



Ya Gotta Regatta! Cardboard Boat Race Information

This event is held on July 22nd from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Hunt Club Park Aquatic Center.

Register online: <http://www.gurneeparkdistrict.com> with registration code: 116900

2:00-3:00 p.m.

On-site construction of boat (if necessary)

3:00-3:30 p.m.

Fan voting on various awards (listed below)

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Boat Racing

Mission: Build a boat out of only cardboard, plastic liner and duct tape. The boat needs to be capable of holding at least one person and up to four people and can be launched and paddled across a swimming pool.

General Information:

To assist you in planning to participate in this exciting and fun event, the following information and recommendations will help you during the planning process:

- A maximum of four people per team.
- Teamwork and planning is strongly advised prior to the event to determine strategy, design and use of materials.
- Carefully review the construction criteria to determine your strategy for the race.
- Boats must be made entirely of corrugated cardboard, including decorations. You may not paint the boats. Any decorative markings should be made in permanent marker directly onto the cardboard.
- All participants in the boat must wear a lifejacket. Lifejackets are available on site and must be US Coast Guard Approved.
- All participants are welcome to swim after the race has ended.

Entry Fee:

Free for pass holders

\$5 residents

Ages 3 and under are free

Construction Tips:

- To make the base as strong as possible, the cardboard can be doubled.
- Avoid oil-based stains, caulk and glue because oil soaks into the cardboard, may never dry and weakens it.

Where to get materials:

Cardboard: Grocery, office supply and appliance stores. Go into one of those stores and ask to relieve them of their cardboard. They're usually happy to let you sift through what they have!

Packing or Duct Tape: Office supply stores sell packing tape in bulk. For a typical boat, you won't need more than two rolls of duct tape.

Plastic Liner: Home improvement stores usually sell them in a roll or large package. For a typical boat, you won't need more than one roll of plastic liner.

Award Categories:

First, Second and Third Place: Fastest boats

Vogue Award: Most spectacular or attractive boat (fan favorite)

Pride of Columbus: Most creative design and best use of cardboard

Best-Dressed Team: Costumes may be funny, spiffy, or elegant...but they must be creative!

Team Spirit Award: Most-spirited and best-organized team...the looks of the boat don't count here!

Titanic Award: Most spectacular sinking...to qualify, you must salvage the remains

Participation Rules:

- All boat passengers must register and turn in a safety waiver on or before race day.
- Boat construction can be completed prior to the event. Construction time is set aside for those individuals who wish to construct their boats at the pool.
- One paddle per person, per boat. Paddles will be provided the day of the race.
- Children under the age of 12 must have an adult in the boat with them. Children under the age of 7 are not permitted in boats.
- ALL PROJECTS MUST BE DESIGNED TO ALLOW ONE TO FOUR PEOPLE TO BE FULLY CONTAINED WITHIN THE STRUCTURE OF THE BOAT WHILE PARTICIPATING. (NO RAFTS OR SURFBOARD STYLES WILL BE PERMITTED).
- Lifeguards may determine a boat unsafe at any point during the event.
- Boats must be made with corrugated cardboard. The entire hull, superstructure, and sealing must be cardboard also.
- Maximum length must be 10 feet.
- Hair dryers or electrical drying devices are not permitted.
- Decorations must not aid in the buoyancy of the boat. Lacquers, waxes, latex/water based paint, spray paints, other adhesives or final finishes are not permitted.
- No legs or feet can be used to propel the boat.
- No clamps may be used to propel the boat.
- Teams are not allowed to reinforce or adjust their boat in any way after the event has begun.
- Boats with the fastest times in the preliminary heats will advance to the semi-finals. The fastest semi-finalists will advance to the finals.
- No electrical power to propel the boat will be permitted.
- **If you don't want to take your boat home after the race, you must put it in one of the pool dumpsters. Please do not leave your boat on the pool deck or in the grass area.**
- All boats are subject to a technical inspection for compliance with these rules. A boat must pass inspection to be eligible to enter the water. You will have a chance to fix a violation and be re-inspected prior to the race.