

Start saving your milk jugs for the Wenonga Days Milk Carton Boat Races July 22, 2023, at Lions Park!

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The Wenonga Days Milk Carton Boat Races offer a memorable day for participants and spectators alike. Children and adults will race and show off their handmade boats that float only by means of recycled milk cartons and jugs. Don't worry if you can't save enough milk jugs. Art of the Lakes will have extra milk jugs that you can start picking up starting May 5th.

Join us for a day of family-friendly entertainment and some spirited competition. Check-in is from 1:30-2:30 pm and races begin at 3 pm. This is a FREE event for the participants and spectators. We invite you to come and enjoy the fun and don't forget to vote for the People's Choice Award!!

Racing categories:

- ▼ Children Ages 7-12: single racer or 3-4 racers
- ▼ Adults Ages 13 and up: single racer or 3-4 racers
- ▼ Family/Multi-rider: Mixed ages

The winners of each race will receive a trophy and prize.

*Rules, Regulations, and Boatbuilding Information is posted online at artofthelakes.org.
Please download and share with your friends!*



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SPLASH INTO SUMMER AT THE MILK CARTON BOAT RACE!

Join us on Saturday from 2:00-6:00 for an afternoon filled with family-friendly entertainment and some spirited competition at Lions Park. This is your chance to test the laws of buoyancy and to launch a piece of personality atop a pile of milk cartons! Build a boat that's creative or imaginative or one that's sleek and slim for racing - or both! Creatively crafted watercraft will compete for awards in (5) Racing Categories, along with an award for The People's Choice. All boats will be competing for The People's Choice Award. This award is given to a boat that is the crowd favorite.

MILK CARTON BOAT RACE CATEGORIES (Award for each)

CHILD (ages 7-12)

- Single Rider
- Multi Riders (3-4 riders)

ADULTS (ages 13+)

- Single Rider
- Multi Riders (2)
- Family/Mixed age riders (3-4 riders) MIXED AGES

PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD (costumes help!)

- All entries

2023 Milk Carton Boat Race SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Approximate) All times Subject to change

1:30 -2:30 pm: Onsite Boat Registration and Boat Inspection check-in

2:00 pm: Opening Ceremony

1. Adult Single rider (Class One)
2. Child Single rider (Class Two)
3. Child (3-4 riders) (Class Five)
4. Adult (2 riders) (Class three)
5. Family/Mixed age (3-4 riders) (Class Four)

Conclusion: People's Choice Award

Note: Race schedule is approximate and could run faster or slower than expected. All racers and their boats will line up 20 minutes before their race.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Each racer must have his or her own US Coast Guard approved life preserver. Sharing of vests among same heats will not be allowed.
 - Individual boats can only race once per racing category. If a family has multiple entries in a category, they must have a separate boat for each entry.
 - Boats must be made by the participants with flotation dependent upon milk cartons/jugs (no soy/almond/juice containers etc.).
 - Oars with pivot or oarlock are allowed.
 - Boats in racing categories shall be no longer than 10 feet.
 - No engines or motors of any kind are allowed. Propulsion power or any other kind of stored energy is also prohibited. All race boats can only be powered by means of oars or paddles (human power only).
 - Boats and participants shall be family appropriate in presentation, design, and apparel.
 - Each boat and participant will be inspected prior to the race for compliance with the Rules and Safety Requirements outlined here. Any boat or participant not meeting safety construction or apparel requirements will be disqualified.
 - Any boat that is deemed unsafe or unseaworthy after a race cannot be used for subsequent races.
 - Racers will begin the race in their boats at the starting line. All boats should attempt to stay in their assigned lanes. Decisions of the race officials are final.
 - The Milk Carton Boat Race reserves the right to cancel any race due to lack of participants. Participants whose race gets canceled will be placed in the next best race category.
 - Participants are responsible for the transport of their vessels to Lions Park on race day. Consider bringing a wheelbarrow or cart to help move your boat. All boats must be removed from the Park, by the entrants, upon completion of event.
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MILK CARTON BOAT RACE, July 22, 2023
LIONS PARK, Battle Lake, MN
PARTICIPANT WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM

