

Thomas County Middle School



Presents the Inaugural.....

Yellow Jacket Cardboard Boat Race

Saturday November 19, 2016 at 11:00 AM

Butler-Mason YMCA Pool

Eligible Participants & Entry Fee:

All students currently attending Thomas County Middle School and Thomas County Central High School are eligible to participate in the Yellow Jacket Cardboard Boat Race.

- One team consists of four (4) students
- Entry fee is \$20.00 per boat (\$5.00 per person)

Boat Classifications:

1. Middle School Flight - (5th to 8th Grade)
2. High School Flight - (9th to 12th Grade)

Construction & Materials

1. All boats must be built ahead of time and pass inspection prior to racing.
2. All materials must be provided by the contestants.
3. The **ENTIRE** boat must be built from cardboard & duct tape.
4. **NO** reinforced cardboard tubes, **only broken-down cardboard boxes!**
5. Pre-treated cardboard such as waxed cardboard is **NOT** allowed.
6. Cardboard can be found at recycling centers, appliance stores, department stores, discount clubs, electronics stores, hospitals, and nursing homes.
7. Design is left to builder(s). Let your imagination take over.
8. Boats may be a **maximum width of 48" (4 ft.)** and a **maximum length of 72" (6 ft.)**. There is no maximum height requirement.
9. Boats **CANNOT** exceed more than **½" of cardboard thickness** (3 pieces of typical cardboard box material).
10. Decorations are allowed provided they are not used as structural or floatation elements.
11. The crew compartment **CANNOT** be enclosed so as to interfere with escape.
12. Duct tape may be of varying colors but must have come manufactured in that color.

13. Wrapping the boat in duct tape is **NOT** allowed
14. Hull wrapping in duct tape is **NOT** allowed.
15. Duct tape may be used to reinforce seams and stress points
16. Cardboard **CANNOT** be sealed with any glue or sealants. Duct tape only!
17. **NO** wood, plastic, rubber, inflatable devices, Styrofoam, fiberglass or plastic.
18. **NO** caulking, adhesives, glues, epoxy or coatings.
19. **NO** surfboard style boats.

Racing Format & Rules

All boats must pass inspection prior to racing. Boat inspections and captains meeting are at 10:30 a.m. at the Butler-Mason YMCA. The race will start at 11:00 a.m. sharp.

1. One team consists of four (4) students.
2. Boats shall be designed to race with a (2) two-person crew.
3. Each boat will travel 50 yards (2 lengths of the pool).
4. Two of the (4) four people in the crew will start at one end of the pool and race to the other end where the remaining (2) two teammates will be waiting. The (2) two teammates in the boat will switch with the (2) two teammates waiting on the pool deck (the original crewmembers may jump out of the boat upon reaching the checkpoint). The boat will then be raced back to the original starting point for the end of the race.
5. Boats must be propelled by the use of hands. **No paddles.**
6. The race must begin and end with the (2) two-person crew intact.
7. The designated occupants must race without leaving the interior of the boat. If an occupant exits the boat for any reason during the race, the team will be disqualified.
8. Swimming and/or pulling the boat, or the use of lane lines will result in disqualification.
9. Heats will consist of, at most, 4 boats at a time.
10. Time from heats will determine the placement of the winners.
11. Teams are **NOT** allowed to sabotage anyone else's boat. Any rough housing in the water will lead to disqualification.
12. Each participant **MUST** wear a PFD (Personal Floatation Device) at all times when in or on the water; otherwise the team will be disqualified.
13. 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.

Awards

- **1st, 2nd, & 3rd** Place prizes will be awarded.
- **The Titanic Award** – The Titanic Award is given to the team of the boat that sinks in the most spectacular fashion.

JUDGES DECIDE ON THE INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES

Any rule not specifically covered herein will be left to the discretion of the Judges

Yellow Jacket Cardboard Boat Race

Sailor Registration

This Form Must be completed for Each Sailor

Sailors (under 18) must have a Parent or Guardian Sign

Please **PRINT** clearly

NAME OF SAILOR: _____

GRADE: _____

PHONE: _____

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Participants or participant's parent(s) or guardian(s), acknowledge, understand and assume the risks, if any, arising from racing cardboard boats; construction of cardboards, and agree to waive any cause of action (including cause of action based on negligence of others) against Thomas County Schools and the Thomasville YMCA, Board Members, Coaches, Volunteers, and/or Promoters, Judges, or Officials of the Yellow Jacket Cardboard Boat Race.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Participant _____ *Parent* _____ *Guardian* _____

PHOTO RELEASE

I consent to the unrestricted use of the above named participant's image, in connection with any promotion of the Yellow Jacket Cardboard Boat Race including, but not limited to, any photographs, audio or visual recordings, interviews, videotape, motion pictures, or the use of my name in connection with video, television, radio, or print media.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Participant _____ *Parent* _____ *Guardian* _____

Boat # - TCMS - _____

Please return this form to Mrs. Buechner in TCMS room -510

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Boat Captain's Registration

Registration for each Sailor is \$5 or \$20.00 per Boat

(Fees must be paid prior to the race. All Proceeds benefit the Thomas County Central Swim Team)

"Ship's Captain" – Sailor # 1 Name: _____

Boat's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Cell Phone: _____

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Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Participant _____ **Parent** _____ **Guardian** _____

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Sailor # 2 Name: _____

Grade: _____

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Sailor # 3 Name: _____

Grade: _____

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Sailor # 4 Name: _____

Grade: _____

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Boat # - TCMS - _____

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