



CELEBRATE AMERICA250PA

America250 commemorates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. America250PA aims to engage Pennsylvanians through history, fostering understanding, inspiration, and empowerment. It highlights the River's contributions to both Pennsylvania's and America's story.

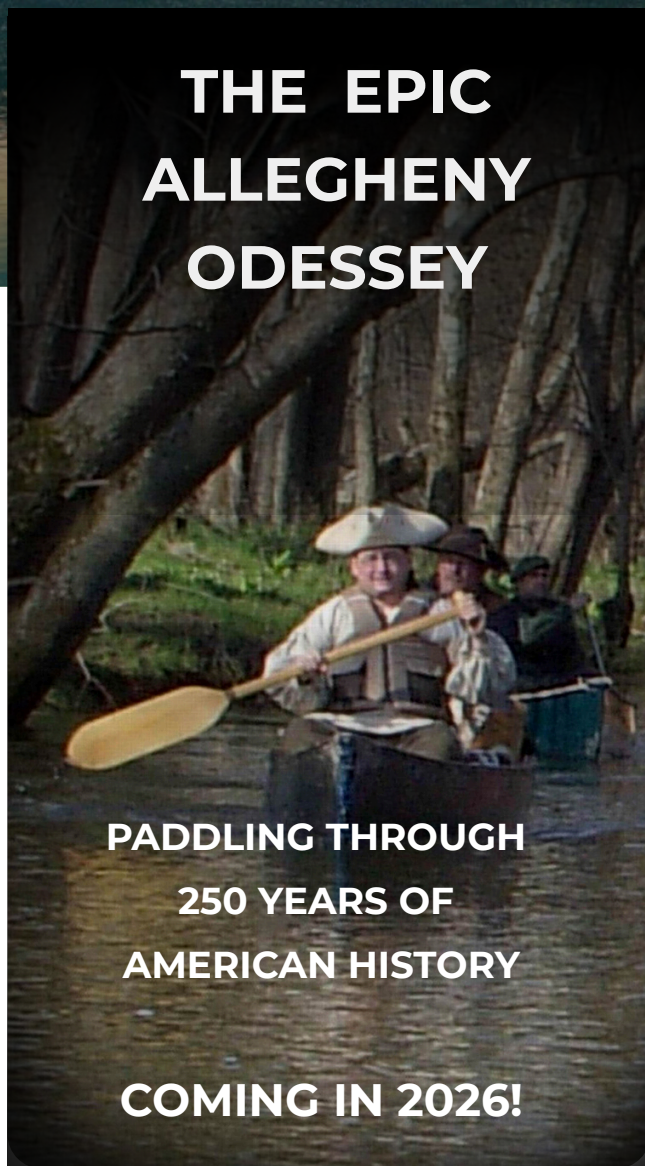
To commemorate America250, the Oil Region Alliance and its partners present a 10–12-day supported sojourn along 200 miles of the Allegheny River, from Warren to its mouth in Pittsburgh. The Epic Allegheny Odyssey is a once-in-a-generation commemoration of America250, spanning 200 miles along one of the nation's most storied rivers. This event combines an adventurous spirit with reflective power, inviting participants to engage with history in motion. Each day will bring new stretches of river, scenic vistas, and community welcomes, while each evening will transform into a stage for living history — reenactments, interpretive talks, ecological presentations, and cultural celebrations that honor the people and events that shaped our state as well as our nation. These evening events will be videotaped and posted on a website for future use as educational tools.

The Epic Allegheny Odyssey positions the river as both a physical challenge and a symbolic journey, where paddlers retrace centuries of heritage while forging new connections between past, present, and future. It is not just a sojourn — it is a defining experience of remembrance, resilience, and renewal.

THE EPIC ALLEGHENY ODESSEY

**PADDLING THROUGH
250 YEARS OF
AMERICAN HISTORY**

COMING IN 2026!





The Oil Region Alliance seeks to contract with an event planner to organize this large event.

A videographer/editor will be contracted to capture the event, including the reenactments, which can be shared for educational purposes.

The commemorative book is anticipated to be created through the use of a contracted professional writer and publisher.

The event is expected to take place from July 25, 2026, through August 9, 2026. Funding will be generated through grants, sponsorships, advertising, private monetary contributions, and in-kind donations.

Funding Partners



LEAD PARTNERS

- Friends of the Riverfront
- Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry
- Pennsylvania Environmental Council
- Visit Pittsburgh
- Venture Outdoors

Advisory Partners

- PA DCED
- PA DCNR
- PA DEP
- PA Fish and Boat Commission
- PA Northwest Planning Commission
- Western Pennsylvania Conservation
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- USDA - Allegheny National Forest

Potential collaborators

- Rivers of Steel
- Heinz History Center
- PA History & Museum Commission
- PA Game Commission
- Lumber Heritage Area
- Clarion County Economic Development Corporation
- Experience Armstrong
- Tourism Offices
- local outfitters, and municipalities along the river.

