

# Wapakoneta Summer Moon Festival Cardboard Regatta Rules

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Cardboard provided by Pratt Industries.

- Cardboard pick up begins May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.
- Pick up between 9am-3:30pm or arrange a pickup time by calling Taylor at 567-694-2829
- Pick up location: Heading south from Wapakoneta on 25A
  - Turn left into the first driveway after the railroad crossing.
  - Park at the Northwest parking lot and enter door 462.

## REGISTRATION

1. All participants must:
  - a. Register team by July 17<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Minimum two-person team crew inside each boat.
2. Inspection at 11am

## BOAT DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

3. Boats must be pre-made and can be “fine-tuned” on site.
4. Boats must be made only of **corrugated** cardboard and duct tape or packing tape. No reinforced cardboard tubes, only broken-down cardboard boxes.
5. Cardboard cannot be sealed with any paint or sealants. Absolutely, NO use of the following items: paint, tar-based substances, two-part varnishes, fiberglass resin, epoxy glue, any other two-part substances, or corrugated cardboard that is bound to any material.
6. Duct tape or packing tape may be of varying colors for creativity but must have come manufactured in said color.
7. Boats may be a maximum width of 48” (4ft.) and a maximum length of 84” (7 ft.)
8. Boat design is up to the builder. Let your imagination come to life. Use of crayons and markers to color your boat is permitted.
9. The boat’s passenger area must not be enclosed above the occupant’s shoulders so as to interfere with escape should the vessel begin to sink.
10. Boats must be built to allow passengers to remain fully on top of the vessel (passengers are not permitted to have dangling extremities).
11. Provide your own paddle. One paddle per person. Paddles may be one or two-sided.
12. The race must have the crew inside the boat from beginning to the end of the race.
13. All boats are subject to technical inspection for compliance with rules. All boats must pass inspection to be eligible to enter the water.
14. 35 pound weight limit – your boat will be weighed during inspection.

## TEAMS & RACE FORMAT

15. Teams must consist of a minimum of (2) team crew members inside the boat. Up to 4 person team.
16. Team age categories to be determined based on registrations but in general
  - a. 12 & under

- b. Teens
  - c. Adults
  - d. Mixed ages over and under 18
17. Water shoes recommended
18. Teams may consist of mixed age categories but will compete in the category of the oldest team member.
19. All boat passengers must wear life jackets (bring your own or one will be provided).
20. Teams are encouraged to dress in the theme of their boat.
21. The race must begin and end with the original crew intact
22. Participants may only race 1 boat.
23. Prizes will be given in categories such as:
- a. Speed Boat Award – Fastest boat per category
  - b. Design Star Award - The best design and theme (including boat and crew)
  - c. Titanic Award - Most spectacular sinking ship