



# Big Muddy Spring Camporee

April 19-21, 2024

Pine Ridge Scout Camp

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49<sup>th</sup>

**GREAT CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA**

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE

PRE-REGISTRATION  
\$15 per boat

ON-SITE REGISTRATION  
\$20 per boat

10 AM - Registration and Boat Inspection  
1 PM - Races Begin

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024**  
BECKER PAVILION • CAMPUS LAKE

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Troop 4G welcomes you to the Big Muddy District Spring Camporee. This will be a unique experience for the 5 troops in the Big Muddy District. We will be offering Scouts the ability to work on rank advancements and participate in the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Cardboard Boat Regatta at SIU-C.

Camp Administrators are Holly Wolfe (618-305-0737) and Shawn Rehmer (618-978-4105). The Health Nurse for this event is Kim Schneider (618-559-1364).

Registration cost is \$10 per person plus the cost of boat entry. Units will be able to enter multiple boats in the regatta if they wish. This event will be held rain or shine.

Check-in will begin at 6:00pm Friday evening. Units will bring their roster and completed health forms to the check in area by the Health Lodge. Parts A, B1 and B2 of the Annual Health and Medical Record (including the Shot Record) and copy of a current insurance card are required for all Scouts and Scouters attending this event. **Blank copies will not be available at this event.** It is recommended that all units should also keep a copy of the health forms in their possession since we will be leaving Pine Ridge for the regatta.

Once you are checked in, your Unit will be dismissed to your assigned camp site.

Troop 4B	-	Bowie	Troop 4G	-	Lewis
Troop 44	-	Crockett	Troop 47	-	Boone
Troop 66	-	Cherokee			

Units will be allowed one vehicle at the campsite for the purpose of transporting the boat to the regatta. All other vehicles must be removed from the camping area and parked in the parking lot. Individuals requiring handicapped access are asked to register their vehicle upon arrival. Handicapped individual's vehicles are allowed in campsites with correct documentation. Speed limit is 5 mph. No passengers are allowed in the back of an open truck or trailer.

Each troop is required to provide all equipment needed to participate in the Camporee. This includes all tents, stoves, cooking and eating items, and all materials that go into camp gadgets, gateway materials, water, etc.

The only bathroom facilities are the permanent bathroom facilities. No porta potties will be available for this event.

Fires are only allowed in the fire ring at each campsite. Follow the "Leave NO Trace" principles. **NO FIRES MAY BE LEFT UNATTENDED.** All liquid fuels and propane must be used under adult supervision.

The buddy system will be used at all times. Two responsible adults (21 or older) must be with your Unit at all times. Two Deep Leadership is strictly observed. You are responsible for your Scouts. Pets, fixed blade knives, fireworks, alcoholic beverages, non-prescription drugs, and firearms are not permitted in camp.

#### PINE RIDGE GRACE

By the water and through the trees,

Among the pines and gentle breeze,

For the bread we break,

The training we take,

And the friends we make,

We thank you God for all of these.

Amen.

Scoutmasters and the Senior Patrol Leader are asked to join us for a brief informative meeting at the Parade Grounds at 8:30pm.

Saturday morning will begin with a flag raising at 8:30am after your breakfast in your campsite. New scouts will be requested to assist the opening ceremony. After the opening ceremony has concluded, we will be offering Totin' Chip and Firem'n Chit from 8:45am – 10:00am. The location of those trainings will be announced that morning. Those scouts that are not needing these trainings or that finish these trainings are encouraged to create a camp gateway and camp gadgets. This is also a great time to finish the final touches on your boat. It is recommended that you build your boat prior to the Camporee to allow adequate time for construction. The Race Rules are included in this manual. **PLEASE NOTE: BOAT OCCUPANTS MUST HAVE PASSED THE BSA SWIMMER TEST WITHIN THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS TO COMPETE.**

Units need to check out of camp by 11:00am to head to Campus Lake at SIU-C – Becker Pavilion & Beach. Units are responsible for transporting their Scouts, Scouters and boat(s) to Campus Lake. Boat inspections will be held from 10:00am to Noon. The first race is scheduled to begin at 1:00pm. Units are encouraged to pack a picnic lunch to eat after inspections are completed. There will be some food trucks available on-site as well. For those units not wanting to participate in the Cardboard Boat Regatta, you are encouraged to take the opportunity to hike the 5 mile Gischeleman Trail. Please bear in mind, when we break camp at 11:00am, the Health Officer will not be on premises until the Cardboard Boat Regatta concludes.

Units will check back in upon their return to Pine Ridge. If time allows before closing ceremonies, we will be offering a session in how to whip and fuse a rope and the various knots needed for rank advancement. (Youth volunteers are requested to assist, especially those that need to demonstrate the EDGE method.)

All units are invited to attend the closing ceremony at 5:00pm at the parade ground.

