

1st Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta
Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland
Rules and Regulations

Code of Conduct

Keep it Girl Led- The Cardboard Boat Regatta is meant to empower Girl Scouts to design, construct, and race cardboard boats. Girl Scouts, not adults, should be responsible for the design, construction, and racing of their boats. Adults can help by providing guidance, support, materials, and help with safety items (i.e., cutting cardboard). Teams sink or swim on race day! Participants learn about boat design, teamwork, and sportsmanship no matter the outcome.

Sportsmanship- Our panel of judges choose winners in a variety of categories including speed and theme. Winning teams receive a small trophy for their efforts. It is important to note that most teams do not win anything. We encourage your team to prepare for this reality. Have a talk about sportsmanship and what that looks like. Celebrate when other teams succeed and congratulate them on their accomplishments. Be a gracious winner and try not to make others feel bad for losing. Think about your experience in the competition and what you gain even if you do not walk away with a trophy.

Teamwork- The Cardboard Boat Regatta encourages teamwork. Learning to work on a team is a valuable skill. Communicating with each other, recognizing the strengths and weaknesses of each team member, and creating a positive environment for success are all important parts of the process.