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Volunteers Needed

FONR is working to build a new crew of volunteers to meet the challenges of our growing organization. You can register for these and other opportunities below.

[Nebraska Crew Volunteer Opportunities](#)

Volunteers most needed for Summer/Fall

- Help the Communications Committee manage and update our Wordpress Website.
- Help the Facilities Committee prepare the Pawnee Facility for Rowing this fall (Docks and infrastructure).

- Assist the Events Committee with 20 phone calls to your classmates encouraging attendance to the 50th Anniversary Banquet.
- Give a video testimonial the weekend of August 14th. We will have professional video setup at Creighton Boathouse and the UNL Boathouse.
- Help the Liaison committee : "Guest Coach"/Assistant Coach as a launch driver this fall.
- Any other opportunity you may find useful.



Pawnee Project Update

A Flurry of Activity are extremely excited to move forward on the new waterfront home for Nebraska Rowing. The 'Boat Pen' which will store the shells has been fenced, graded and rocked. We have moved all the equipment to the 50'x100' area and plan to have boat-racks installed in the next few weeks. Remodeling of the Huddle Building is progressing and will provide Bathrooms, Electricity, storage and a heated meeting/warmup area.

Complete! - Negotiation with Game & Parks for 1.2 acres of land and existing Building.

Complete! - Approval from Core of Engineering for Land-Use agreement

Complete! - Lease for Land & Building approved by University Administration

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Complete! - Land next to Building Leveled & Skimmed for 'Boat Pen'

Complete! - Bidding process for 'Fenced Boat Pen' until larger boathouse can be built

Complete! - Moving shells into current Concession Building

Complete! - 1st Practice at Pawnee Lake

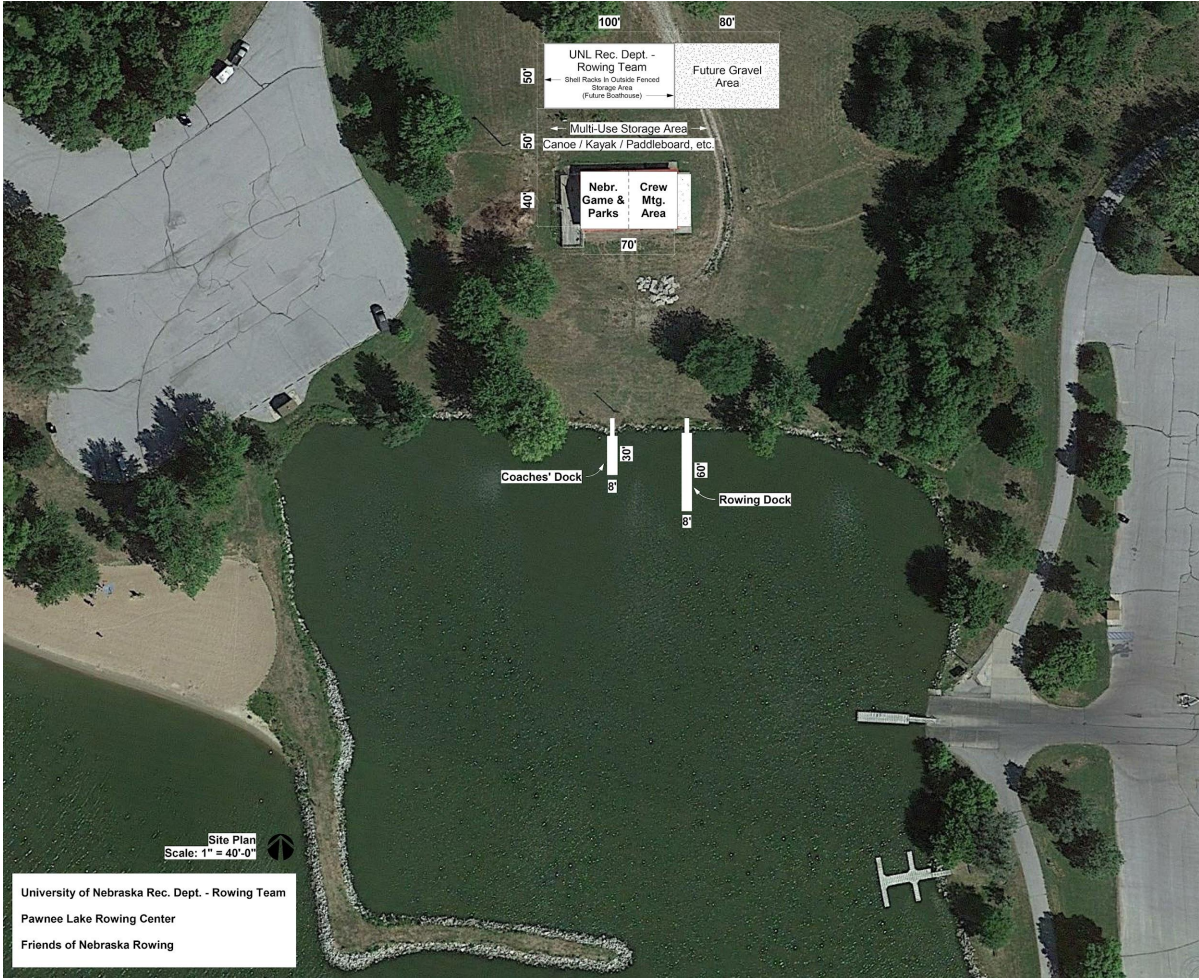
Complete! - Construction of Temporary Boat Pen