Please read and sign this form and bring it with you to the check-in table at 1:30 on race day.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the Milk Carton Boat Race on July 22, 2023 at Lions Park (the "Event") and by indicating my acceptance I agree as follows: I hereby release The Art of the Lakes , Wenonga Days organization), Battle Lake, all sponsors, exhibitors and all governmental bodies and agencies whose property or personnel are used in the Event, and any other sponsoring or co-sponsoring entity of the Event, their employees, officers, directors, volunteers and agents (collectively the "Released Parties") from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation, or the participation of any Registered Party, or both, in the Event.

In additionally permit the Released Parties to use my name and pictures, and the name and pictures of any Registered Parties, in broadcasts, telecasts, newspapers, brochures, and other similar recordings to promote the Event. Authority to Release and to act as Agent I represent and warrant that I have full legal authority to complete this Participant Waiver and Release form (the "Agreement and Waiver") for myself and on behalf of any party I am registering (the "Registered Parties"). If I am registering a child under the age of 18 or an incapacitated adult, I represent and warrant that I am the parent or legal guardian of that party and have the legal authority to enter into this agreement on their behalf and by proceeding with this event registration, I agree that the terms of this Agreement and Waiver shall apply equally to all Registered Parties. By registering a child under 13, I agree and consent to the collection of that child's information I provided for the purpose of registration. I hereby warrant that all participants associated with the signing of this waiver are at least three feet eight inches tall, at least 7 years of age, and in proper physical condition for safe participation in the Event. Assumption of Risk I understand that participation in the Event is potentially hazardous, and that a Registered Party should not participate unless they are medically able and properly trained. I understand that events may be held over public roads and waters and facilities open to the public during the Event and upon which hazards are to be expected. Participation carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated completely ranging from minor injuries to catastrophic injuries including death. I understand and agree that in consideration of being permitted to participate in the Event, I and any Registered Party and their heirs, personal representatives or assigns do hereby release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue the Released Parties for all liabilities and from any and all claims arising from participation in the Event. By indicating acceptance of this agreement and waiver, I am affirming that I have read and understand this agreement and waiver and fully understand its terms. I understand that I am giving up substantial rights, including the right to sue.

I acknowledge that I am signing this agreement and waiver freely and voluntarily and intend by my acceptance to be a complete and unconditional release of all liabilities to the greatest extent allowed by law.

Participant's signature. _____

Date _____

Print Participant's name _____

Age if under 18 _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name _____

HOW TO BUILD A MILK CARTON BOAT

- 1. Create Your Design:** Study the rules and regulations. Remember, your boat must float entirely from milk cartons/jugs. Racing boats are usually lightweight - long and narrow - like a kayak.
- 2. Begin by sketching a design of your boat, noting the dimensions.** Make a list of the items needed to complete the vessel, as well as their weight. Frame, decor, and person(s) operating the boat should all be accounted for.
- 3. Calculate the number of milk cartons/jugs you will need.** The weight of your vessel and crew must be fully supported by the buoyancy of the milk cartons/jugs.
 - 1 one-gallon plastic jug = floats 8 lbs.
 - 1 half-gallon paper or plastic carton = floats 4 lbs.
 - 1 one-quart paper carton = floats 2 lbs.
 - Keep in mind larger boats will need more milk cartons/jugs to float.
 - Kayak paddles and oars are two ways to power your boat.
- 4. Gather Your Supplies:** Frames can be built of wood, plastic, or aluminum. Above the water line you may decorate however you choose. Be creative! You may use glue, nails, tape, or other construction materials. Be sure, however, that all parts are securely fastened. Milk cartons/jugs are the most important materials for your boat. It's easy to collect enough cartons/jugs if you save throughout the year. If you haven't started a collection, ask your friends, family, and neighbors to help you. You can also find milk cartons/jugs at coffee stands, restaurants, hospitals, cafeterias, etc. Simply ask for their empty containers.
- 5. Construct Your Boat:** Here is an example of how to build a milk carton boat. You may choose to build your boat differently, and that's okay. These general instructions will get you started.

