

“Race to the Bottom”



CENTRAL FLORIDA COUNCIL RAFT REGATTA April 14th – April 16th, 2023 Camp La-No-Che

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Mark Your Unit Calendars – April 14th – 16th, 2023 are the dates for this fun-filled weekend! This event is open to all registered Troops, Ships, Teams, Crews and Posts in Central Florida Council.

This event encourages Scouts to have fun while learning teamwork, designing and building their own rafts. The campout showcases that teamwork when they participate in the Raft Race. The weekend is designed to be laid-back and fun-filled, however still have that competitive aspect that the youth love!

Swim test opportunities with our Aquatics Instructors will be established and promoted before the event; however, your unit is more than welcome to seek out certified lifeguards and conduct their own swim test.

Please note that this is a Leader's "Guide." The event committee reserves the right to make any last minute, necessary changes.

Registration Information

To reserve a campsite and to enter the regatta, each unit must register no later than 04-04-2023 11:59 PM.

The cost to attend the Regatta is included in your annual program fee.

Trophies will be awarded at the Closing Ceremony.

- Awards will be given for First, Second, Third places for **Design** and **Race Time**. In addition to the award, the Victory Paddle will be awarded to the First Place Race Time winner. The Spirit Award, and the Titanic Award for slowest time will also be awarded at this time. Awards are also

The race teams will check-in Friday night, set up camp, get their race position number. All persons going in the water must pass a BSA swim test. (The cheering section and shore crew are exempt.)

Family members and spectators are welcome to attend the day of the race.

Adults are encouraged to build a raft and race in the “Adult Cup” competition.

Time Shaver Events

Time Shaver Events are designed to test scouting skills and provide an ability to shave time off a team’s total race time.

The following time shaver events may be held:

- Fire Building – String Burn
- Semaphore / Signaling
- Line & Tender Rescue
- Lashings
- Fit the Patrol on the Oversized Floating Door that’s totally big enough for at least two people.
- Navigation
- Orienteering
- Watercraft identification (parts of canoe & paddle)
- Knots
- First Aid

Each event, if completed in the allotted time, will allow a 30 second reduction in a team’s overall time. The Regatta Committee may add or subtract time shaver events as necessary. Be sure ALL of our Scout Skills are practiced and ready to go!

2023 Schedule of Events

Friday

5:00 PM	Camp opens /Unit and raft check-in. Rafts dropped at Waterfront.
8:30 PM	Captain's Meeting (All Raft Captains and unit leaders must attend) (Please bring Unit Roster).
10:00 PM	O/A Crackerbarrel
11:00 PM	Taps (lights and fires out).

Saturday

7:00 AM	Reveille. Foot Race to the Bottom Starts (2.37 mile run)
8:00 AM	Breakfast (by units in campsite).
9:00 AM	Raft Race Begins, Time Shaver Events Begin
11:30 AM	Lunch (by units in campsite).
1:30 PM	Scoutmaster/SPL Sink-a-thon
2:30 PM	Raft Race & Time Shaver Events Continue.
5:00 PM	Projected Race End.
5:30 PM	Clean up for Dinner.
5:30 PM	Race Officials Meeting.
6:00 PM	Dinner (by units in campsite).
7:30 PM	Closing Show/Awards Presentation @ Pavilion.
8:30 PM	Free Swim @ Pool.
8:45 PM	Leader's Meeting (Feedback) - Pool-Side.
11:00 PM	Taps.

Sunday

7:00 AM	Reveille – Breakfast & Chapel Services (by units in campsite); break camp.
9:00 AM	Campsite inspections and check-out begins.

2023 Raft Regatta Rules

1. **No raft may contain any manufactured hull** (e.g. canoe, inflatable rafts, row boats, dingy, etc.) Any type of material may be used to build the raft. No motors are allowed. Boats are not allowed. **Sides of the raft must be substantially perpendicular to the water, bow. Stern may have a taper.** Rafts may only be human- and/or wind-powered. All crew must sit on—**not in**—the craft.

Please review the design of your raft. **There will be time deductions add to their race time for violations of raft building rules.** (Please don't put your youths' fun at risk.)