Supper will be in your campsite from 5:15pm – 6:45pm. This is a great time for those Scouts who need the cooking portion of their rank advancement to show off their skills.

At 7:00pm, please bring your camp chairs to Family Point for an Interfaith Service and our Campfire Program. The assistance of the Chaplain Aides is requested for the Interfaith Service. For the evening Campfire, each unit is requested to prepare at least one BSA APPROPRIATE skit, song, etc. Please refer to the attached BSA Ceremonies and Campfire Guidance if you have any questions. Awards for the Cardboard Boat Regatta and best use of camp gadget/gateway will be awarded at this time.

Lights out will be at 11:00pm. Scouts are not allowed out of their campsite after lights out, except to go to and from the latrine. Make sure your Scouts are quiet after lights out.

Sunday morning, units will be having breakfast in their campsite prior to breaking camp. The Camporee will close at 11:00 am. Units are asked to deposit their trash in the dumpster as they exit the Camporee.

We hope everyone enjoys this small but fun filled Camporee.

# Gateway Judging

Troop #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Gateway competition: Must be Scout built. All lashings and knots must be properly tied. Units must supply all their own materials, must be assembled at your campsite. No hammers or nails can be used. We suggest practicing your build before Camporee.**

## Scoring Points

Original design	10
Troop identification sign	10
Practicality	10
Flags (U.S and Troop)	10
Safety (tight knots and lashings)	10
Knots (tied properly)	10
Lashings (proper count)	10
Use of Camporee theme and patrol name displayed	10
Poles (1 point per pole used, 20 point maximum)	20

Judging will be done at same time as campsite inspection.

Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_



# *The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual* **Great Cardboard Boat Regatta**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### *Date of Boat Regatta*

Saturday, April 20, 2024, Rain or Shine – First race starts at 1:00PM

### *Location*

Campus Lake at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale – Becker Pavilion & Beach  
Kayak paddles, oars, paddles and life jackets will be furnished

### *Registration & Boat Inspections*

10am to Noon – Registration Tent located near boat launch- \$20 Registration fee per boat  
(Make checks payable to SIU)

*Where to get corrugated cardboard to build your boat*  
Chemistry Department in Neckers Building on SIU Campus  
Call: Mary Kinsel, 618-453-6428

### *Cost of Cardboard*

\$4 for a 7'x 8' flat sheet of corrugated cardboard  
(Standard boat takes about 4 sheets to build)

### *Instant Boat Kits*

To be supplied at Campus Lake on first come first serve basis.  
The kits will consist of one sheet of 7'x 8' cardboard,  
a box knife, a nail and a small roll of duct tape.  
You will have approximately 2 hours to build your instant boat.

### *Trophies will be awarded in all Boat Classes*

Plus special awards for most spectacular sinking, best use of cardboard,  
best team boat

< **Cardboard Boat Regatta Questions** >

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*Race Rules, Boat Classifications and Building Tips on next Page >>>*

# *The 49th Annual Great Cardboard Boat Regatta - 2024*

## **RACE RULES**

1. All boats must be made of corrugated cardboard, including both the hull and superstructure. Any thickness of corrugated cardboard is permissible.
2. Glue, caulk, tape, staples and other secondary building supplies may be used.
3. The hull must be waterproofed with any one-part substance. No two-part materials like epoxies resins, tar, fiberglass, liquid rubber, Flex Seal, etc. is allowed.
4. All boats must be muscle-powered from within the boat. No prone, surfboard or swimming positions may be used or allowed. Boats cannot be pushed by an outside swimmer.
5. Mechanical propulsion systems are allowed in Class II. Human powered only.
6. Seats must be made of corrugated cardboard and may not be part of the propulsion system or hardware. No oar-lock systems allowed on any type of boat.
7. All boats must be designed so crew members can exit easily in the event the boat sinks.
8. No boat may have more than ten (10) people on board at any time.
9. No dogs or babies will be allowed in or on a boat.
10. Pointy objects, likely entanglements, large canopies or anything else that might become a menace or danger to boat crews or the lake, must be removed before the boat is put into the water.
11. All crew members must wear PFD's (life jackets) – life jackets and paddles will be furnished.
12. All crew members must wear suitable foot wear (aqua socks or tennis shoes) before getting into the lake.
13. Any crew or racer who intentionally hits another boat or its crew with their paddle or any other foreign object will be disqualified. You can push away from another boat, but no hitting.
14. The race course is in a "U" shape and approximately 300 yards long. You must round the buoys on the outside only. Any boat that cuts inside a buoy will be disqualified. To be legal, you can go back and round the buoy again. Facing the buoy head on, the right side of the buoy is the outside.
15. Instant boats will race to the first buoy, round it from the right side, and race back to the starting line.
16. The goal of the Regatta is to have fun, be with friends, have a good time, stay dry and go home at the end of the day happy and maybe a little sunburned, whether you get wet or not.

