

# Cardboard Boat Race

**Saturday, 12 August @ Maxwell Cadet Pool**

**Registration - 1100am / Races - 1230pm**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- All ages are encouraged to participate.
- All participants riding in the boat must be able to swim and must fill out and sign a registration/waiver form.
- Materials can be picked up from Outdoor Recreation beginning on Friday, 4 August during normal business hours.
- Team Captain must register between 1100am and 1200pm on the day of the event.

## Teams & Racing Format

- Teams consist of 2 to 4 members or one family household; only 1-2 members can be in the boat for the race.
- Each boat must have a designated Captain.
- Each participant must wear a PFD at all times when in or on the water, otherwise, the team will be disqualified.
- Race will begin at approximately 12:30pm.
- Race must begin and end with the crew intact.
- Swimming and/or pulling the boat will result in disqualification.
- Races will be timed to determine the winner with the fastest speed.
- Awards will be presented for speed, team spirit, and best design for both the Squadron and Civilian category.

## Boat Design & Construction

- Boats must be made ONLY of cardboard and duct tape. NO reinforced cardboard tubes, no liners, tarps or coated/waxed cardboard.
- Cardboard cannot be sealed with any paints or sealants. Only Sharpie markers can be used to decorate the cardboard. Any additional decorations cannot aid in the flotation of the boat but can be used to add to the creativity.
- Boats must be made BEFORE THE RACE and will be inspected by judges.
- Boats may be a maximum width of 60" (5ft) and a maximum length of 84" (7ft).
- Boats must be completely enclosed or permit the crew to remain fully on top of the vessel (no legs & feet can be used to propel your boat). No surfboard styles.
- Boats must be propelled by the use of arms or cardboard paddles.
  - Paddles must meet the same construction requirements as the boat (cardboard and duct tape only). No electrical power to propel the boat will be permitted.
- The boat's passenger area must not be enclosed above the occupant's shoulders, so not to interfere with escape should the vessel begin to sink.
- Boat design is left to the builder's imagination.
- Teams are not allowed to reinforce or adjust their boat in any way after the judges' inspection has taken place.
- There will be a pre-race inspection, if any illegal items are discovered, the boat will be disqualified. It is at the judge's discretion to allow the team to participate in the "Outlaws" race.

## **Race Regulations**

- You will be notified when to move your boat in line to get ready for your heats. Participants will wait to be directed as to when their boats will be put in the water.
- Only two (no more) participants from each team will be allowed to enter the race by riding in the boat.
- You may use your hands and/or homemade (cardboard) paddles to help paddle your boat.
- Anyone using their feet and legs to paddle will be disqualified!
- The heats will be set up. The race will begin at the sound of the horn/buzzer.
- Every boat in the race will be timed and the team with the fastest time after all heats are run will be declared the winner. Your boat must make it from one end of the pool to the other with all participants to be considered a finish.
- All participants must remain on the pool deck for awards immediately following the race.

**\*\*ANY RULE NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED ABOVE WILL BE LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE JUDGES\*\***

## **Winning Categories**

Fastest Finish Time (First, Second, and Third Place)

Team Spirit (First Place)

Titanic (Most Dramatic Sink)

For more information, contact the Maxwell Outdoor Recreation Staff at (334) 953-6144.