

Canoe race to aid Special Olympics

Paddlers competing in the Third Annual Paddlethon for the Honolulu Area Special Olympics will race down the Ala Wai Canal starting at 8 a.m. Sunday.

The Paddlethon is the major fundraiser for the more than 300 Special Olympians living in the Honolulu area, said volunteer Garrett Toguchi.

Funds raised from the event cover sports equipment for the Olympians, transportation to and from games and costs of the winter and spring area games, he said.

No paddling experience is needed to compete in the quarter-mile race. The Outrigger Canoe Club and the Lokahi Canoe Club are supplying a canoe and an experienced steersman for each team.

Teams will consist of five paddlers and the steersman.

Cost per paddler is \$15 and applications for entries will be accepted through tomorrow, Toguchi said.

Last year, Toguchi said, almost 50 organizations and individuals competed in the race.

For further information, call the Hawaiian Special Olympics at 955-2606.