

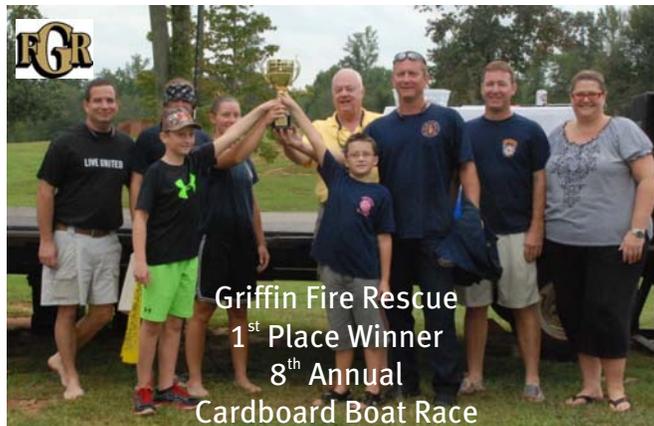
Griffin-Spalding County United Way 2016/2017 Campaign Kick-Off



9th Annual Griffin-Spalding County United Way Cardboard Boat Race

Saturday, September 10, 2016

Dundee Lake Park



What is it?

The primary purpose of Griffin-Spalding County United Way's Cardboard Boat Race is to have fun while raising awareness of our fundraising efforts and community partnerships with 18 local health and human service agencies. Family fun, community support and creativity are the key words for this event.

Boats made entirely of cardboard will race a course on Dundee Lake. Participants will be pushing off from the appointed boat launch. Boats will be timed and compete for trophies.

Race Day Schedule

Check-in: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Captain/Crew Safety Briefing 9:30 a.m.
Press Briefing/People's Choice Awards Judging 10 a.m.
First Race 10:30 a.m.

Awards & Trophies

All Boats

- Human Powered

Boats must be constructed out of cardboard and wholly powered by human muscle. Oars or paddles are acceptable as propulsion tools. These propulsion tools, as well as decorations, may be constructed from materials other than cardboard. All other parts of the boat must be corrugated cardboard. This includes the hull, decking, keel, cowling, superstructure, oar locks, seating, and rudder. Nuts, bolts, washers and staples are not allowed.

First, Second and Third Place trophies will be awarded for the fastest finishing time. A cardboard boat must have been raced the entire length of the course to qualify as a "finisher." Swimming crewmembers pushing a boat (or some portion of it) through the course is not considered "racing." The boat (or some portion of it) must be maneuvered and propelled by at least one paddling crewmember.

The Judge's Choice Award - Awarded by the judges based on creativity, showmanship and team spirit. Costumes and props are encouraged!

People's Choice Award - Awarded to the boat that receives the most "votes" (in monetary terms) cast by the spectators before the first race.

The Boat Who Could Not Stay Afloat - Most Spectacular Sinking Award - Awarded to the crew who, in the opinion of the judges, was the most spectacular in the way the ship and its crew go down.

Awards Ceremony - will be held in after the race and all boats are out of the lake and the area is cleaned up.

HOW TO BUILD YOUR BOAT

Design Regulations:

- Less than 6 feet wide – Here more is not better.
- Where the crew sits **CANNOT** be enclosed. The boat crew must be able to get in and out of the boat easily! The 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 affect the strength or the buoyancy of the boat.
- Raft style designs **ARE** allowed. The distinguishing feature of a raft design as opposed to 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.
- Cardboard boat designers and builders are encouraged to use "fair" designs and building materials. Please contact the United Way office if you have any questions.
- Cost of Boat – Spend as much as you want.

Materials:

- The ENTIRE boat must be built of cardboard, duct tape and one-part polyurethane.
- The cardboard may be as thick as you want, but may not be glued or attached to wood, plastic, fiberglass, etc. Additional cardboard can be found at recycling centers, appliance stores, department stores, discount clubs, and electronic stores. You must only use corrugated cardboard from these types of boxes.
- Cardboard carpet tubes can be used.
- Sono-Tubes or any other type of pre-treated or coated cardboard that has been processed in such a way as to make the cardboard waterproof **MAY NOT** be used. The emphasis is on the fun-filled process of turning discarded cardboard boxes or carpet tubes into floating boats.
- Metal (or plastic) staples, clamps, nails, screws, etc. – are **NOT** allowed. These are dangerous to the crew and others and the Dundee Lake environment.
- Wood or Styrofoam **CANNOT** be used. The buoyancy from these materials is unnecessary and defeats the whole purpose.
- No caulking compounds such as silicon, tar, wax or any similar waterproofing material is allowed.
- Boats **CANNOT** be wrapped with plastic, tape, Fiberglass or any similar product.
- Care should be taken that construction does not include pointed objects and sharp edges that could injure anyone.

