



Cardboard Boat Race Registration Form

Full Name _____

Email _____

Group Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Boat Name _____

Boat Theme _____

Boat Captain _____

How Many in Your Boat? _____

Ages of Boat Participants? _____

Have you raced a Cardboard Boat before? _____

All ages are welcome to participate and there is no limit regarding how many people can be on a team. We will determine potential racing 'heats' after all applications are received. We will have a warming hut for boaters available day of the race. Completed and paid entries will be confirmed on a first come/first-served basis. Our goal is to ensure the safety and FUN of all event participants. All entries must be received by September 20, 2021. In the case of inclement weather day of the event, no refunds will be provided.

When completed, please email this form to info@wdmchamber.org. A link will then be sent to you to pay the \$25 entry fee, which must be paid before Raccoon River Rally (October 2, 2021).



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RULES & POLICIES:

1. To qualify as a finalist, participants must correctly navigate the racecourse around the buoys at Blue Heron Lake and all crew members must be in the boat as it crosses the finish line. It will be a short course.
2. All boats must display their boat name bold on two sides so judges and timekeepers can see them.
3. All boat occupants must bring their own and wear appropriately sized, properly fastened U.S. Coast Guard- approved life jackets.
4. Any paddle or oar (made of any material) is permitted to aid in your race. Boats can also be propelled by “convenient body parts”.
5. Each occupant must be visible while the boat is in the water.
6. Boats must be free of sharp edges or anything that could pose a danger.
7. All participants must be able to swim.
8. Crews will start the race at the beach area and teams are allowed to get all the help they need in launching off. There is no limit to the number of helpers.
9. Participants **MUST** retrieve their boat – *or its remains* – from the water. After races, if you do not wish to keep your boat, please place it and its remains in the boat graveyard located by the beach.
10. Foul-play or non-sportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and will result in immediate disqualification.
11. All decisions made by race judges and staff are final.
12. Violators of these rules shall be branded “*pirates*” and stripped of any awards.



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1st ANNUAL RACCOON RIVER RALLY CARDBOARD BOAT RACE AWARDS:

FASTEST BOAT – First boat to cross the finish line – if we have several entries, we will have several races (heats).

MOST CREATIVE – Awarded by judges based on creativity, showmanship, and team spirit – costumes & props are encouraged!

BEST CORPORATE BOAT – Show your company spirit and let's see who shines the best!

WEST DES MOINES SPIRIT AWARD – What is the best way to show off how much you love WDM?

TEAM SPIRIT AWARD – What is the team you like best? Maybe it's the Cubs, Valley Tigers, or your alma matter?

THE TITANIC AWARD – Who's boat is the most spectacular at sinking!



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BOAT CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

The following materials **ARE ALLOWED** to build your creation:

- Corrugated cardboard or cardboard 'blocks'
- Cardboard tubes
- Fastening materials such as duct or masking tape, liquid nails adhesive, latex paint and varnish
- Boats may be painted with water-based paint and sealer must be dry before the boat enters the water

The following materials **ARE NOT ALLOWED**:

- Cardboard may not have any wax, resin or vinyl coating
- Wood or Styrofoam
- Plastic or plastic sheathing
- Fiberglass
- Sona-tubes or coated cardboard
- Silicon, wax, or tar
- Caulking compounds
- Metal, staples, clamps, screws, nails, or anything sharp



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PARTICIPANT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY:

1. With my entry fee, as a participant and/or parent or legal guardian of the above child, or children, I hereby give permission for me and/or my child, or children, to race with the crew specified on this crew roster during the 2021

Raccoon River Rally Cardboard Boat Regatta. I and/or my child, or children, are rendering my/our services in good fellowship for the racing benefit, and do not expect any remuneration for our services – it all being in good, clean, sportsmanlike manner.

2. With my entry fee, I covenant and agree, as a participant and/or parent, or legal guardian, of a race participant to release, to indemnify, to defend and to hold harmless the West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, the City of West Des Moines, the Explore West Des Moines Committee of the West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce and all of their officers, agents, employees and servants in both public and private capacities, from any and all liability, claims, suits, litigation expenses, damages or

causes of action which may arise by reason of personal injury to me and/or my child, or children, or any other person or damage to or loss of use of any person's property, resulting from me and/or my child's,

or children's, participation with this crew. My express intention is that such release and indemnity will apply to any claim, suit, damages or liability whatsoever arising in whole or in part from my negligence, my

child's or children's negligence, the negligence of the West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, the City of West Des Moines, the Explore West Des Moines Committee of the West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce or any of their employees, officers, agents, or servants, or any other person's negligence whether the negligence is sole negligence, comparative negligence, concurrent negligence, joint negligence, gross negligence, or any other form of negligence from the above consideration. I

contract to waive any and all claims which may result from me and/or my child's, or children's, participation with this crew and to assume all risks of participation. **The waiver, release, discharge and exculpation in this paragraph specifically includes any action or inaction taken by the West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, the City of West Des Moines, the Explore West Des Moines Committee of the West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, or any of their officers, agents, servants, employees and representatives that constitutes negligence, whether sole or comparative, or more culpable conduct of any of them.**



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Saturday, October 2, 2021

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of my own or my child's participation in the West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce's (hereinafter referred to as "WDM Chamber") program, we hereby release the WDM Chamber, its officials, employees, representatives, and agents from any and all accidents, injuries, damages, or losses received by my child or myself through the WDM Chamber program that have not been caused by negligence attributable to the WDM Chamber. I also agree and acknowledge that the City is not responsible for any intentional or reckless actions of the City's officials, employees, representatives, and agents since those actions are the sole conduct of the responsible individual(s). I further agree and acknowledge that this release of liability is full, complete, and comprehensive, and it covers all accidents, injuries, damages, or losses, known or unknown, and any and all costs related thereto arising out of or otherwise related to my child's participation or my own participation in programs or activities, and that this release is binding upon our heirs, successors, and assigns. We certify that my child and/or myself has received a proper physical examination within the past year and that we are physically able to participate in all WDM Chamber activities. We understand that it is our obligation to timely inform WDM Chamber of any restrictions or limitations regarding our physical abilities. We also understand that it is our obligation to follow all regulations and rules set forth by WDM Chamber in the performance of the activities. We hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless the WDM Chamber, its officials, employees, representatives, and agents from any and all claims, settlements, and judgments, including all reasonable investigative fees, attorney's fees, and court costs for any injury, damage, or loss, which is due to or arises in whole or in part due to negligent, reckless, or intentional actions taken by my child or by myself.

The event is "Participate at your own Risk".

NAME: _____ **DOB:** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME IF UNDER AGE 18: _____

ADDRESS: _____ **CITY:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____