

Northglenn Pirate Fest

Cardboard Regatta Rules

Every pirate needs a pirate ship and the Northglenn Pirate Fest wants its crew to build their own vessel to sail the seven seas (Webster Lake). Please read through our rules, which cover usable supplies, proper boat building, competition information, as well as information for the weekend of the event.

The Cardboard Boat Regatta is all about creativity, competition, and innovation in boat building skills. Above all, the regatta is about fun both during the boat building process and on the day of the race.

Rules

1. The crew compartment **CANNOT** be enclosed. Crew members must be able to make a quick escape should the boat not float. Remember you are building a boat and not a submarine... Each crewmember must be visible.
2. To qualify as a finisher in any heat, you must be IN your boat, not towing it in your teeth or between your legs.
3. No more than six humans allowed in any boat. All crews must consist only of human characters. Please no pets for their safety.
4. Boat occupants must wear shoes with a substantial sole. No flip flops allowed. Must wear life jacket while racing, which Northglenn provides.
5. All boats are subject to a technical inspection; we are mostly looking for things that make your boat unsafe – décor that can stab, boats that might submarine and sink, etc. A boat must pass inspection to be allowed and race. You will have a chance to fix anything prior to floating.
6. **If you don't want to take your boat home after the race, please help move it from the race area** and put it in the recycling.
7. Every crewmember (or a guardian) must sign our Cardboard Regatta waiver before the race.
8. You must be able to get your boat into the park without a vehicle! This means across the street or over the bridge! Vehicles will not be allowed to drive in boats.
9. Be creative and have fun!

Allowed Supplies

1. The entire boat must be built from cardboard. Only corrugated cardboard may be used. It may be of any thickness but cannot be bonded to any other material such as vinyl or PVC.
2. Joints and seams may be glued and/or taped. Duct tape, contact cement, rubber cement, or construction adhesive may be used.
3. Hulls may be painted with any "one-part" paint.

Supplies Not Allowed

1. Wood, metal, Styrofoam, rubber inflatable devices or other materials that would provide buoyancy and/or other materials that would aid in flotation or make the hull rigid are prohibited. This applies to the keel, transom, ribs, hull, etc.
2. No nails or metal or wood fasteners or staples may be used in the final construction of the boat. Keep the crew's safety in mind on race day while you are building your boat.
3. Decorations are both allowed and encouraged. Decorations do not have to be strictly cardboard. They just cannot be used to strengthen or help float the boat.
4. Contestants are not allowed to use any substance that might be harmful to the environment.