Frames should be joined together with wood screws. Use wooden 2x4s for the main structure. Follow these instructions to make a basic frame and/or visit: <http://www.instructables.com/id/Build-a-Milk-Jug-Raft/>

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR FRAME

- (3) 2"x4"x8' boards
- Wood screws
- Screwdriver (power is recommended)

- Cut one board into 4 equal lengths.
- Place two 8' boards parallel to each other, approximately 20" apart. Using the 4 short pieces, attach one board at either end with wood screws, keeping the 8' boards 20" apart. Attach one short board mid-length as the seat and the short final board 14-18" in front of seat board.
- Finished frame will loosely resemble a rectangular ladder.
- Keep milk cartons water-tight by hot gluing and stapling the mouths shut. Use hot glue to keep lids on milk jugs. Then hot glue the cartons/jugs together in bundles or wrap the cartons in duct tape. Use duct tape or hot glue to connect the cartons to the frame. Prevent cartons from breaking loose by using chicken wire or mesh on the bottom of the boat.
- DO NOT enclose the cartons completely within the frame, as they must be visible. If not, it will result in a disqualification when inspected.
- You can make your boat as a single unit or pieces that can be put together at the park. Bring all your supplies and allow adequate time for construction on race day.

Do a Trial Run: Before Race Day, test your boat with a trial run. Look for flooding in milk cartons, breaks, cracks, stability in water, and how the boat handles in the water. Plan a trial run with enough time to fix anything before race day. ***Trial runs may NOT be done in Lions Park on Race Day.***

HELPFUL HINTS

PRE-REGISTER Register online by June 21st, to guarantee your spot in the Milk Carton Boat Race! You will receive your participant boat-number and guaranteed entrance into the Race. Bring your signed waiver with you when you check-in on race day.

LIMITED REGISTRATION ON-SITE Limited Registration will be available on-site, depending on open slots. Each participant must check-in at the registration tent between 1:30 and 2:30 pm on race day. You will receive your printed participant number for your boat. At this time, an inspector will examine every boat to see that it meets the rules and regulation.

5 simple steps to participate:

- 1. Read the Rules and Regulations**
- 2. Design & name your boat**
- 3. Have ALL riders register online and sign a waiver**
- 4. Email the waiver(s) to the committee.**
- 5. On race day, bring your boat, paddle, life jacket, and enthusiasm (check-in and inspection open at 1:30 pm)**

Chief Wenonga Days Registration

Register here for the July 22, 2023 Milk Carton Boat Race on West Battle Lake in Lions Park. Each participant needs to register individually so, if you are on a team, this means that each teammate needs to fill out the following form! Thank you.

The deadline for registration is July 17th. Go to artofthelakes.org/events to register or complete this registration form and deliver it to the gallery, 108 Lake Avenue S., Battle Lake during gallery hours.

For further information, contact Art of the Lakes at: phone 218-864-8606 or email: ATOL@arvig.com

*** Required**

Email*

Your email

Name of your boat _____

Which race categories will you enter?

____ Adult Single rider (Class One)

____ Child Single rider (Class Two)

____ Child (3-4 riders) (Class Five)

____ Adult (2 riders) (Class three)

____ Family/Mixed age (3-4 riders) (Class Four)

Participant's Name: _____

Name of responsible adult at park the day of the Race _____

Cell phone number day of the event: * _____

Email of team contact person* _____

____ I understand I need to furnish a signed waiver to participate. *

Name of legal guardian if participant is under 18 years old. _____

Who are your teammates? If you are on more than one team, list members of each team.
