



# 2007 Cardboard Cup Information Packet

Saturday, August 25, 2007 @ 12:01 P.M. (Check in at 11:30 A.M. Rain or Shine)

## What is it?

The United Way of Jefferson and North Walworth County's Cardboard Boat Race is designed for fun to raise awareness and funds for our local United Way. For the second year in a row it will be held in Fort Atkinson with family fun, community support and creativity as the event's main goals.

Boats made entirely of cardboard will race a straight course on the Rock River. Participants will be pushing off from the Fort Atkinson river walk. Boats will be timed and will compete for trophies.

## PLEASE NOTE:

- Any materials you choose to use in building your masterpiece will be at your expense.
- All crewmembers **MUST** check in with their PFD (INCLUDING parents/guardians for minors) to sign a Participant Waiver/Hold Harmless Agreement for EACH boat.

## Your Watercraft:

- **Human Powered** – Whatever you construct must be wholly powered by human muscle (oars or paddles are acceptable).
- **Less than 6' wide** – Here more is not better. Go Figure.
- **No More than 450 lbs** – The 450 lbs includes captain & crew
- **Cost of Craft** – Spend as much as you want.
- Be sure to label paddles, oars and PFD's with some type of waterproof identification.
- For other ideas and suggestions check these websites:

[www.merrimack.lib.nh.us/cdboard](http://www.merrimack.lib.nh.us/cdboard)  
[www.gepark.org/SpecEvents/boatregatta.htm](http://www.gepark.org/SpecEvents/boatregatta.htm)

## Race Rules & Procedures:

- Alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted. Police take notice.
- Minimum age of any race participant is 10 years old.
- All crewmembers will be required to sign a Participant Waiver/Hold Harmless Agreement on race day for EACH boat they are participating in. Parent or guardian signatures are also required on the registration forms for anyone under age 18.



- **EVERY RACE PARTICIPANT AND CREW MEMBER MUST BRING AND WEAR A PROPERLY FITTED PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICE (PFD) WHILE IN OR ON THE WATER. SAFETY OFFICIALS WILL BE CHECKING.**
- **ON RACE DAY:** Please **FIRST** check in with volunteer before you place your boat(s) in the display area. After unloading, please remove your car immediately to the parking lot. **NEXT** go to the registration table with your crew (and parent/guardian as needed) to complete paperwork. **LASTLY**, set up your boat display.
- Boats will be raced two or three at a time.
- **CLEAN-UP: ALL CARDBOARD, DECORATIONS AND BOAT RELATED MATERIALS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE WATER AND GROUNDS BY THE BOAT CREWS** and either taken home or disposed of in the on-site recyclable bins. Please do not leave it lying on the ground, on the water's edge or in the Rock River.

**Failure to abide by any race rule or direction of race official shall be cause for disqualifications. The decision of the Judges shall be final.**

#### **Construction Rules:**

- The **ENTIRE BOAT** must be **BUILT OF CARDBOARD**, and may not be glued or attached to wood, plastic, fiberglass, etc, as well as boats may not be wrapped in these or similar products.
- You must only use corrugated cardboard that has not been pre-treated or coated with anything to make it waterproof, but if you don't want your boat to sink, waterproof the entire boat *yourself* with any paint-able, **one-part** substance like Varnish or Polyurethane.
- **Metal (or plastic) Staples, Clamps, Nails, Screws, (or any pointed objects and sharp edges)** – are NOT allowed.
- **Wood or Styrofoam** – can NOT be used, the buoyancy provided from these materials is not necessary and defeats the whole purpose – build, float & race a "cardboard boat"
- **NO "enveloping compound"**, such as tar, wax or any similar waterproofing material, is allowed.
- Where the crew sits **CAN NOT BE ENCLOSED**. 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 effect the strength or buoyancy of the boat.
- 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.
- **SURFBOARD** style designs are NOT ALLOWED. Consider "staying dry" part of the challenge.
- **RAFT** style designs ARE allowed, due to popular demand. The distinguishing feature of a raft design over that of 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.



**UNITED WAY OF JEFFERSON AND NORTH WALWORTH COUNTIES**

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**INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANT WAIVER/HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

I, the undersigned, wish to participate in the 2007 United Way of Jefferson and North Walworth Counties "Communities Rock River Cup Boat Race", on August 25, 2007. I understand that the activities involved with the Boat 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 Boat 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 United Way of Jefferson and North Walworth Counties, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, City of Fort Atkinson 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 Boat Race activities.

I agree to indemnify and hold the United Way of Jefferson and North Walworth Counties, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, City of Fort Atkinson 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 Boat 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 Boat 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, recording or any other record of my participating in the Boat Race program for any purpose. By signing below, I agree that I understand and consent to this statement.

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**Printed Name of Participant** **Date**

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**Team Name (if applicable)**

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**Address** **City** **Zip** **Home Phone**

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**Signature of Participant** **Date of Birth**

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**Emergency Contact** **Phone**