

## Cardboard Boat Races on the Crow River - Overview

Design and build a person-powered cardboard boat capable of racing a 50-yard course. Boat design is left to the builders - let your imagination take over! Celebrity judges will help inspect, time, and award all prizes. Judges will also make the official determination when a boat is no longer fit to compete. Crew costumes and themes are encouraged! Race elements will include an on-land challenge tied to cherry pie; details for the land challenge will be kept secret until race day.

Date:	Saturday, June 17 <sup>th</sup>
Check-in:	10am to 11am
Schedule:	Youth will begin races at 12pm, Multi-Crew and Adults to follow
Cost:	Free
Safety:	Use of personal floatation device (PFD) will be required. A Lifeguard will be on-duty and a trained emergency response team will be in the river during the races.
Questions:	Please email Josh Laffen at <a href="mailto:jlaffen@mbfc.org">jlaffen@mbfc.org</a>

### **Registration Deadline is Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8pm**

Please register well in advance so we can have the correct number of paddles, PFDs and cherry pies!

Completed registration form can be returned in the following ways:

1. Emailed to [jlaffen@mbfc.org](mailto:jlaffen@mbfc.org)
2. Dropped-off/mailed to Farm Bureau Financial Services (19 Main Street N, Ste A, Hutchinson, MN 55350)

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### Teams will compete in three different divisions, based on age:

1. Youth: Ages 7-17
2. Adult: Ages 18 and over
3. Multi-Crew: 7 and older

### Prizes will be awarded for the following:

1. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place for all age divisions
2. Pride of Water Carnival (most attractive / best design)
3. The Titanic Award (most spectacular sinking)

### Rules for boat construction and racing:

1. Construction materials are limited to cardboard and duct tape only.
2. Use of paint or other hazardous waste materials will not be allowed and result in automatic disqualification.
3. Boat inspection and judging will be completed prior to the races.
4. No additions or modifications may be made once boat is officially checked in on race day.
5. Boats must have sides. No surfboard style boats allowed.
6. The boat's passenger area must not be enclosed above the occupant's shoulders for escape purposes.
7. All boats will be disposed in designated dumpster on-site after the races.
8. Use of U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device (PFD) will be required by all participants. Extra PFDs will be available for use on race day.
9. Every participant signing up for this event accepts the "Assumption of Risk, Release of Liability and Indemnification" liability release.
10. Boats will be propelled only by oars, canoe or kayak paddles. Extra kayak paddles will be available for use on race day.
11. During competition, participants must be visible in the boat—not pushing, towing it, holding it between their legs, swimming or allowing the life jacket to provide the flotation of the vessel. Team members can be designated to help stabilize boat prior to the water portion of the races.