

# **Cardboard Boat Race Rules**

## **Construction Material & Rules**

Design and build a boat that will complete a short relay at the Arapahoe Plunge on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

The ENTIRE boat must be built from cardboard & duct tape. No additional building materials are allowed.

Teams will compete in relays. One team member must captain the boat for two laps, exit the boat and then another team member must enter the boat to complete one more lap. The first boat and team member back to dry land wins.

Fastening material is to be duct tape only: No glue, epoxy, nails or caulking, etc.

No industrial type of cardboard is allowed-Boats will be inspected.

The crew compartment CANNOT be enclosed so as to interfere with escape.

**Unique boat designs and creativity is encouraged.**

**Crew costumes are encouraged.**

Design is left to builder(s). Let your imagination take over.

Boats are not to be over 24 inches wide or over 48 inches in length.

**NO** surfboard style boat is allowed.

The boat must be completed before 1pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Anything other than minor fixes of the boats at the park will not be allowed

**JUDGES DECIDE ON THE INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES.**

## Race Rules

Crew members must be at least 8 years of age to participate. It is suggested that everyone knows how to swim or at least float.

Both boat crew members must bring and wear their own approved personal flotation device (**life jacket**) of the correct size.

Both boat crew members **must bring and wear helmets.**

Boat can be propelled using hands or paddles.

**Teams must check in with the judges by 1:30pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July** at the Arapahoe Plunge. All boats will be inspected for seaworthiness.

You CANNOT race without the proper signatures on the entry form.

During competition, crew must be IN the boat, not towing it, or holding it between their legs, swimming, or allowing the life jacket to provide the floatation of the vessel.

**Sunken or discarded boats must be disposed of in designated trash receptacle. This is the team's responsibility.**

ANY BEHAVIOUR THAT IS DEEMED TO BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE EVENT OR OTHER PARTICIPANTS WILL RESULT IN TEAM DISQUALIFICATION.

# Awards:

Chuck Norris Champion Award- Overall Winner

Spirit Award – Judges choose the most spirited team

Best Design-Best overall design

The Titanic Award – The Titanic Award is given to the team of the boat that sinks in the most spectacular fashion.

Register early, as space is limited. Forms can be found at the Arapahoe Public Library-See you on the 4<sup>th</sup>!