### **BOAT RACE CLASSIFICATIONS**

#### **CLASS I**

Boats powered by canoe paddles, oars or kayak paddles. Prone, or surfboard type paddling with your arms is NOT allowed.

#### **CLASS II**

Boat powered by paddle wheels, propellers, plungers and other novel forms of muscle powered propulsion. No gas or electric power of any kind allowed.

#### **CLASS III (Instant Boats)**

Boats powered by paddles and created on-the-spot from supplied materials. Instant boats must be made entirely from materials supplied at the lake and built within a two hour time period during the afternoon of the race. Kits are available first come, first serve until they run out. This is a one-time race.

#### **CLASS IV (Kid's Class)**

Boats built to any of the standards above. It will be raced on a shortened course. This race is for kids thirteen years old and under.

### ***Basic Design and Building Tips***

- \* Build a scale model first. File folders work great for this purpose. Folding and overlapping flat surfaces are best.
- \* Almost any hull shape large enough for the crew to sit in will float the crew. Tall sides make it harder to paddle.
- \* Wide boats are stable and slow. Narrow & long boats are unstable but fast. Tall boats catch the wind, are hard to maneuver and are also slow. Confused? A width of 24" is a good place to start.
- \* Common wood glue and reinforced paper packing tape make excellent sealers for the connecting joints.
- \* Caulk, waterproof & paint the whole boat. Allow enough time for the paint to dry. Oil based paint dries slow.
- \* Give yourself time to experiment and enjoy the process of building a boat. It will take longer than you think.

# SIU Southern Illinois University

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ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER, AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

ASSUMPTION OF RISK/AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE: I, \_\_\_\_\_, as parent or legal guardian, hereby consent for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, age, \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in activities and exercise programs at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale Student Recreation Center.

I am aware that exercise, swimming, and/or the use of exercise equipment may involve a risk of personal injury or death. I hereby accept responsibility for any injury my child may incur. I do so on behalf of my child, myself, my spouse, other family members, heirs, assigns, and personal representatives. I further agree to hold harmless the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, its employees and agents from any claims which may arise due to my child's participation at the SIU Recreation Center or for any first aid, emergency treatment, or services rendered.

I warrant that my child is physically fit to undertake the activities and programs at the Rec Center. If my child has a known health risk, I further warrant that my child's physician has released my child to participate in the activities and programs at the Rec Center. I am of legal age, competent, and possess the legal authority to sign this statement. All statements provided herein are true and my signature is provided voluntarily without duress or promises being made to me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# BSA Ceremonies and Campfire Guidance

## (National Camping School)

Ceremonies and campfires are fun and exciting parts of any camping experience! They give youth the ability to perform, but runons, stories, skits and songs must also fit within the program guidelines of the BSA. There are numerous things that are inappropriate and unacceptable. While the following is not an exhaustive list, it will help you begin the discussion about ensuring only appropriate material is portrayed:

- No name Calling, put-downs, Hazing
- No references to undergarments, nudity or bodily functions
- No cross-gender impersonation at any point in the skit
- No derogatory references to or stereotyping of ethnic or cultural backgrounds, economic situations, or disabilities
- No portrayal of sensitive social issues such as alcohol, drugs, gangs, guns, suicide, etc. – *be mindful of this in song lyrics as well.*
- Wasteful, ill-mannered, or improper use of food or water including wasting food in ANY way for comedic purpose is not allowed. *You may not know the current situation of youth and adults who are in the audience. Many may not have adequate food at home and the wasting of food in any way would further point out this disparity. Additionally there are parts of the world where water is not potable therefore the wasting of water is not appropriate.*
- No inside jokes that exclude some of those present
- Do not change lyrics to patriotic songs (“America”, “America the Beautiful”, “God Bless America”, “The Star-Spangled Banner”) or hymns and other spiritual songs
- Do not embarrass anyone – including staff or audience members (even if they are “in on it”) - *just because the staff member is in on it, everyone in the audience is not aware of that fact and the appearance is that you are making fun of someone.*
- Do not portray violent behavior or any behavior not in line with the Guide to Safe Scouting (ex. pointing “guns” at each other)
- No bathroom humor or skits/songs where a toilet is the punchline or a part of the skit or song.
- No water skits – NO ONE gets wet in any way (includes staff, and even if they are “in on it”)
- No material with sexual overtones
- **Do not include anything that is not in keeping with the ideals of the Boy Scouts of America.**

Best motto to have is, “If in doubt, take it out!”

All material should be vetted by the camp leadership team. Be sure you understand all aspects of the performance and what will happen. For example, a unit may have the same name for a skit and have a different interpretation of it than you expected.

Each of us has a role to help ensure our ceremonies and campfires represent the BSA ideals and brand. Thank you for communicating this material to your short-term camps so that they can help us all represent the best in Scouting.