

Ankeny SummerFest 22nd Annual



Cardboard Boat Regatta

Prairie Ridge Pond, Saturday, July 14, 2018

1 PM Registration (Cost \$10 per entry) - 2 PM Races Start

The Challenge!

- ◆ Design and build a person-powered corrugated cardboard boat that is capable of racing or at least floating.
- ◆ Organize your friends, neighbors or co-workers for an afternoon of fun.

Age Groups

- ◆ 7 to 10 years old
- ◆ 11 to 14 years old
- ◆ 15 to 17 years old
- ◆ Adult (18+)
- ◆ Corporate Challenge

Awards

- ◆ 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place prizes will be awarded to each age group.
- ◆ “Most Creative Award” given for best design and use of cardboard.
- ◆ “Titanic Award” given for most notable sinking.

Other Information

- ◆ Costumes for the crew (and all Land Crew) and decorations on the boat are encouraged. Bring a large cheerleading squad.
- ◆ Enter your boat in the SummerFest parade if you want.
- ◆ Search the web for information on how to build boats.

Special Rules for Corporate Challenge

- ◆ All registered boats must be powered by employees of the company.
- ◆ All boats must have company logos on the boat.

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Race Rules and Procedures: The main purpose of this event is to have fun and safely participate in a cardboard boat race.

- Minimum age of any race participant is seven (7) years old.
- No one under age twelve (12) is allowed to participate unless his/her parents or legal guardians are present and watching the races.
- All crew members will be required to sign a liability-release/registration form on race day. Parent or guardian signatures are also required on the registration form for anyone under 18. *Parent waiver must be signed!
- Every crew member must wear a Coast Guard approved and properly fitted personal flotation device while in or on the water. You must provide your own PFD. Tennis shoes or water shoes must also be worn.
- One to four crew members are allowed in the boat and a maximum of four land crew to get the boat in and out of the water.
- Registration and judging starts at 1 PM. All boats must be on site and signed in by 1:30 PM. Races start at 2 PM. There is a \$10 fee per entry. If boat is entered into more than one race, must pay for each entry.

Construction Rules:

- The entire boat must be built of corrugated cardboard. Any thickness is allowed.
- The hull can not be wrapped in plastic, duct tape or shrink wrap.
- Only seams and joints can be taped.
- Boat is powered by canoe paddles, oars or kayak paddles.
- Carpenter's glue and Liquid Nails work great. Paint must be latex only.
- Be sure to put the name of your boat somewhere on the boat.
- Where the crew sits can not be enclosed; crew must be able to get in and out of boat easily.

Materials NOT allowed:

- Wood or Styrofoam, plastic sheeting or fiberglass, or rubber inflation devices.
- Pre-treated cardboard that makes it waterproof.
- Tube cardboard cannot be used to strengthen the hull or boat structure.
- Caulking compounds such as silicon, wax, tar or similar waterproofing materials.
- Metal staples, clamps, nails, screws, varnish or polyurethane.

Clean up:

- Make sure you have enough crew members to remove your boat from the water at the finish line. Wet cardboard is very heavy.
- If your boat comes apart make sure that all boat materials are removed from the water and you clean your display area of all debris.
- An area will be designated for the discard of boats and materials.

Rules are subject to change. Promoter's decision on rule change is final

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