

**SATURDAY**  
**JUNE 17, 2023**

**REGISTER BY May 26 for  
early bird pricing**

**JOHNSON PARK**  
**ABILENE, TX**



**THE CHALLENGE:** Global Samaritan Resources is inviting kids & grown-up kids of all ages to build a boat to float/race on Fort Phantom Lake for our first ever **RECYCLED REGATTA**. GSR's mission is built upon taking donated goods and donating them back out (for REUSE) to organizations that need them. **THE CHALLENGE** is to build a water-worthy boat out of recycled materials.

**WHO CAN PARTICIPATE:**

This activity is open to anyone, including children, adults, individuals, and groups. The cost to register is \$50 per boat/team. Proceeds from this event will benefit Global Samaritan Resources in Abilene, Texas

**WHEN/ WHERE:**

Johnson Park in Abilene, June 17, 2023 from approximately 10am-1pm. Boat drop will be between 9:30-10:30 am, judging of dry boats from 10:30-11:15am. Race heats will begin at 11:30am.

**JUDGING:**

Dry boats will be examined by a team of volunteer judges in the following categories: Kids Master Craftsman (5<sup>th</sup> grade and under), Youth Master Craftsman (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade), Adult Master Craftsman, Team Theme. Awards for the most (and least) sea-worthy boats will be announced after the race heats, in the following categories: Sea Star, Sea Slug, Chicken of the Sea, Titanic, Golden Paddle. Complete award descriptions in registration packet.

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### **Accepted Materials**

- Plastic (bottles, barrels, etc.)
- Tin/aluminum cans
- Cardboard
- Rope/fishing line/cloth
- Duct tape/Packing tape
- Glue
- Water based paint
- Other RECYCLABLE materials

### **NOT Accepted Materials**

- Rubber
- Wood
- Inflatables (raft, pool toys, mattress, etc)
- Glass/fiberglass
- Caulking
- Styrofoam
- Expanding/Foam Insulation
- Varnish/Flex Seal
- Engines & Electrical System

## **Global Samaritan Recycled Regatta OFFICIAL Rules**

- All boats must be registered by June 17, 2023. Early registration \$50 through May 26. May 27 – June 17 registration, \$75.
- All registered boats must be named.
- All boats must be checked in at the park on June 17, by 10:30 am for judging.
- Captain and crew must be IN the boat when it crosses the finish line.
- The boat must be human powered. NO ENGINES OR MOTORS ARE PERMITTED INCLUDING BATTERY OR ELECTRIC OPERATED POWER SOURCES.
- Boats may not be pushed by Crew or by outside assistance. Oars must also be made of recycled materials.
- Boats constructed using “NOT Accepted Materials”, will be disqualified and not permitted to race. Registration fees will NOT be refunded.
- The use of mechanical devices, such as bicycle chains, sprockets, etc. are not permitted. Oil or grease is not permitted on any vessel.
- Contestants will begin the race in their respective boats, on the edge of the boat dock. Any boat crossing the starting line before the starting gun will be DISQUALIFIED. As soon as each race is completed, all boats will immediately go to shore, whether they have reached the finish line or not. This will clear the way for the next race.
- NO LITTER PLEASE!! All contestants must remove their boats from the water and collect anything that fell off. There will be recycle/trash bins available.
- Please keep in mind that this is a family-oriented event. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and will be considered grounds for disqualification.
- PARENTAL CONSENT, BY SIGNATURE, IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR ALL CONTESTANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18. Each participant on a boat must hand in a signed Release Form.
- Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. No exceptions.
- A participant may not compete in more than one crew.
- DO NOT wrap the hull in tape, plastic, shrink wrap or any other material.

- Boats will be permitted in the water only to participate in the appropriate race for which they have been assigned. Any boat in the water at other times, interfering with a race, will be disqualified.
- It is highly recommended that you test run your boat, under the direct supervision of an adult. You will learn about things you want to adjust or fix.

### Safety Rules

- All crew members must supply and wear a life jacket and shoes. Life belts are NOT permitted.
- The passenger area of the boat must not be permanently enclosed above the shoulders of the occupants. Each crew member must be visible while the boat is in the water.
- Boats must be free of sharp edges or anything that could pose a danger.
- All participants must be able to swim. No exceptions.

### Planning Tips

A cubic foot of water weighs about 62 pounds. That means that a 120 pound person will float in a boat that is 1 foot by 1 foot by 2 feet, of course, that would be a bit uncomfortable.

A flat bottom boat is recommended. A V-shaped bottom is likely to tip over unless the V is very gentle.

The lowest center of gravity is the most stable. Kneeling or standing may cause you to tip over.

Build a Team, the more the merrier. Fill out and submit your paperwork to Global Samaritan Resources before May 26, 2023, for early bird pricing.

Play with design ideas. Create a materials list. Start to collect recyclable materials- LOTS OF THEM! Start construction- consider a practice run. All water activities should be supervised by an appropriate adult.

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