

# Legislation

Resolution #: 02-MockGA-03 Title: Cardboard Boat Regatta

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Pass /  Fail Other Action:

Whereas: During second semester, after spring break and before  
final exams, students and staff often get "spring fever"

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Whereas: A fun, creative competition among teams in designing  
and racing a cardboard/duck tape toy boat would help  
build a positive school climate

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Whereas: An entry fee of \$5.00 would be charged for each team  
(and a \$1.00 fee charged for all spectators)

Whereas: \_\_\_\_\_ and

Be it Hereby Resolved: That the student government sponsor a fun  
and crazy fund raiser to have teams make and race  
cardboard/duck tape toy boats

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Be it Further Resolved: That the winning teams (1st, 2nd, 3rd place)  
be awarded prizes.

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Title of Activity: Cardboard Boat Regatta

When is the event held? Spring Where is it held? Pool

This is a fun and crazy fund raiser that both students and faculty can participate. It is a race that consists of boats made strictly of only cardboard and duct tape, nothing else. Prior to the race, rules, regulations, and a registration form requiring parent signatures were passed out and turned in one week before the race day. Teams of 2 race across 2 laps of the pool, paddling with homemade oars. The oars can be made of anything such as wood, frying pans, etc. A racing lane is 2 swimming lanes wide. Therefore, in a normal high school pool, there will be heats of 3 at a time. For this project, an MC, judges, timers, and lifeguards will be needed. Participants try to place for "Fastest Boat" and also "Most Creative Boat." Boats were asked to come in 1 hour before the race to be judged. The "Most Creative Boat" is judged on theme, boat shape, enthusiasm, costumes, and originality. Some ideas for themes are Huckleberry Finn and Pirates. Boats can only be constructed with duct tape and cardboard, but can be decorated with flags, stuffed animals, etc. The first Place teams in both categories receive trophies and 2nd and 3rd place teams for "Fastest Boat" receive medals. Each participant receives a complimentary Regatta T-shirt with sponsor logos on the back. Each team is asked to pay a \$15 fee and all spectators are charged \$4. During the actual race, music is played to keep the atmosphere fun and upbeat. Between heats, donated movie tickets and gift certificates were raffled off to the audience to keep them involved. This is a unique event that raised a lot of money and everyone, spectators and participants, all enjoyed greatly. Some boats sink, some flip over, and some boats are made so well that they can do 50 laps if needed. It is exciting to see which boats make it and which don't. It is definitely a project well worth the time.