the San Antonio River Foundation presents an Official Fiesta Event

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April 18, 2020 • 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Mission Park Pavilions • 6030 Padre Dr.

Youth Boat Float Competition

www.sariverfound.org/flotilla
Welcome to the San Antonio River Foundation and San Antonio River Authority's inaugural Youth Boat Float Competition! This free event is designed to encourage S.T.E.A.M. education and environmental stewardship for area school and youth organizations.

Teams will be challenged to design and build a boat made from recyclable materials. Using these types of materials will raise awareness for environmental waste which can often be found polluting the San Antonio River. Each team will compete for two awards: Judge’s Pick and People’s Choice, each with a $1000 grand prize! One team is eligible to win both prizes.

The following guide will give you the necessary information to compete in our event. If there are any additional questions that you need answered, please contact Park Program Coordinator Sara Ramirez at: Sara@sariverfound.org. Best of luck!
GENERAL INFORMATION

About the Contest:
The San Antonio River Foundation is giving 20 area school and youth organizations a chance to win up to $2,000 in award money. The goal of the contest is simple: use recyclable and reused items to create a vessel that floats. Awards include Judge's Pick and People's Choice, each with a $1000 grand prize. All selected teams will be given a $100 gift card for supplies from the River Foundation. Teams will also be asked to provide a logo to be shared on the River Foundation website and social media to help promote each group's participation in this fun event.

Cost:
This is a FREE event. There is no direct cost for registration or participation. Each team will receive a $100 gift card to purchase boat-making supplies and snacks for the team while they build their boat.

Eligibility:
Teams must be affiliated with a K-12 school or youth organization. Fill out an application to participate using the link below.

Application:
Teams will be accepted on a first-come, first serve basis until all 20 spots are filled. Final registration closes on Monday, April 6 at 5 p.m. or when the last team is admitted.

Apply to participate here:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HX5F6LG

Safety and Conduct:
This is designed to be a fun event. Any behavior that is deemed to be unsafe, detrimental to the event, or other participants will result in team disqualification.
CONTEST RULES

Size/Weight Limits:

• Boat dimensions are required to be equal to or less than 3.5 feet long, 15 inches wide, and 15 inches in height.

• Two people should be able to lift and carry the boat comfortably.

• Boats must float and carry 1 lb of weight (measured by a bunch of bananas). Extra points will be given for boats that can carry additional weight of 5, 8, 16, and 20 lbs.

Materials List:

• Boat must be constructed from 95% recycled and/or reused materials.

• Following the event, boats must be upcycled or deconstructed so the materials can be recycled or reused.

• Any new materials used to construct the body of the boat will result in points deducted at the judges discretion.

See page 5 for a more comprehensive list of materials.

Boat Decor/Team Spirit:

Decorations are highly encouraged but should not impede boats ability to float. Special merit will be given to boats that exhibit the best connection to Fiesta. Show off your team spirit through the use of team shirts, cheers and/or chants.

Presentation and Poster:

Team must put together a poster and execute a 3 minute presentation for judges explaining what materials were used in the construction of their boat, and how they will upcycle, recycle, or reuse the boat materials after the event. Creativity is encouraged!
Day of Contest Expectations:

Teams can arrive for set up from 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. Each participating group must set up their boat and poster by 9 a.m. for pre-inspection prior to judging. Each team will be given a table where they can display their boat and poster. Tablecloths and other decor designating participating organizations are highly encouraged.

Poster and presentation judging will take place from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Teams will be given a time at the start of the competition for judging; each team must be prepared to meet the judges and present their boat and poster at the designated time. During the judging period, Flotilla attendees can walk around, look at each constructed boat and vote for their favorite in the People’s Choice category.

After poster and presentation judging, each boat will be individually tested in a water trough for flotation and weight carrying capacity from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Awards ceremony will take place at 1:30 p.m. The winners will present their posters and boats during the award ceremony.
MATERIALS LIST

Cardboard:
- Reused corrugated cardboard from appliance, grocery stores, etc.
- Cardboard “blocks” from furniture stores.
- Cardboard tubes from carpet/linoleum stores.

Plastic:
- Recyclable plastic containers including:
  - Soda Bottles
  - Milk/ Water Jugs
  - Yogurt Containers

Any other plastic used must be repurposed

Reused Materials:
- Wood
- Metal
- Aluminum cans
- Rubber

Any fastening or adhesive materials:
- Rope
- Twine
- Staples
- Screws
- Nails

Types of fastening materials not limited to this list

After the Event:
Participants that don’t wish to keep their boats should responsibly recycle it. Please visit your school or youth organizations recycling vendor website for a list of acceptable materials.
FAQ’s:

How do I know if my team was selected to participate?
After filling out an application here, you will be notified of your team’s application status and given further instructions via email no later than five business days after your application has been submitted.

What time do we need to arrive?
Teams can begin arriving at 7:30 a.m. Team tables, including boat and poster must be set up by 9 a.m.

How does voting work?
Judging will take place from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Teams will be given a time at the start of the competition for judging; each team must be prepared to meet the judges and present their boat and poster at the designated time. During the judging period, Flotilla attendees can walk around, look at each constructed boat and vote for their favorite in the People’s Choice category. After the poster and presentation judging, each boat will be individually tested in a water trough for flotation and weight requirements.

The winner of the People’s Choice category is the boat with the most tickets. Each ticket is $1 to purchase.

Can one team win both awards?
Yes! One team is eligible to win both prizes, Judge’s Pick and People’s Choice. Judge’s Pick adheres to the contest rules and requirements. People’s Choice is the boat with the most tickets. Each ticket is $1 to purchase. Bring your family and friends to vote for your boat in the People’s Choice category!

What time are the awards?
Award ceremony begins at 1:30 p.m.

Who do you contact with questions?
Sara Ramirez, Park Program Coordinator can be contacted by email Sara@sariverfound.org or phone (210) 224-2694.