

Cardboard Boat Race Registration

FESTIVAL OF LAKES – BEECH LAKE – LEXINGTON, TN

SATURDAY, JULY 3RD, 2010—8:00 AM

Registration Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Boat Name: _____

Crew Members: _____

\$5 Registration Fee per Crew Member

Mail Registration Form To:

Festival of Lakes/Cardboard Boat Race

c/o Henderson County Chamber of Commerce

149 Eastern Shores Drive - Lexington, TN 38351

Check In Time 8:00 am (Race Starts Immediately Following Kayak Race)

Cardboard Boat Construction Rules

1. Only corrugated cardboard may be used. It can be of any thickness but must not be bonded to any other material such as vinyl. Non-corrugated material may not be used, especially the kind of resin or wax-type coating found in packing cases.
2. Wood, metal, Styrofoam or other materials that would aid in flotation or make the hull rigid are prohibited. This restriction applies to the keel, transom, ribs hull, etc. No sand bags or similar materials may be used for ballast.
3. Hulls may be painted with any "one-part" paint. No epoxy glues, fiberglass resins or "multi-part" varnishes or paints may be used. Hulls may not be "wrapped" in plastic, duct tape or anything else. Tar based substances like roof coatings are not permitted.
4. Joints and seams may be glued and/or taped. Duct tape, contact cement, rubber cement, liquid nails and a water sealer like Thompson's may be used. No nails or metal or wood fasteners or staples may be used in the construction of the boat.
5. Design is builder's choice. Let your imagination reign supreme!! A minimum of 65% of the boat's volume must remain as part of the boat when raced. Failure to meet this rule will result in a 20 second penalty added to your time.
6. Decorations may be made from any material but may not be used to reinforce the actual structure of the boat.
7. The propulsion system, including oars or paddles must be constructed. They can be made from anything and attached to the cardboard hull as long as it does not add strength or buoyancy.
8. Where the crew sits may not be enclosed. The boat crew must be able to get in and out of the boat easily.
9. The judge reserves the right to probe and verify construction. Any violation at any point in the day shall be cause for disqualification in all award categories.

Race Rules and Procedures

Pre Race:

1. Check in with race official at the boat display area before unloading boat. Only the car/truck with the boat will be allowed to drive to the waterfront to unload and immediately return to the parking area.
2. All crew members will be required to sign a liability-release/registration form. Parents or guardian signatures are also required on the forms for anyone under the age of 18.
3. Date of birth on the day of the race determines age. The age of the oldest paddling crew member determines which division the boat will enter. A non-paddling parent may ride in the Youth Division boat.
4. After check in and prior to race, a captain's meeting will be held to discuss the race and race course.
5. Every race participant and crew member must wear a Coast Guard approved and properly fitted Personal Flotation Device (PFD) while in or on the water.
6. At registration, each boat will be assigned a number. Crews will receive 2 copies of their number which must be attached to each side of the boat.

The Race:

1. Boats will be raced in heats of two or three. The boats finishing time will be compared to other boats in its division to determine winners.
2. Boats to be raced are to be moved from the boat display area to the waters edge. Once the start signal is given, the boats are to be carried into the water, boarded and paddled around the course.
3. The course will be determined the day of the race and described at the Captain's meeting. A boat must race entire length of the course and around race marks (buoys) in order to qualify as a "finisher".
4. Crew members who fall into the water should give a "thumbs up" to signal that they are ok, otherwise it will be assumed that a rescue is required.
5. Once the boat reaches the finish, it should be pulled out of the water and returned to the boat display area until all boats have raced.

Post Race:

1. Each boat crew must remove their cardboard boat, decorations and boat related materials from the water and grounds, to be taken home or disposed of properly.
2. Awards for First, Second and Third place will be given in each division. In addition, there will be a Captain's Choice award and Titanic Sinking award.