

THRU THE CHUTE



BOAT RACE & RIVER EXPO

2020 EVENT INFORMATION

The *Thru the Chute Boat Race & River Expo* is a cardboard boat race held annually at the New Braunfels City Tube Chute. Competitors launch their handmade vessels through the Chute as spectators cheer them on. All are encouraged to participate in educational activities in the Exhibitor area on the banks of the Comal River at the City Tube Chute. **Space is limited, so register early! We will no longer accept registration after end of business Tuesday, April 21st, 2020.**

Date: Saturday, April 25th

Time: Boat Check-In @ 9am; First Launch & activities begin @ 10am

Location: City Tube Chute – boat check in/load in will take place at 499 Mill Street

Awards: **Novice class:** Team Spirit, Epic Fail, Most Creative, Best Overboard Advertising
Expert class: 1st 2nd 3rd fastest vessel.

Cost: \$30 per boat (\$45 after 4/3/2020); FREE for spectators.

Team Registration: You may register over the phone by calling 830-221-4350. Completed registration and waiver forms must be taken to the Parks Office (110 Golf Course Rd, New Braunfels, TX 78130) or emailed to ccronin@nbtexas.org **prior** to the event.

Questions? Please contact Cailin Cronin, Aquatic Supervisor at 830-221-4365 or ccronin@nbtexas.org

Social Media: If you are posting pictures of your boats progress or pre-event pictures, we would love to see them! Share your pictures using #nbparksandrec and #thruthechute.



RULES AND INFORMATION

ALL BOATS:

1. Boats and team members must be registered (fee paid, registration form and waiver completed) to participate in the event.
2. Good sportsmanship is expected of all team members and spectators. Please cheer on other teams and be supportive of all in attendance. Any unsportsmanlike conduct will not be allowed and will result in disqualification of a team.
3. All boats, regardless of registered class, get a maximum of **one run** through the chute.
4. The entire hull, superstructure and seating of all boats must be constructed entirely out of only corrugated cardboard (any thickness). No pre-treated or waxed cardboard will be allowed.
5. Only corrugated cardboard will be allowed: no pre-treated or waxed cardboard allowed.
6. Only seams and joints may be taped, not the whole boat. The hull may not be wrapped in plastic, duct tape, shrink wrap or anything else to "seal" the structure.
7. One homemade paddle may be used; cardboard and tape only, not to exceed 3 feet in length.
8. One-part varnishes, carpenter's glue, and/or liquid nails may be used to at boat seams with ducttape over to re-enforce the seam, spray adhesive may be used to attach decorations to the boat for Novice Class – Expert Class cannot have decorations
9. Absolutely NO use of the following items: Tar-based substances, caulking compounds, water-resistant coatings, plastic sheathing, two-part varnishes, fiberglass resin, epoxy glue, rubber cement, wax, any other two-part substances, or corrugated cardboard that's bonded to any material.
10. Fasteners of any material such as nuts, bolts, staples, nails, etc may not be used.
11. Boat must be free of sharp edges, pointy objects or anything else that could cause injuries.
12. The boat design must allow for the passenger compartment to be of open-air design to allow riders an unrestricted exit upon capsiz.
13. No more than 4 crew members allowed in any boat.*
14. Children under age 14 must have an adult in the boat with them.* Any participant under the age of 18 must have a parent/guardian sign their waiver.
15. All boat occupants will have access to a properly fastened USCG approved life jacket, participants must wear one if under the age of 14. *
16. Boat occupants must wear shoes or closed toe-sandals for safety.
17. Boats must be taken home or disposed of properly at event.
18. No electrical components are allowed.
19. All boats are subject to a technical inspection for compliance with these rules. A boat must pass inspection to be eligible for any award or prize. You will have a chance to fix a violation and be re-inspected. Event staff has final say on what will be allowed or disallowed for boat construction.

