

# Cardboard Canoe Competition

## 17th June 2023

### Joining Instructions

Entry is now open for Greater Manchester West County Cardboard Canoe Competition 2023. For Scouts, Explorers, Leaders Race and limited entry "Out of County" race. Entries must be submitted on-line and close at 8pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

### Permitted Materials

Cardboard, duct tape (see rules), packing tape, rope or string. Cardboard tubes (see rules)



### Need to Know

1. Bring a change of clothes, you will get WET!
2. A named leader **MUST** attend on the day and take full responsibility for their team. There will be a safety boat in the water but the Assembly Area is a semi-public area so teams will not be allowed to participate without a responsible adult/leader.
3. The water is very deep (as you might imagine) and so all participants under 18 will require parental consent which confirms that they can swim >50m with a buoyancy aid.
4. Food and snacks will be for sale on the day so bring a small amount of money to be looked after by your leader.
5. The Assembly Area is a hard floored area and there is some grassed areas. You may bring picnic blankets/groundsheets to sit on if the weather has been wet.
6. Changing rooms and lockers are available in the Trafford Water Sports Centre.

### Finally...

Please note all safety equipment will all be provided by the centre but **you will need your own paddles.**



## Rules

1. Only the items listed above may be used to build boats. Cardboard tubes are permitted, but cannot have wood used to cap the ends. No pre-treated or waxed cardboard is permitted.
2. No wrapping or sealing the bottom of the boat in tape. Use tape to seal joins/seams and attach pieces or tubes. No more than a 10% of the total surface area of the boat should be covered with tape.
3. Design is Scout Group choice. Make your boat look like a race car, flying saucer, dragon, etc. Let your imagination run wild.
4. Only permanent markers can be used to decorate your boat. Do not use paint, stickers, etc.
5. All boats must be built ahead of time and pass inspection prior to racing. (on morning of race) Groups may turn up with the vessels built and ready to go or may use the Assembly area to put finishing touches to their boat.
6. Teams must remove boat and debris from the water and dispose of it away from the site at an appropriate disposal facility.
7. Each Group may have multiple entries; however, no individual may be in more than one team. You must provide your own oar and the paddle may only be used to propel the boat. Oars may be made of any material. Rafts or flat boats which use legs for propulsion are not allowed.
8. Team members in the boat must not be enclosed above the shoulders. Team members must be visible at all times while the boat is in the water.
9. Each boat must carry between 2 and 4 participants.
10. All participants must be wearing a bathing suit and shorts (no denim)
11. Each participant must be able to swim >50m with a buoyancy aid.
12. Each participant must wear a personal flotation aid and helmet when in or on the water.
13. Team members who start the race must finish the race without leaving the interior of the boat. If a team member exits the boat for any reason during the race, the team will be disqualified.
14. When a boat finishes the race, the team must remove the boat and any leftover cardboard debris from the water – only then will the clock stop.
15. Team members must supply their own towels.
16. Teams are not allowed to sabotage anyone else's boat. Any rough messing about on the water will lead to disqualification.
  
17. The following trophies will be awarded for GMW:
  - a. Speed Boat Award                      Best Time to Complete the Course in each category.



- b. Design Star Award Best Design and Theme
  - c. Titanic Award Most Spectacular Sinking
18. Out of County Awards
- a. Out Of County Speed Award Best Time to Complete the Course
  - b. Out of County Design Award Best Design and Theme
19. Any boats deemed to be breaking the rules by Bob Wilson (ACC Scouts) will be disqualified. Any questions about whether your boat complies with the rules should be raised with Bob on the day.
- 20. Entries must be submitted on-line and close at 8pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**
21. Race order will be allocated on the day. Race Operations Centre opens at 11.30am on the day.
22. Teams must ensure they are ready to race when called forward otherwise they will be disqualified.

## Getting There and Parking Arrangements

### Find Us

#### Address

**Trafford Water Sports Centre  
(Sale Water Park)**  
Rifle Road  
Sale  
Trafford  
M33 2LX

#### Telephone

01782 - 722226



Trafford Water Sports Centre is serviced by a Metrolink Station and is next to Junction 6 on the M60. Cycle routes are also available with the Trans Pennine Trail running close by.

### Parking

There is parking available at the Metrolink Car Park at the entrance to the Water Park, a public car park is adjacent to Jackson's Boat (payment by meter or free if a customer of Jackson's Boat) and there are free public car parks around the water sports centre.

**Strictly no cars to be parked on the car parks immediately adjacent to the Trafford Water sports centre. (Number 2 on the Centre Leaflet)**

Vehicles transporting the canoes will be able to access a small car park adjacent to the slip way to drop off. Scout volunteers will marshal this.



## Activity Information Form

<b>Event</b>	Cardboard Canoe Competition	<b>Date</b>	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
<b>Location</b>	Trafford Water Sports Centre (Sale Water Park), Rifle Road, Sale. M33 2LX		
<b>Race Start Time</b>	12.30pm - Prompt	<b>Cost</b>	£15 per team – Payable to County by BACS prior to event - reference Cardboard Canoe and Group Name.
<b>Finish Time</b>	4.30pm - Approx	<b>Team</b>	Between 2 and 4 Team Members
<b>Transport</b>	Own transport to be arranged.		
<b>Wear</b>	Neckers, Swimwear, Water Shoes	<b>Bring</b>	Change of clothes, Towel and warm coat if cold.
<b>Organiser</b>	Bob Wilson (ACC Scouts)	<b>Contact</b>	07966 430427

**Note:** All activities will be run in accordance with The Scout Association's safety Rules. No responsibility for the personal equipment/clothing and effects can be accepted by the organisers and The Scout Association does not provide automatic insurance cover in respect to such items.

*Please keep this section for your own information, and detach and return the section below*

**Please complete and bring this section with you on the day – will be destroyed on competition of event.**

<b>Name (YP)</b>		<b>D.O.B.</b>	
<b>Event</b>	GMW County Cardboard Canoe Competition		
<b>Emergency Contact:</b>		<b>Phone</b>	
<i>I have noted the arrangements above and agree to the named young person taking part.</i>			
<b>Doctor's name and contact details:</b>		<b>Details of any medications currently being taken:</b>	
<b>Details of any disabilities, conditions, allergies, special needs or cultural needs that might affect this activity:</b>		<b>Details of any infectious diseases he/she has been in contact with in the last three weeks:</b>	
<i>If it becomes necessary for the above named young person to receive medical treatment and I cannot be contacted to authorise this, I hereby give my general consent to any necessary medical treatment and authorise the Leader in charge to sign any document required by the hospital authorities.</i>			
<b>The water at the Water sports Centre can be very deep. Therefore, we are insisting that those taking part must be able to swim &gt;50m with a buoyancy aid. Buoyancy aids and helmets will be provided.</b>			
<i>I confirm that the above named young person can swim &gt;50m with a buoyancy aid.</i>			
<b>Signed:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Relationship to young person:</b>			
<i>Please use the back of this form if more space is required</i>			

