

Fox Valley United Way's Campaign Kick-Off



14th Annual

"What Floats Your Cardboard Boat" Race

Saturday, August 20, 2016

Mastodon Lake, Phillips Park, Aurora



Fox Valley United Way

What is it?

The primary purpose of Fox Valley United Way's Cardboard Boat Race is to have fun while raising awareness of our fundraising efforts and community partnerships with more than 54 local health and human service agencies. Family fun, community support and creativity are the key words for this event.

Boats made entirely of cardboard will race a course around Mastodon Lake, Phillips Park in Aurora. Boats will be timed and compete for trophies against boats in their category and division.

Race Day Schedule

Volunteer Check-in: 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Boater Check-in 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Captain/Crew Safety Briefing 9:45 a.m.
Press Briefing/People's Choice Awards Judging 10 a.m.
First Race 10:30 a.m.

Awards & Trophies

Awarded in two Classes:

Human Powered (Class I) Boats

Boats must be constructed out of cardboard and wholly powered by human muscle. Oars or paddles are acceptable as propulsion tools. These propulsion tools, as well as decorations, may be constructed from materials other than cardboard. All other parts of the boat must be corrugated cardboard. This includes the hull, decking, keel, cowling, superstructure, oar locks, seating and rudder. Nuts, bolts, washers and staples are not allowed.

Mechanical (Class II) Boats

Class II boats must meet the requirements of Class I boats, with the exception of the propulsion and steering systems, as follows: Boats must also be constructed out of cardboard, but can have a propulsion system and/or steering device. The muscle-powered propulsion system (propellers, paddle wheels) and the steering system (rudders) need not be made of cardboard, but the materials used must not contribute significantly to the structural rigidity of the boat. Propulsion and steering systems must be designed and fabricated by the entrant.

Awarded in five divisions:

- **Junior – Ages 12 - 17**
- **Adult – Ages 18 & over**
- **Business**
- **Community**
- **Non-Profit**

First, Second and Third Place trophies will be awarded in each division for the fastest finishing time. A cardboard boat must have been raced the entire length of the course to qualify as a "finisher." Swimming crewmembers pushing a boat (or some portion of it) through the course is not considered "racing." The boat (or some portion of it) must be maneuvered and propelled by at least one paddling crewmember.

Race Medals - Guaranteed to all registered participants including crew members and boat builders.
Special Trophies will be awarded for the following:



Best in Race Award
Best Overall Time
Awarded by the time



Team Spirit Award
Awarded by judges and crowd based on exceptional team spirit! Costumes, Props, Special Effects, Skits, etc.



The Judge's Choice Award
Awarded by the judges based on creativity, showmanship. Costumes and props are encouraged!



People's Choice Award
Awarded to the boat that receives the most "votes" (in monetary terms) cast by the spectators prior to the beginning of the boat race

The Wonder That Went Down Under Most Spectacular Sinking Award

Awarded to the crew who, in the opinion of the judges, was the most spectacular in the way the ship and its crew go down. (As long as the boat or some part of it is propelled by at least one paddling crewmember, the boat may continue along the course to the finish line.)



Awards Ceremony - will be held in conjunction with the Campaign Kick-Off Rally at the Mastodon Lake, West Recreation area, after the race and all boats are out of the water and the area is cleaned up.

HOW TO BUILD YOUR BOAT

Design Regulations:

- Less than 6 feet wide – Here more is not better.
- Where the crew sits **CANNOT** be enclosed. The boat crew must be able to get in and out of the boat easily! The propulsion system, including oars and paddles, can be made of anything and attached to the cardboard hull as long as it doesn't add to the strength or buoyancy of the boat.
- Decorations and props that are not part of the boat's hull or structure are allowed as long as they in no way affect the strength or the buoyancy of the boat.
- Raft style designs **ARE** allowed, due to popular demand. The distinguishing feature of a raft design as opposed to a surfboard style is the use of cardboard "logs" and other such accoutrements as one would expect to find in/on a raft. Think Huck Finn.
- If there is any doubt about the construction, the judges reserve the right to use a probe, such as an ice pick, to test and verify that only cardboard has been used.
- Cardboard boat designers and builders are encouraged to use "fair" designs and building materials. Please contact the United Way office if you have any questions.
- Cost of Boat – Spend as much as you want. Fox Valley United Way will help supply you with your cardboard (4' x 8' corrugated cardboard) upon registration. The rest is up to you.

Materials:

- The ENTIRE boat must be build of cardboard, duct tape and one-part polyurethane.
- The cardboard may be as thick as you want, but may not be glued or attached to wood, plastic, fiberglass, etc. Additional cardboard can be found at recycling centers, appliance stores, department stores, discount clubs, electronic stores. You must only use corrugated cardboard from these types of boxes. Fox Valley United Way will supply each registrant with 8 sheets of 4' x 8' corrugated cardboard.
- Cardboard carpet tubes can be used.
- Sono-Tubes or any other type of pre-treated or coated cardboard that has been processed in such a way as to make the cardboard waterproof **MAY NOT** be used. The emphasis is on the fun-filled process of turning discarded cardboard boxes or carpet tubes into floating boats.
- Metal (or plastic) staples, clamps, nails, screws, etc. – are **NOT** allowed. These are dangerous to the crew and others and the Fox River environment.
- Wood or Styrofoam **CANNOT** be used. The buoyancy from these materials is unnecessary and defeats the whole purpose.
- No caulking compounds such as silicon, tar, wax or any similar waterproofing material is allowed.
- Boats **CANNOT** be wrapped with plastic, tape, Fiberglass or any similar product.
- Care should be taken that construction does not include pointed objects and sharp edges that could injure anyone.
- Duct tape, masking tape, or adhesives such as 'liquid nails' **CAN** be used to connect cardboard to cardboard and **CAN** be used to reinforce all seams and stress points.
- If you don't want your boat to sink, waterproof the entire boat with any paint-able, one-part substance like Varnish or Polyurethane.

