

Middle Fork Campground

Cardboard Boat Regatta

Saturday, August 30

Time

Boat Construction: 1-3pm

Cardboard and tape will be provided while supplies last. No pre-registration required.

Registration & Boat Inspection: 2:30-3:30pm

Races Begin: 3:30pm

Materials

Cardboard, Duct Tape, Packing Tape, Rope, or String

Rules

1. Only the items listed above may be used to build boats. Cardboard tubes are permitted but cannot have wood or plastic used to cap the ends. **No pre-treated or waxed cardboard is permitted.**
2. Boats may be built prior but must pass inspection upon arrival. Pre-made boats must arrive by 2:30p.
3. Design is the builder's choice. Make your boat look like a race car, a yacht, dragon, flying saucer.... Let your imagination go wild. Only permanent markers can be used to decorate your boat. **Use of paint, stickers, etc. will result in disqualification and not permitted to go in the water.**
4. **ONE** paddle will be given to each boat team. The paddle may only be used to propel the boat. **Rafts or flat boats which use legs for propulsion are not allowed.**
5. Each participant must always wear a life vest when on the water, otherwise, the team will be disqualified. Forest preserves will provide life vests.
6. Each boat must carry 1-2 team members.
7. Team member(s) in the boat must not be enclosed above the shoulders. Team members must be always visible while the boat is in the water.
8. Team members who start the race must finish the race without leaving the interior of the boat. **If a team member exits the boat for any reason during the race, the team will be disqualified.**
9. When a boat finishes the race, the team must remove the boat and any leftover cardboard debris from the water area and dispose of it at the designated trash area.
10. Teams are not allowed to sabotage anyone else's boat. **Any rough housing in the water will lead to disqualification.**
11. Team members must supply their own towels.

12. Judging will be based on elapsed time at the completion of the race, or distance traveled and elapsed time the boat sinks.

Awards

Speed Boat: *Fastest time while staying afloat*

Visionary Vessel: *Most creative design and team name*

Poseidon's Plunge: *Most dramatic sinking*