2. After assembly, no raft may exceed the following dimensions: Maximum length - 15 feet, maximum width - 9 feet, maximum height above the water line - 8 feet (with the raft unloaded), maximum draft - 3 feet (with the raft completely loaded including the crew).
3. A unit may enter as many rafts as desired as long as all rules are met by each raft.
4. Each raft must be manned by at least four (4) Scouts (youth members only). The maximum number of crew members is open, but subject to approval of the safety committee.
5. All units must be registered in order to attend the Regatta. **All participants must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America.**
6. The actual race will take place on Saturday. (Sunday morning is rain date.) All rafts will race against the clock with raft starting times of approximately five (5) minutes between rafts. Rafts will race in order of their unit's position during staging.
7. Regatta safety and monitor crews will be empowered to assess time penalties (up to complete disqualification) to rafts which violate the rules (e.g. failure to yield the right-of way, interference with another raft, ramming another raft).
8. The Regatta is a "leave no trace" competition. No equipment, supplies or debris from a raft may litter the waterway. If the craft loses equipment, time penalties (up to disqualification) will be issued until everything is retrieved. **Styrofoam Rafts MUST be wrapped so it does not fall apart.**
9. **Anyone on or near the water must be considered "swimmers" by BSA standards.** This includes: All raft crew members, all canoe users, anyone standing on the dock. **Anyone wishing to be on or near the water must complete a BSA swim test prior to the event.**
10. The race will be held on Lake Norris. The start and finish lines will be at the docks. The rafts will race around the lake to a fixed location where they turn around and return to the docks.
11. All units must maintain two-deep adult leadership the entire weekend. All units must supply their own camping equipment (e.g. tents, bedding).
12. You must bring your own raft, PFD's, rope, required safety gear, life preservers, paddles, whistle, etc.
13. **Each raft will be judged on having:**
 - **Drinking water for crew (16 oz/crew member)**
 - **A visual signal device (a 2'x2' orange cloth is acceptable)**
 - **An audible signal device (whistle)**
 - **Bailing device (cup or can)**
 - **A 12' length of rescue rope must be attached to the bow of the raft**
 - **Every participant wearing a PFD at all times on the water.**
14. To minimize impact on camp roads, each unit will be allowed one vehicle to tow the raft to the waterfront area which must be done by Friday night. **ALL RAFTS MUST BE AT THE WATERFRONT BY 9:00PM FRIDAY NIGHT.** Trailers may be left at the trailer parking site, but please all vehicles must be left in the parking lot. Thank you.
15. All rules, policies, and procedures must be followed according to the *Guide to Safe Scouting*, Central Florida Council, and the Boy Scouts of America.

UNIT ROSTER

Please present this form to the registrar when your unit checks into camp.

Troop Post Team Crew Ship: # _____

Unit Leader: _____ .Phone # _____

Asst. Unit Leader: _____ .Phone # _____

Scouts (Name & Age)

	Scout	Age		Scout	Age
1.	_____	_____	21.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	22.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	23.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	24.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	25.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	26.	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	27.	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	28.	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	29.	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	30.	_____	_____
11.	_____	_____	31.	_____	_____
12.	_____	_____	32.	_____	_____
13.	_____	_____	33.	_____	_____
14.	_____	_____	34.	_____	_____
15.	_____	_____	35.	_____	_____
16.	_____	_____	36.	_____	_____
17.	_____	_____	37.	_____	_____
18.	_____	_____	38.	_____	_____
19.	_____	_____	39.	_____	_____
20.	_____	_____	40.	_____	_____

Raft Registration 2023 (to be turned into judges on day-of event. Please provide additional copies for multiple rafts)

Raft Name: _____ Troop: _____ Raft #: _____

Raft Captain: _____

Adult Leader: _____ Phone # _____

Sea Shanty (Song to Launch Boat to – must be Scouting Appropriate):

Song Name: _____ Song Artist: _____

Scouts/Leaders (**Name & Age**)

	Scout	Age
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____
11.	_____	_____
12.	_____	_____

Raft # will be filled out by Registrar upon Check-In.

On My Honor, All information is correct to the best of my knowledge,

Raft Captain Signature

Adult Leader Signature
