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Regional Catfish Tourney in Atchison Sunday

(KAIR) -- People from all around the region will be in the waters of the Missouri River in Atchison on Sunday in an attempt to catch the largest and the most catfish.

The Midwest Open Championship, sponsored by KC Catfish will be accepting registrations at Independence Park along the riverfront.

Registration opens at 4:30 that morning and is 145 dollars, cash.

Launch is at seven and weigh in is at four that afternoon.

This is the final event of the series that began in March.

President and Founder Brad Kilpatrick says this year has been unlike any other for the organization.

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He says the tournament draws in people from many different spots around the country.

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In July and the Port of Waverly in Waverly, Missouri, John Jamison and Justin Cook caught an 80 pound catfish, which is the largest of the 2012 season.

This is the third year Atchison is hosting a leg of the series.

The event wasn't held in Atchison in 2011 due to the flooding of the Missouri River.

Kilpatrick is expecting 40 to 50 boats to participate and grand prize money will range from 25 hundred to three thousand dollars.

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