20. Vessel dimensions may not exceed 12 feet in length, 6 feet in width or height.
 21. EXPERT CLASS: You may not use any paint or decoration on the vessel. Your run will be officially timed. Only Expert-class boats will be eligible for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place awards. A crew member must be touching the boat at the time he/she has reached the established finish line to have a valid completed run. **Please specify which class you wish to participate in when registering for event!*
 22. NOVICE CLASS: You may have decoration on the vessel, but will not be eligible for First, Second, or Third place awards for the timed event. Novice class is only eligible for Most Creative, Team Spirit, and Epic Fail Award. **Please specify which class you wish to participate in when registering for event!*
 23. Any boat that requires more than 1 minute and 30 seconds to complete their run will receive a DNF for their time and race staff may assist in getting the boat/participants to shore. Any boat that is caught in the eddy and appears unable to extract themselves in a timely manner will receive assistance from race staff and a DNF for their time on that run.
- *Rule subject to change with river conditions.

AWARD DETAILS

- First, Second and Third place - Time elapsed EXPERT CLASS ONLY
- Most Creative - Best use of corrugated cardboard –Novice Class Only
- Team Spirit - Most impressive team appearance and/or boat theme – Novice Class Only
- Epic Fail Award - Most spectacular sinking –Novice Class Only
- Overboard Advertising - Best marketing by business or organization

2020 REGISTRATION FORM

Team Name: _____

Theme Song: (option 1) _____ (option 2) _____

Team is registered under this name (may be different than Boat Captain): _____

Please indicate which class you are racing under: _____ **Novice** _____ **Expert**

Boat Captain Information (Must be at least 18 years old)

Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Phone#: _____ **Email:** _____

Team Member Information (*shirt sizes are adult sizes*)

Name: _____ **Age:** _____ **Shirt Size :** _____ (Free)

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Acknowledgement

By submitting this registration form, all team members attest to having read and understood all rules for the event and agree to comply by them. Violation of rules can lead to disqualification without refund.

Reminders

- Space is limited so register soon!
- Early registration (up to April 3rd) is \$30 per boat. Late registration (after April 3rd) is \$45, if space is available. No refunds.
- Two shirts are provided per team, two additional can be pre-purchased for \$8 each.
- Event takes place "rain or shine." However, in the event of lightning, the event will be held on Sunday, April 26th.
- **Submit payment, registration form and signed waiver to Parks Administration Office.**

Deadline to Register: Tuesday, April 21st @ 5pm. T-shirt availability not guaranteed after April 3rd.

LIABILITY WAIVER

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS:

By signing below as “RELEASOR,” and in consideration of the privilege of participating in any City of New Braunfels (“CITY”) activity I do for myself and my minor child or children, my heirs, executors, representatives, administrators, and assigns, hereby release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless CITY and all of its officers, officials, agents, employees and invitees, in both their public and private capacities, from and against any and all liability, claims, suits, losses, damages and causes of action, including all expenses of litigation and/or settlement for death, injury to, or debt of any person, or of loss of, damage to, or loss of use of any property arising out of or in connection with the above CITY activity. Such indemnity shall apply whether the claims, suits, losses, damages, causes of action or liability, arise in whole or in part from the consequences of CITY’S own negligence where that negligence is a concurring cause of injury, death, or damage. CITY is responsible for its own sole negligence provided, however, CITY is not responsible for a good faith action or inaction to render assistance in the event of property damage or personal injury.

RELEASOR understands that this waiver of liability and indemnification is intended to be as broad as possible and as inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Texas and that if any portions are held invalid, then the balance shall continue in full legal force and effect. It is further understood that execution of this waiver of liability and indemnification will not constitute a waiver by CITY of the defense of governmental immunity, where applicable, or any other lawful defense. RELEASOR signs this waiver and indemnification voluntarily and with full knowledge of its meaning and significance.

TEAM NAME:

Participant Name	Signature <small>(signed by guardian if under 18)</small>	Date