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Mustang DECA members take part in an Oklahoma Riversports dragon boat challenge.

Take a cruise down the river

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For those who like being on the water, the Oklahoma River is a place for fun, relaxation and recreation.

For those who like a slower pace, the Oklahoma River Cruises offer ferries and charter cruises. Departing from four sites – Regatta Park, Meridian, Exchange and Bricktown landings, ferries operate Wednesday to Sunday during the months of May through September. Cruises begin at 11:40 a.m., running throughout the day until the last departure at 5:25 p.m.

Ferry Fun Cruises include specialty offerings, such as the History Comes Alive series, running through Aug. 18, said Michael Scroggins, Oklahoma River Cruises marketing, customer relations and technology manager.

"It's a really fun way to experience

the cruises – we have colorful Oklahoma characters from the past who re-enact history," he said.

For those who want to combine exercise and a cruise along the Oklahoma River, there is Bike and Ride, available through November.

"Bike and River allows people to experience the variety of the river – the urban and wetland views, available in three and seven-mile options," Scroggins said. "We've already had a lot of interest in this."

While river cruises allow a leisurely chance to experience the Oklahoma River, the Boathouse District offers more interactive opportunities. An official U.S. Olympic and Paralympic training site, Riversport has programs designed for youth, adults and seniors alike. Whether its flatwater kayaking, dragon boating or paddle boarding or more extreme fun like whitewater rafting, tubing and water

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