In Progress - Remodeling of Crew 'Huddle Building

In Progress - Docking system installed

TBD - Fundraising for future large 'Nebraska Shellhouse', Coaching Launch and Facility Upgrades

TBD - Construction for future large 'Nebraska Shellhouse' and Facility Upgrades



Site Plan
Scale: 1" = 40'-0"

University of Nebraska Rec. Dept. - Rowing Team
Pawnee Lake Rowing Center
Friends of Nebraska Rowing





FONR Website : nebraskacrew.com

[The Friends of Nebraska Crew Website is live.](#) Choose the FONR page for links to newsletters, Updates to the 50th Anniversary, Alumni Registration, TownHall schedule, Volunteer form, Merchandise and Donations.



Update on 2021 Pillars of Success

The FONR board has given themselves fully to the future of Nebraska Crew. Below is an update on our “2021 Pillars of Success” for this quarter

- **Pawnee Project** - Creating a permanent lakefront practice facility for Nebraska Crew
 - *“Boat Pen” Construction complete, All equipment moved to Lake, Building Remodel Progressing. Plans for deploying docks are in Progress.*
- **Spring/Fall 2021 Rowing** - Assisting the current Athletes on their quest for watertime
 - *Funded and assisted with the repair of 2 *+'s and 4+ over the summer.*
- **50th Anniversary Banquet** - Holding the largest celebration of Nebraska Rowing, relaunching Crew for another 50 years.
 - *Launched a registration page, secured donations for silent auction, secured sponsors, Started a ‘calling tree’ to contact all Alumni*
- **Campus Boathouse Project** - Improving the on-campus training facility, changing the focus as we move shell-storage to Pawnee Lake.
 - *Organized a work weekend to remove everything from the East Section of the Boathouse to prepare it for a professional ‘epoxy coating’ on the boathouse.*
- **Fundraising Program** - Using FONR as a multiplier for fundraising.
 - *Several Fundraising activities are planned for the 50th Anniversary Weekend.*
- **Alumni Engagement** - Using newsletters, town hall meetings and alumni events, we would like to reunite alumni with their rowing roots and create relationships between the students and Alumni.
 - *Two Town Hall Meetings are complete, with Three More scheduled.*
- **Strategic Master Plan** - Network the Alumni within their career expertise to implement a long-term plan that will provide an increasingly competitive rowing experience for our Student Athletes.

- *Updates to Strategic plan complete, we will have a presentation/feedback at the Friday Night UNL Boathouse re-dedication and The Saturday Morning Pawnee Tour.*



Register with Friends of Nebraska Rowing

We are reaching out to everyone who has been a part of Nebraska Rowing over the past 50 years to create connections and context for the names on our roster. If you have not done so already, please consider becoming a 'Registered Member' of FONR. This will ensure you receive an invitation to the September 50th Celebration, Updates on the new Rowing Facility at Pawnee Lake and news from the Nebraska Crew Community. Registration is free and only take a few minutes :
<https://www.nebraskacrew.com/fonr/index.htm>



Nebraska Crew : 50 Years



50th Anniversary Banquet

Book your Flights & Travel plans now! Join us for the weekend of September 24th & 25th to commemorate and celebrate 50 years of Nebraska Rowing. On Friday September 24th FONR the Alumni Association will be giving tours. Then meet the Student Athletes at the Boathouse to reminisce about our long history with that building. Enjoy Valentino's Pizza and Fairbury Hot Dogs while Mark Stormberg, President of FONR, will present plans for the Campus Boathouse renovation. A special presentation will follow including the unveiling of a 50th Anniversary plaque.

