



1st Annual Labor Day Cardboard Boat Race

***Labor Day- Monday September 4th**

***Sign in/inspection 11:30-12:30**

***Voting 12:30-1:00**

***Race start 1 pm**

***Age groups: 5-10, 11-16, 17+, Family 2+**

***Categories: Most Creative, Fastest
(Boats race 3 at a time and are timed)**

***Winners: First, Second, & Third in each Age Group & Overall Creativity**

***Distance: Youth= one length of pool (25m), Adults & Family = 2 lengths of pool (50m) turns will be fun to watch**

***Creativity is voted on before the race by fellow participants- one vote per boat made and no voting for yourself**

***Name your boat - with duct tape**

***Only cardboard and duct tape can be used, cardboard must be fully covered – NO PAINT, NO GLUE, NO STICKERS - immediate disqualification if this rule is not followed.**

***Participants must stay in the boat – no kicking or walking the boat**

***Paddles must be used – can only be made of cardboard and covered completely with duct tape**

***First 6 to sign up will get a chance to race *in each category*. (You will need to check your email to see if you are in or not) Sign up will begin on August 5th, 2023 @ 10 AM - (Link will be posted on the website event page on www.wilmingtonpark.org . (Not on Social media.)**

***Pavilion reserved before & during race**

***Each Racer will vote on other boat designs for the top 3. (you may not vote for yourself)**

***Safety: Participants unable to swim must wear life jackets, Lifeguard will be in the water, Lifeguard or Helper will be in the water to hold the boat until race starts – they can also help guide the boat if it gets off course but are NOT allowed to PUSH the boat**

***Tips: From article/online (Simple is easier, Choose good cardboard, Tape in long overlapping strips, Choose tape wisely, Paddle construction, Tape inside your boat – water and cardboard don't mix, HAVE FUN!)**

***Boat Registration: Pre Register online to get a spot, reply email to give name of boat and sign in Day of event between 11:30am -12:30 pm**

***Pre-race Inspection: Illegal items used on boat will result in disqualification**

***un related Volunteers needed to time racers. Sign up with the same link.**

***After the race, boats must be taken home. None shall be allowed to be discarded in trash or dumpster.**