

2016 Cardboard Boat Races Rules & Regulations

Registration and Start Times:

- Date: July 16, 2016
- Location: Lake Inn Restaurant and Bar 333771 Hunt Rd. Lapeer, MI 46446
- Deadline for Registration: July 16, 2016 or when full (limit 50 non-sponsor competitive boats)
- Registration begins at 1:00pm
- Judging begins at 1:45pm. The races begin at approximately 2:00pm.
- Sponsor Division Judging Begins at 2:45pm. Sponsor Division will begin immediately following the 50 non-sponsor competitors!

Design Guidelines:

- Boats can only be made of cardboard, tape, glue, paint, wax, and/or rope.
- Standard canoe or kayak paddles can be used. BYOP: Bring your own paddle.
- Any additional and unapproved materials will cause disqualification of the boat. Boats may be checked with a metal detector.

Teams:

- Teams consist of two people, at least one of which must be over 18 years of age.
- **Both participants must be able to swim and all participants must wear life jackets and water shoes.**
- All participants must sign a waiver at registration. Participants under 18 years of age must have a waiver signed and be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Open Competition Judging and Prizes:

- Only 50 teams will be allowed into the open competition. Registration is first come first serve and runs \$20 per team.
- Judging will be based on speed and creativity (combined boat design and costumes).
- The top teams in each category will win \$100 and two gold medals, 2nd place team in each category will win \$75 and two silver medals, 3rd place team in each category will win \$50 and two bronze medals.
- Judging of boats in the Creativity category will begin at 1:45pm.
- The times for both courses will be averaged for the winners in the Speed competition. Only those teams that cross the finish line two times with at least 1 competitor in or on the vessel will be eligible to win the speed competition. Participants cannot operate the vessel outside of the vessel.
- Boats not checked in by 2:30pm will likely be ineligible to participate in the race.
- Boats representing an event sponsor must compete in the sponsor division.

SPONSOR DIVISION JUDGING AND PRIZES:

- Judging will be based on creativity of combined boat design and costumes.
- Only those sponsor teams that cross the finish line with both competitors in or on the vessel are eligible to win.
- Each sponsor team will receive a framed photo to display in their business.
- The business for the winning boat will receive a free \$250 ad schedule to run prior to October 1st on US 103.1.
- Judging of sponsor boats in the Creativity category will begin at 1:45p.
- Boats not checked in by 2:30pm will likely be ineligible to compete.