Saturday morning will start early with an opportunity for the Alumni to get in a rowing experience at the new Pawnee Lake Facility. Contact your fellow boat-mates now and we will do our best to recreate your favorite lineups of yesteryear. Mary Ellen's "Food for the Soul" will be serving Coffee & Breakfast items in the Morning followed by the best BBQ Lincoln has to offer for Lunch. Tours of the Pawnee Lake facility will be available throughout the morning, a formal presentation on Future Construction will end around Noon.

Saturday Evening September 25th the 50th Anniversary banquet will commence with cocktails at the Lincoln Champions Club, west of Memorial Stadium. It will be an action packed event featuring an elegant buffet, great socializing, a line-up of exceptional speakers, and plenty of “fun and games”. Our formal program features a Keynote Address by Amanda Kraus, Chief Executive Officer of US Rowing. Crew founder Allan Maybee will share a few of his “legendary” stories about the early days of the Program. Brad Kuhn, Class of ’84, promises a memorable video presentation that looks back on the 50-year history of rowing at Nebraska. Dress is business casual.

[Register for the event](#)

We have recruited five sponsors for the Event including Make & Cathy Huber, Investors Realty, Popcorn County, Equitable Bank, Rembolt Ludke Law. Large Live Auction Gifts including hand-crafted memorabilia, Telluride Colorado Condo rental, Nebraska Furniture Mart and a ¼ side of grass fed Beef. 30 Silent Auction items include, Gift Cards, Football and Volleyball Tickets, Football photos Autographed by Bob Devaney. The NU Foundation will provide a crowd-funding platform for Alumni. We hope to raise \$10,000 for the team over the weekend.

We are still seeking sponsorship for the event and auction, at the individual, class, crew or Corporate Levels. For more Information Contact: Ellen Jirovsky, Class of 75, ellenjirovsky@outlook.com, Jerry Huber, Class of 1976, jhuber@investorsomaha.com or Hannah Tamayo Langdon, Class of 2013, at hmlangdon@gmail.com.

If you need to tell your people motel info or last minute flight info here it is!:

Blocks of rooms—mention “Crew 50th Anniversary”. CALL

Comfort Inn & Suites Airport 402-474-2080

-OR- Hampton Inn Airport 402-475-6465

And quick airline tickets(!)— Call Steve Glenn at Executive Travel in Lincoln

50th Anniversary Weekend Schedule

Friday September 24th

3-6:00 pm - Campus Tours, Alumni Association

6:30 pm. Food/Pop - Valentino’s, Fairbury Hot Dogs at the Campus Boathouse 1000 N. 16th Street. - Open to families \$10

7:15 pm. Campus Boathouse Renovation Plans Presentation - Mark Stormberg, President FONR

7:30 pm. Presentation of 50th Anniversary Commemorative Plaque

Saturday September 25th - Morning Pawnee Lake Activities

8 am - Alumni Rowing

8 am -11:30am - Food Truck - Mary Ellen's Food for the Soul 8-11:30 am

10:30-11:30 am -Facilities-Grounds Tours

Saturday September 25th - Evening Banquet at the Nebraska Champions Club

6-7:30 pm, Cocktails, Silent Auction - First Drinks will be provided by the Alumni Association.

7:30-8:15 pm - Banquet Dinner

8:15-10:15 pm - Formal Program including Keynote speech from Amanda Krouse CEO of US Rowing

Live Auction to Follow, Thank you to Our Sponsors:



Equipment Committee Updates:

The committee refurbished and completed the repair of three shells, they are ready for our Student-Athletes to row this fall. We have a few remaining projects for the Summer/Early fall including 1) Coaching Launch & Safety Infrastructure 2) Shell Trailer Refurbishing If you would be interested in assisting physically or financially with any of these projects please contact Frank Dolezal - frankdolezal@gmail.com



US Rowing's Chief Executive Officer Amanda Kraus to be Keynote Speaker

Amanda Kraus learned to row at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. As team captain she led UMass to a Division II National Championship.

As founder and CEO of Row New York, Amanda spent 18 years building an award-winning organization with a focus on making the sport of rowing, paired with top-notch academic support, accessible to young people.

After moving to New York City following graduate school, she started Row New York by putting \$5 into a bank account and reading a book about starting non-profits. She ultimately built an organization with a \$5 Million operating budget. Since its founding in 2002, Row New York has impacted the lives of thousands of teenagers, as well as veterans and people with disabilities.

