Cardboard Boat Race Info

In the spirit of UMD’s Homecoming Week, every year ASME (the mechanical engineering club) hosts the annual Cardboard Boat Race. Students come together in teams and construct a full-sized boat, made from cardboard, to race across Rock Pond in Bagley. Paddles and life jackets will be provided. Join us for an afternoon of friendly competition and free sandwiches!

*Competition Details:*

1. The competition will be held on **Wednesday, October 7th** in the Bagley Nature Area Pond (Rock Pond).
2. Optional building space is available on Oct 5th and 6th below Malosky Stadium
3. Each team will race across and back Rock Pond. Rankings will be based on times.
4. There will be a **pre-race inspection at 4:00** to make sure none of the above rules have been broken.
5. **The racing starts at 4:30.**
6. **Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, and to the boat with the ‘most epic fail’.**
7. There will be a rescue boat and a warming tent for those who may fall in.
8. We will be able to dispose of the boats after the races for you, if you don’t want to keep them.

*Rules:*

1. Each boat must hold exactly 3 people; however, the building teams may be larger.
2. We will provide life jackets and they must be worn by the racers at all times.
3. Canoe paddles will also be provided and are the only allowed means of propulsion. This is to make it as fair as possible.

*Construction Rules: (To protect the environment)*

1. Only Non-Coated cardboard is permitted- no wax coating, for example.
2. Duct tape is only allowed on the inside of the boat. This is due to the possibility of paint flaking off.
3. Paper tape is the only tape to be used on the outside.
4. Latex or Silicon based caulk is permitted for sealing.
5. Paint, if used, must be latex based.

*Registration*

- Each team captain must email **Ben Hopwood** at hopwo012@d.umn.edu by Sep 30th
- Please include:
  - Your team name
  - If you’d like to request boat building space below Malosky Stadium on Oct 5th and 6th