



River Raft Race Rules

1. All participants riding on the rafts must wear shoes with a heel strap and a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device.
2. All participants must be 10 years of age or older. All participants under 18 must have at least one adult on each raft.
3. All rafts must have a 20-foot safety rope attached.
4. There will be a minimum of three and a maximum of eight persons on a raft.
5. All rafts finish the race intact and with the same participants that started the race to be eligible for fastest reward.
6. All raft material must be removed from the river and campsite after the race.
7. Each raft will be judged at the start for:
 - a. Seaworthiness and safety
 - b. Compliance with the construction rules
 - c. Participants' safety apparel
8. The following can be used:
 - a. Inner-tubes: one inner-tube per person plus one extra inner-tube (minimum) (three participants in the raft must have a minimum of four inner-tubes; adjust for age/size?)
 - b. Natural decking material (saplings, cane, bamboo, etc.)
9. The following **cannot** be used: barrels, row boats, canoes, foam, surfboards, milk jugs, pontoons of plywood, fiberglass, etc.
10. Each raft must have a deck construction using lashing skills only. No nails, bolts, wire, etc. will be allowed.
11. Rafts can be powered by:
 - a. Poles
 - b. Paddles
 - c. Wind
 - d. People-powered devices of any kind
12. Rafts **cannot** be powered by electric outboard motors, gas outboard or any fuel-consuming device.
13. Winners will be determined by the time it takes the raft to cover the course.
14. Rafts may add flags, coolers (no glass allowed on the river), etc.; however, they must be securely lashed in place and not subject to littering the river.