

OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT

CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA RULES

The event will be held at 10am on December 29th, with access to the deck for teams beginning at 9:30am.

The registration fee allows for a team of 5. Extra spectators will be charged \$5 per person over the age of 2. All team members and spectators are welcome to stay for open swim after the event, beginning at Noon.

CONSTRUCTION

- Only corrugated cardboard and Duct or packing tape may be used in the construction of the boat.
- Reinforced cardboard tubes may **ONLY** be used for the construction of paddles (one sided, or two sided acceptable). They may **NOT** be used in any other fashion, including use as floatation or structural rigidity.
- Cardboard may not be sealed or covered with anything other than tape. Absolutely no use of paints, sealants, resin, epoxy, etc shall be allowed.
- Crayons and markers may be used for coloring boat.
- Boat must completely contain 1-2 passengers, with no coverage over shoulder height. Passengers must be visible from the deck while the boat is in the water. Arms and legs must be contained and cannot be used for propulsion.
- No seats. You must sit, or kneel, in the bottom of the boat.
- Design is up to the team, but must fit through a standard doorway and be no longer than 7 feet in total length.
- Boats will be inspected for compliance before competition.

COMPETING

- All competitors 12 and under must wear a life vest. Older crew that are not strong swimmers are encouraged to wear a vest as well. Lifeguards will be on duty.
- One paddle (one or two sided) per passenger.
- Boats are only propelled by paddles.

- Timed events will start with the rear of the boat touching the wall at one end. The timer will stop when any part of the boat (not paddles or passengers) has made physical contact with the other end. The boat must be still in tact with original passengers still in the boat.

CONTESTS

- Prizes will be awarded in 3 event categories with each winner taking home a free visit pass, good for up to 8 people to return and swim any one day through the end of 2025.
- The contests include:
 - Best design – NO AGE CATEGORY
 - Be creative and colorful.
 - Team spirit will be taken into account.
 - Fastest crossing
 - One 25 yard length of the pool for a time
 - 1-2 passengers per boat.
 - Boat propelled by paddle only. No arms/legs
 - No push off the wall.
 - Best build
 - Go as many lengths of the pool as you can before boat fails.
 - Boat failure defined as breaking apart, water in hull and no longer floating/advancing.
 - Partial lengths will be determined by judges, using cones to note amount of length completed.
 - Speed is not a factor, but each contestant will have a maximum time based on the number of entries received.
- Fastest crossing and best build will be divided into age group categories:
 - 11 and under
 - 12-14
 - 15 and older
 - Boats with 2 participants will be categorized in accordance with the older participant.