they can be reused for the next organization hosting a Duck Derby event!

### How do I contact someone about Duck Derby if I have questions that are not answered here?

Please contact us by emailing [duckderby@crosstimbersrotary.com](mailto:duckderby@crosstimbersrotary.com).

