

# **Cardboard Boat Regatta Rules**

## **Materials**

Cardboard, duct tape, packing tape, glue, rope, or string.

## **Rules**

- Only the items listed above may be used to build boats. Cardboard tubes are permitted but cannot have wood or plastic used to cap the ends. No pre-treated or waxed cardboard is permitted.
- Design is the builder's choice. Make your boat look like a race car, a yacht, dragon, flying saucer.... Let your imagination reign supreme.
- Only permanent markers can be used to decorate your boat. Use of paint, stickers, etc. will result in disqualification or placement in the outlaw category.
- No wrapping in tape, however, tape may be used to reinforce the bottom of your boat.
- You must provide your own oar and paddle. The paddle may only be used to propel the boat. Oars may be made of any material. Rafts or flat boats which use legs for propulsion are not allowed.
- Each participant must always wear a PFD when in or on the water, otherwise, the team will be disqualified.
- Troops may submit a single entry for the competition.
- Each boat must carry at least two team members. Outlaw entries may carry one or more team members.
- Boats may NOT be built prior to Summer Camp. All boats must pass inspection prior to racing.
- Team members in the boat must not be enclosed above the shoulders. Team members must be always visible while the boat is in the water.
- Team members who start the race must finish the race without leaving the interior of the boat. If a team member exits the boat for any reason during the race, the team will be disqualified.
- When a boat finishes the race, the team must remove the boat and any leftover cardboard debris from the water area and dispose of it at the designated trash area.
- Teams are not allowed to sabotage anyone else's boat. Any rough housing in the water will lead to disqualification.
- All Participants must be wearing a bathing suit and shorts (no denim)
- Team members must supply their own towels.
- Judging will be based on elapsed time at the completion of the race, or distance traveled and elapsed time the boat sinks.

## **Awards**

**Speed Boat Award** for the team that completes the course in the shortest amount of time.

**Titanic Award** for the most spectacular sinking.

**Design Star Award** for the best design and theme (including boat and crew).