

Keepers of the Shiawassee, Inc.

2023 Shiawassee River Fest Kids Cardboard Boat Regatta

Bush Park, Fenton Michigan

Regatta begins at 1:45pm. Event ends 4pm. Winner announced at Pavilion 4:45pm

Race classes- **Class 1: Kid's paddle (up to age 12) \$5 donation per vessel entry**
Class 2: Other (13-18) \$10 donation per vessel entry

Make your own or Buy-- Build a Boat (cardboard and tape provided) \$5.00 donation PLUS entry fee
[While they last] Buy a Boat (pre-built boat with no guarantee) \$10 donation PLUS entry fee

AWARDS - 1st – 2nd – 3rd IN EACH CLASS AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE PAVILION 4:45pm 6/24/2023

General Rules (Regatta, Vessel Construction Regulations, etc)--

*Shoes and Personal Floatation Device MUST be worn. (Participants must provide their own closed toe shoes, PFD, and paddles)

*Only corrugated cardboard, cardboard blocks, and cardboard tubes may be used. Coated cardboard may not be used, especially the kind of resin or wax-type coating found in packing cases. Duct tape may be used for seams only.

*Wood, metal, Styrofoam, or other materials that would aid in floatation or make the hull rigid are prohibited. (This restriction applies to the keel, transom, ribs, hull, etc.)

*No materials such as Styrofoam or rubber inflation devices may be used to provide "buoyancy" or maintain floatation.

*No sandbags or similar materials may be used as ballast.

*Hulls may not be "wrapped" in plastic, duct tape or anything else. Tar based substances like roof coatings are not permitted.

*Joints and seams may be glued and/or taped. Duct tape, contact cement, rubber cement, or wood glue may be used.

*No nails, or metal or wood fasteners, or staples may be used for construction of the vessel. (Small amounts may be used for removable decoration only).

*Hulls may be painted with any "one part" paint. No epoxy glues, fiberglass resins, or "multi part" varnishes or oil paints may be used.

*Decorations may be made from any material but may not be used to reinforce the actual structure of the vessel.

*Vessels are subject to inspection and disqualification for violation of construction rules.

*WINNER will be determined upon who sets sail the FARTHEST, or FASTEST to the Finish Line.

*No physical contact is allowed between vessels/participants during race, nor assistance moving down river by spotter (disqualification).

*All entrants are responsible for removal of their own trash/debris and boats from the river and surrounding areas at completion of event.

*Vessels and equipment must be completely removed by participant/participant's family from Bush Park before 7pm June 24th.

*Vessel names must be tasteful, as this is a Family Event. The use of profanity, derogatory, or other demeaning terms will not be allowed.

*Awards unclaimed at the 4:45pm awards presentation will be available up to 4pm 6/24/23 at the information desk with valid ID (parent's for child). Reasonable efforts will be made to contact winner if not present at awards ceremony. Unclaimed awards will revert back to Keepers.

*if circumstances prevent the race from being conducted at the start time, the event will be cancelled and registrants fees refunded with valid registration and ID prior to 4pm 6/24/23 at the Keepers information desk at Bush Park. After 4pm, unclaimed registration fees are forfeited and considered as a donation to the Keepers. No refunds will be given if registered participant misses race time, is disqualified, or withdraws.

*Keepers reserve the right to disqualify any registered participant in violation of any of the above stated rules or displaying poor sportsmanship.