

Cardboard Boat Race Rules 2016

California's Great America is proud to introduce our Annual Cardboard Boat Race in conjunction with Physics, Science, and Math Days! This competition will be held Friday April 29th, May 6th, and May 13th, 2016. To find out how you and your school can enter this exciting contest, read the rules and suggestions that follow.

We are encouraging schools to bring fearless students to build a boat out of cardboard in a short amount of time to see who can make it the farthest and the fastest! Up to 20 teams, consisting of four members, may sign up prior to event date. **Please be aware that a \$20.00 Material Fee will be due to participate in this event. This fee will cover the cost of one team. Also, every participant must have a signed waiver to participate.**



Materials to be provided by California's Great America (You are not allowed to use any of your own materials or any additional materials except an oar):

1. Up to 120 square feet of cardboard (You are given several boxes, not one big cardboard box).
2. Up to 60 square feet of bubble wrap.
3. Up to 1 roll of duct tape and up to 1 roll of packing tape.
4. Please provide your own oar (If you cannot provide your own oar, you must propel your boat through the water using your hands.)
5. **California's Great America will provide Personal Flotation Devices (PFD).**

Rules

1. You must pre-register for this contest, please see the team entry form below.
Teams of 2-4 must enter together and a maximum of 20 teams will be allowed to register on a first come, first served basis.
2. **Every team must pay \$20.00 to be able to participate in the Cardboard Boat Race; your payment must be submitted two weeks before you attend Physics, Science, and Math Days.**
3. **Every Participant must have a signed waiver to participate.**
4. You may provide your own paddle and the paddle may only be used to propel the boat. **Note:** Only one paddle per team.
5. Each participant must wear a PFD (Personal Floatation Device to be provided by California's Great America) at all times when in or on the water; otherwise the team will be disqualified.
6. Boats must carry one (1) occupant, the rower.
7. The rower in the boat must not be enclosed above the shoulders. The rower must be visible at all times while the boat is in the water.
8. The designated rower who starts the race must finish the race without leaving the interior of the boat. If the rower exits the boat for any reason during the race, the team will be disqualified.
9. When a boat is finished with the race, the team must remove the boat and any leftover cardboard debris from the water area and dispose of it at the designated trash area.
10. Teams are not allowed to sabotage anyone else's boat. Any rough housing in the water will lead to disqualification.
11. All participants must be wearing a bathing suit and shorts
12. Team members must supply their own towels.
13. Judging will be based on completing the race and the time.

Judging:

1. First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded.
2. A special recognition will be given to the most dramatic sinking, the "Titanic Award."

Some suggestions:

1. Decide on a design and sketch it
2. Construct the bottom of the boat first
3. Carefully cover any seam with duct tape
4. Bring a change of clothes, you will get WET!
5. And most importantly, have FUN!

Location: Great Barrier Reef in Boomerang Bay

Time: 11:00am – 12:00pm



Great America Cardboard Boat Building and Race Contest Waiver and Release Form

Please photocopy and distribute to Contestants. A completed waiver is **required** for each Contestant. This form will be collected as contestants register at their designated contest location. No contestant will be allowed to participate unless this form has been properly filled out and signed by parent/legal guardian/self. **Do not** send these forms back with your ticket order.

I, the undersigned or parent/guardian, do hereby give permission for my daughter/son/ward/self to attend and participate in the Cardboard Boat Building and Race Contest event sponsored by California's Great America. I hereby acknowledge that by attending and participating in the Cardboard Boat Building and Race Contest event that there is a possibility of physical illness of injury to my daughter/son/ward/self and I do hereby for myself and all other who might have a similar claim waive, release, and forever discharge and any and all rights and claims for damages, which may arise now and in the future against any and all damages which my daughter/son/ward/self may sustain and suffer while attending and participating in the event.

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Cardboard Boat Race 2016 Entry Form

Print out and complete this entry form **three weeks prior to your attendance date at California's Great America**. It will serve as your contest entry form for the contest officials. Please make sure the names are printed clearly and **only one team per entry form**. Call (408) 986-5980 for reservations prior to payment submission. Once confirmed, please fax the completed form to **(408) 986-5855 ATTN: PSM 2016/Cardboard Boat Race**. If space is available, please submit a payment of \$20.00 immediately to:

PSM 2016/Cardboard Boat Race
2401 Agnew Rd., Santa Clara, CA 95054

Deadline: Three Weeks Prior to your Attendance Date (Payment Two Weeks).
Please Note: Each student will need to have a signed waiver to participate in competition.

School Name: _____ Date of Visit: _____

Grade Level (circle one): 5-8 9-12

School Address: _____

Teacher Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

E-mail contact address: _____

Members of Team (name/grade)

_____/_____
_____/_____
_____/_____
_____/_____

Method of Payment

Note: Sorry we cannot accept purchase orders for payment.

Check MasterCard VISA Discover American Express

Cardholder Name (Signature) _____

Credit Card Number _____ CVV: _____ Exp. Date _____

Cardholder Name (Print) _____

Billing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please be aware that each team must submit \$20.00 to be able to participate in the Cardboard Boat Race. If we do not receive payment two weeks prior to your attendance date, the team will forfeit their current reservation for the event.