In 2020, she was named as the Chief Executive Officer of US Rowing, the national governing body for the sport of rowing. Amanda's mission today is to grow US Rowing into a vibrant resource for rowers and rowing programs, from those just learning to row to our Olympians.

Friends of Nebraska Rowing is proud to have Amanda Kraus as our Keynote Speaker. We are certain that her message will inspire all of us associated with the University of Nebraska Rowing program to Row Nebraska!



Coaching Update

It is after July 4th, when the heat of Summer really starts to oppress, that I start yearning for fall rowing. It is also crunch time for rowing coaches.

This year, it is really exciting to start with such a prestigious school as UNL and its durable, rough and tumble crew. As I said before, the amount of involvement of the alumni, crew, State Game and Parks Department, and the University has really impressed me. Having a security fence go up at our new venue at Pawnee Lake, renovating the existing building there, improvements to the boathouse on campus... These things are all happening with minimal involvement by me. It is great as a coach that I can comfortably focus on the crew, planning for practices and scheduling training.

The existing crew is seeing these results as well and getting excited for the fall. Having a program develop around them is inspiring them to do their part in recruiting, planning and training.

With all of this good momentum, there are always unknowns when it comes to recruitment and retention. In my experience, regardless of how flashy the program is, good new rowers only stay on if they know that there is a supportive community of people that really want them to be there. Since we are coming off of the Covid year, and have very few veteran rowers, I am grateful to have a handful of volunteers that can help create the community that new rowers need to embrace the sport.

There are plenty more opportunities to contribute to the success of the 2021-22 UNL Crew. If you would like to hang out in a launch, or on the ergs, with the rowers for a few days; or if you have other talents that might help such as in media or equipment maintenance, please let us know. You are always free to contact me directly.

Thanks to all you alumni for your support!

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Nebraska Rowing in the News

FONR has been working to increase the media exposure of Nebraska Rowing. Over the past month the Lincoln Journal-Star (and affiliates) ran both an online & print article on the 50th Anniversary. The Star-Herald ran an article on Founder Allan Maybee. [You can read a copy of both articles here.](#)



Updates to Campus Boathouse

The UNL Campus Boathouse has started its 'Extreme Makeover'. FONR and associated Volunteers worked to clean out everything from the boathouse. Most of the equipment moved to Pawnee Lake, with Ergs and some remaining equipment stored in the Tank area. Campus Rec has contracted a new Epoxy Floor which is the first step to transform the space to a professional looking workout facility. They are also updating the walls, doors and installing new lighting. Floor Mats, Changing areas, Backpack/Duffel storage, Weights , Big-Screen connection for the Erg and a new Sound System are all on the horizon and many of those projects will start next fall. Below are photos of our work to 'Empty the Boathouse'



Crew Foundation Donations

As Alums, we know that when we rowed, we did it for more than ourselves. We pulled for the gal or guy in front of us. We knew that they were relying on us to finish the race, regardless of how hard it was. All of us

succeeded together. Or none of us did. It was about the greater whole. The team. It was more about the name on the front of the boat “Nebraska” than any one individual. We learned valuable lessons from our days behind the oar. We can help pay these lessons forward to this year’s team.

Please consider making a tax-deductible gift to the “**University of Nebraska - Lincoln Crew Club Development Fund**” through the University of Nebraska Foundation. Your donations are administered by the Campus Recreation Department, in consultation with the Friends of Nebraska Rowing Board. You may also designate your gift to a specific purpose, if you wish.

You may mail your gift directly to the University of Nebraska Foundation 1010 Lincoln Mall, Suite 300, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68508. Make checks payable to “University of Nebraska Foundation” and add in the memo line or an accompanying note: “**Fund # 01015580 University of Nebraska - Lincoln Crew Club Development Fund**” or [donate directly online](#).

You may also contact our Rowing Team Advisors at the Foundation to make a gift by phone or to learn about other ways to make a gift. Joye Fehringer can be reached at joye.fehringer@nufoundation.org or 402-875-0611 and Connie Pejsar can be reached at connie.pejsar@nufoundation.org or 402-432-1198.



Friends of Nebraska Rowing (FONR) is an Alumni Support Organization that works with the Campus Recreation Department, the Alumni Association and University of Nebraska Foundation to provide long-term stability, consistency and financial resources for the competitive rowing team at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. Membership is free and open to all who share this vision.

Officers/Directors

Bill Brush – First Nebraska Crew Coach
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