For more design tips, visit www.uwfoxvalley.org.

Where to get your Cardboard:

Cano Container Corporation of Aurora is generously donating 8 sheets of 4' x 8' corrugated cardboard to each boat registered. You may pick up cardboard at: Cano Container Corporation, 3920 Enterprise Court in Aurora, 630-585-7500, Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Ask for Javier or Juan. All other materials you choose to use for your cardboard boat are at your own expense.



Race Rules & Procedures:

EVERY RACE PARTICIPANT AND CREW MEMBER MUST WEAR A PROPERLY FITTED PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICE (PFD) WHILE IN OR ON THE WATER. Please provide your own PFDs.

The minimum age of any race participant is 10 years old. No one under age 18 is allowed to participate unless his/her parents or legal guardians are present and have signed a waiver. (Date of birth on the day of the race determines age.) The oldest paddling crew member will determine which division the boat is entered. A parent may ride in Junior Division boats as a non-paddling crew member.

All crew members **MUST** sign a Participant Waiver/Hold Harmless Agreement on race day. Boats will not be allowed to race without a signed agreement from each race participant. Participants racing in multiple boats will need to sign a form for each boat.

Alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted on Phillips Park property at any time.

No solicitation by any group or individual is permitted without prior approval by Fox Valley United Way.

- ✓ Please check in at the registration table between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.
- ✓ Unload your boat in the display area. After unloading, please move your vehicle to the parking lot.
- ✓ The entire crew should proceed to the registration table to be assigned a boat number and race heat. Participant Waiver/Hold Harmless Agreement should be signed at this time. If an entrant is under the age of 18, a parent/guardian must accompany them.
- ✓ Set up your boat display. Set out your People's Choice Jug so everyone has a chance to "vote" for your boat.
- ✓ After the judges' inspection is complete. Boats will race one or two other boats in the same category and division.
- ✓ After the race, the boat crews must remove all cardboard, decorations and other materials must be removed from the water and the grounds. Volunteers will be on hand to help. You can take your boat home with you or dispose of it in on-site recycling bins.

Failure to abide by any design or race rule or the direction of a race official shall be cause for disqualification. The Judges' decision shall be final.

Registration Information:

Registration Forms and payment must be received no later Friday, August 12, 2016. **Everyone participating in the race (meaning: in the boat on the water) will need to bring their own Personal Flotation Device and a Participant Waiver/Hold Harmless Agreement signed before being allowed to race.** Anyone not on the Participant Waiver/Hold Harmless Agreement for a boat will not be allowed in a boat for any race. No exceptions.

Mail payment and registration forms to:

Fox Valley United Way, 44 East Galena Blvd., Aurora, IL 60505 - attn. Deborah Collins

REGISTRATION FORM

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USE A SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH BOAT ENTRY

Registration Deadline is August 12, 2016

Submit your registration via: Fax 630-896-4681 or email info@uwfoxvalley.org

Name _____

Business Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone# _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Emergency Contact Number _____

Name of Boat _____

of Crewmembers Anticipated _____

Crew Member Names _____

DIVISIONS & CATEGORIES - Please only choose one division

(A team is comprised of 2 or more sailors)

Junior Division
(Ages 12 to 17) ___ Individual \$20.00 ___ Team \$ 40.00

Adult Division
(Age 18 & over) ___ Individual \$50.00 ___ Team \$100.00

Business Division ___ Individual \$75.00 ___ Team \$150.00

Community Division ___ Individual \$50.00 ___ Team \$100.00

Not for Profit Division ___ Individual \$30.00 ___ Team \$ 50.00

**2016 FOX VALLEY UNITED WAY 'WHAT FLOATS YOUR BOAT RACE
PARTICIPANT WAIVER/HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

I, the undersigned, wish to participate in the 2016 Fox Valley United Way "What Floats Your Cardboard Boat Race," on Saturday, August 20, 2016.

I understand that the activities involved with the race contain an element of hazard or risk. I recognize the inherent danger involved and take full responsibility for my actions and physical condition.

In consideration of my participating in the race, I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the Fox Valley United Way, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Fox Valley Park District, City of Aurora and its employees, agents, representatives and successors and any other group or individual associated with this event for any personal injuries or property damage or loss suffered while engaged in the race activities.

I agree to indemnify and hold the Fox Valley United Way, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Fox Valley Park District, City of Aurora and any other group or individuals associated with the event and any of their servants, agents, officials or employees free and harmless from any liability, loss, cost or expense including attorney fees, which may result from my participation in the race activities. I agree that I am fully responsible for payment of all costs resulting from the rendering of medical aid and ambulance services to me as a participant in any race activities and I authorize that all necessary first aid steps may be taken as prescribed by qualified personnel.

I also grant full permission to use any photographs, videotapes, recordings or any other record of my participating in the race program for any purpose. By signing below, I agree that I understand and consent to this statement.

Agency Name

Print Name of Participant **Date**

Address **City** **Zip** **Phone Number**

Signature of Participant **Date of Birth**

Contact In Case of Emergency **Phone Number**