

SINK-O DE MAYO



CENTRAL FLORIDA COUNCIL
2024 RAFT REGATTA
May 3rd – May 5th, 2024
Camp La-No-Che

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Mark Your Unit Calendars – May 3rd – 5th, 2024 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.

Out-of-Council Units are welcome to participate.

This event encourages Scouts to have fun while learning teamwork, designing and building their own rafts. This weekend is designed to be laid-back and fun-filled, however still have that competitive aspect that Scouts love!

Swim tests will be required at the event. Units may complete their own swim tests, however the BSA Lifeguard that performed the swim tests must be present at camp and certify to Camp Lifeguard Staff that the participants have been swim tested.

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

IMPORTANT: Weather is beyond our control. We will endeavor to stay on schedule, but the safety of our raft crews is of paramount importance. There may be program delays due to inclement weather. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

Registration Information

To reserve a campsite and to enter the regatta, each unit must register no later than April 25th, 2024 at 11:59pm.

The cost to attend the Regatta is included in your annual program fee. Out of Council units will be required to pay the Camporee Fee of \$25/person.

Awards will be awarded at the Closing Ceremony.

- Award Categories to Include:
 - Overall Race Time – Regatta Champion (1st, 2nd, 3rd Place). 1st Place will be awarded the coveted Victory Paddle!
 - Barco de pañales (Adult Raft Competition – 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place).
 - Best Design
 - Spirit Award, Unit and Raft Categories
 - Titanic Award for slowest time will also be awarded at this time. Rafts that capsize and sink will take precedence over those that are slow in earning this award.
 - Time Shaver Awards (1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place).
 - Sink-O de Mayo Fun Run (1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place).

The race teams will check-in Friday night and set up camp. Vehicles carrying rafts will be allowed to drive one at a time to the waterfront to drop rafts off. All vehicles must be parked in either the main parking lot, the sports field, or the ATV field.

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. Units are encouraged to theme their boats (tastefully) around the Cinco de Mayo holiday. Use good judgment and remember, a Scout is Friendly, Courteous, Kind.

Adults are encouraged to build a raft and race in the Barco de pañales 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
- Morse Code
- Line & Tender Rescue
- Lashings
- Plant identification
- Navigation
- Orienteering
- Watercraft identification (parts of canoe & paddle)
- Knots
- First Aid

Each event, if completed in the allotted time, will allow a 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!

2024 Schedule of Events

Friday

5:00 PM	Camp opens /Unit and raft check-in. Rafts dropped at Waterfront. Swim Tests at pool.
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. Sink-O De Mayo Fun Run Starts (5.5 km run, or 3.4 miles)
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 & Scouts Own Services (by units in campsite); break camp.
9:00 AM	Campsite inspections and check-out begins.

2024 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 added to race times for violations of raft building rules.** (Please don't put your Scouts' 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 only). The maximum number of crew members is open, but subject to approval of the safety officer.
5. All units must be registered in order to attend the Regatta. **All participants must be registered members of Scouts BSA.**
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. The Regatta Safety Officer and Committee 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). Scouts are requested to clear the Waterfront area after their raft has finished. At no time should Scouts play in the water on the shoreline, throw mud, or access the floating dock. A limited number of adults will be allowed to access the dock for picture taking.
8. The Regatta is a "leave no trace" competition. No equipment, supplies or debris from a raft may litter the lake or Waterfront. If the craft loses equipment, time penalties (up to disqualification) may 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 Scouts 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 dock. The rafts will race around the lake to bouys in a diamond-shaped race course then return to the dock. The length and duration of the race course varies based on the eyesight and competency of the Safety Crew. Scouts should expect a course of no less than 1 mile, and no more than 20 miles! (Seriously, it's more like 1-2 miles).
11. All units must maintain Youth Protection Guidelines the entire weekend. All units must supply their own camping equipment (e.g. tents, bedding), food, rafts, etc.
12. You must bring your own raft, PFD's, rope, required safety gear, life preservers, paddles, whistle, etc. There may be limited availability of camp PFD/paddles on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is no guarantee that they will be available when your raft needs them.
13. **Each raft is required to have the following, verified by the Safety Officer, prior to launch:**
 - **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 ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE AT THE WATERFRONT BY 9:00PM FRIDAY NIGHT.** Trailers may be left at the waterfront, but please park all vehicles in the designated parking areas.
15. All rules, policies, and procedures must be followed according to the *Guide to Safe Scouting*, Central Florida Council, and the Scouts BSA.

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 2024 (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 – BE CREATIVE!!!! [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 assigned by Race Staff.

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

Raft Captain Signature

Adult Leader Signature