- 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.
- If you don't want your boat to sink, waterproof the entire boat with any paint-able, one-part substance like Varnish or Polyurethane.

Race Rules & Procedures:

EVERY RACE PARTICIPANT AND CREW MEMBER MUST WEAR A PROPERLY FITTED PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICE (PFD) WHILE IN OR ON THE WATER. Please provide your own PFDs.

The minimum age of any race participant is 13 years old. No one under age 18 is allowed to participate unless his/her parents or legal guardians are present and have signed a waiver. (Date of birth on the day of the race determines age.)

All crew members **MUST** sign a Participant Waiver/Hold Harmless Agreement on race day. Boats will not be allowed to race without a signed agreement from each race participant. Participants racing in multiple boats will need to sign a form for each boat.

Alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted at Dundee Park at any time.

No solicitation by any group or individual is permitted without prior approval by the Griffin-Spalding County United Way.

Race Day:

- ✓ Please check in at the registration table no later than 10 a.m.
- ✓ Unload your boat in the display area. After unloading, please move your vehicle to the parking area.
- ✓ The entire crew should proceed to the registration table to draw for race heat. Participant Waiver/Hold Harmless Agreement should be signed at this time.
- ✓ Set up your boat display. Don't forget to set our your "People's Choice" Container so everyone has a chance to "vote" for your boat. Pick-up container when you check-in.
- ✓ After the judges' inspection is complete. Boats will race one or two other boats.
- ✓ After the race, the boat crews must remove all cardboard, decorations and other materials must be removed from the water and the grounds. Volunteers will be on hand to help. You can take your boat home with you or dispose of it in on-site recycling bins.

Failure to abide by any design or race rule or the direction of a race official shall be cause for disqualification. The Judges' decision shall be final.

REGISTRATION FORM

Griffin-Spalding County United Way 2016/2017 Campaign Kick-Off
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Saturday, September 10, 2016 (Rain date: Saturday, September 17, 2016)
Dundee Lake Park

USE A SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH BOAT ENTRY (Please Print)
(This form may be reproduced or copied as needed.)

Name _____

Business Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone# _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Emergency Contact Number _____

Name of Boat _____

of Crewmembers Anticipated _____

Crew Member Names _____

Registration Fees

(A team is comprised of at least 4 sailors)

2 men and 2 women and at least 1 man and 1 woman paddling the boat

Pacesetter ___ Team \$ 0.00

Business ___ Team \$ 100.00

United Way Agency ___ Team \$ 0.00

Not for Profit ___ Team \$ 50.00

PLEASE NOTE: Registration forms and payment should be received by Friday, September 2, 2016. There will be race day registration; however, we would appreciate it if registrations forms are submitted by Friday, September 2, 2016. Everyone participating in the race will need a Personal Flotation Device and a Participant Waiver/Hold Harmless Agreement signed before being allowed to race. Anyone not on the Participant Waiver/Hold Harmless Agreement for a boat will not be allowed in a boat for any race. No exceptions.

Mail payment and registration forms to:
Griffin-Spalding County United Way
Post Office Box 83
Griffin, Georgia 30224

**2016/2017 Griffin-Spalding County United Way
Cardboard Boat Race
PARTICIPANT WAIVER/HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

I, the undersigned, wish to participate in the 2016/2017 Griffin-Spalding County United Way 8th Annual Cardboard Boat Race on Saturday, September 10, 2016. (In the event of severe/dangerous weather, the race will be held at 10:30am on Saturday, September 17, 2016.)

I understand that the activities involved with the 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 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 Griffin-Spalding County United Way, Spalding County Parks and Recreation Department, and Spalding County Government and any other group or individuals associated with the event and any of their servants, agents, officials or 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 race activities.

I agree to indemnify and hold the Griffin-Spalding County United Way, Spalding County Parks and Recreation Department, and Spalding County Government 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 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 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 race program for any purpose. By signing below, I agree that I understand and consent to this statement.

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Print Name of Participant			Date
Address	City	Zip	Phone
Signature of Participant			Date of Birth
Contact In Case of Emergency			Phone Number