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# Saturday, August 20, 2016

Mayors' Riverfront Park - Arcadia Ales

4:00pm - 6:00pm



Who's ready for some fun and excitement on the Kalamazoo River? Teams will be tasked with constructing vessels using recycled and/or eco friendly materials that not only need to be fast, but just as importantly creative and man-powered! Think you're up for the challenge? Grab a few of your best friends and continue reading!



## Quick Details

Sign-In: 4:00 pm

Race Start Time: 2 waves; 4:45pm and 5:15pm

Race Length: .6 miles down the Kalamazoo River

Two Classes: Minnow (3 mates or less)  
Great White (4 mates or more)

Prizes: CASH prizes awarded at Arcadia Ales

### *Cash Prize Categories*

- First Place Finisher
- Most Beautiful Vessel
- Most Enthusiastic Crew

## Description of Eco Raft Race

- No need for a team of engineers; just a crew of friends ready to have a great time

- String together some eco friendly/recycled materials resembling something like a boat
  - Everything must be able to be disassembled and recycled after the race
- Each vessel will be inspected for materials and must pass the pre-race inspection
  - Inspection officials decisions are final, if you have questions on materials ask prior to event
- Vessels can take any shape or size, just remember the cash prizes available for most beautiful vessel, fastest vessel, and most enthusiastic crew when constructing
- No team or time to build a raft, not to worry...bring your kayak/canoe and follow up the rafters helping clean the river and keep the rafters safe. Collect enough trash and you will earn a free beverage from Arcadia Ales!



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## Rules

We know this is going to be a great event filled with loads of fun, but to make it even more fun (and safe) we set a few rules everyone must keep in mind while constructing and floating your vessel down the river:



1. HAVE FUN!!! Nothing screams fun more than everyone making it to your destination without any safety issues!
2. You must pass inspection to be eligible to participate and win the prizes:
  - All vessels must float, if your vessel is sure to end up at the bottom of the Kalamazoo River, you will not be allowed on the course.
  - All crew must don a personal flotation device (PFD).
  - Must be made using mostly recyclable materials that contain no harmful or poisonous products or contaminants.
3. During the actual race you may have the urge to do some of the following, I would think twice though...
  - Touching another crews' vessel, that'll get you tossed overboard from the competition
  - Getting out of the vessel, for any reason other than safety, before you finish the race
4. Pick a *unique* number, unlikely to be duplicated by other crews, fit for your vessel & fly it proudly!

## Where do I sign up?

1. Online, [www.kzoo.org](http://www.kzoo.org) (through 5:00 pm, August 19)
2. Kalamazoo Parks and Recreation office—251 Mills Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49048 (through 5:00 pm, August 19)
3. Event day (August 20) on-site at Mayors' Riverfront Park from 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

## What is the fee and what do I get with it?

\$25 will get you, and your entire crew, registered for the Eco Raft Race. With that you get the opportunity for prizes, two Eco Raft Race t-shirts (additional t-shirts can be purchased for \$10/shirt), one voucher for your Captain to get their favorite Arcadia Ales beverage, and a boat load of good times!

## Registration Form

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| Team Name: _____                                | Class: (Circle One) <i>Minnow</i>   <i>Great White</i> |
| Captain Name: _____                             | First Mate Name: _____                                 |
| Address: _____                                  | Address: _____   |
| City/State/Zip: _____                           | City/State/Zip: _____                                  |
| Email Address: _____                            | Email Address: _____                                   |
| Phone Number: _____                             | Phone Number: _____                                    |
| Fee: \$25 (Circle One)      Cash   Check   Card |  |

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