



**WWW.WOOD.ARMY.MIL / MSCoE**

U.S. ARMY MANEUVER SUPPORT CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FT. LEONARD WOOD, MISSOURI



## Media Release

---

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE  
FORT LEONARD WOOD, MISSOURI 65473  
VOICE: 573-563-4145  
FAX: 573-563-4012  
BY: Jeff Maddy  
EMAIL: [jeffrey.s.maddy.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jeffrey.s.maddy.civ@mail.mil)

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Release No. 13-082

Aug. 1, 2013

## Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation seeking teams for Cardboard Boat Race

By Matt Decker

Leisure/Sports editor

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo** – Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is inviting you to grab some cardboard and duct tape, form a team, build a boat and race around the water in a little over two weeks.

Fort Leonard Wood's Cardboard Boat Race is scheduled at 10 a.m., Aug. 17 on the lake at Training Area 250. Each team will construct a cardboard boat for a two-person crew, who will race around a buoy and back.

-more-

“You can have as many people on your team as you want to design and build your boat, but it can only hold two people — so, your goal is to get the two smallest, lightest people you can find to drive your boat,” said Eli Wilson, FMWR community activities manager.

The contest is free to enter and open to the public. Teams will compete in two divisions: the adult division for ages 15 and older, and a youth division for ages 14 and younger.

Teams are limited to cardboard and can only use certain tapes, like duct tape, and specific glues to hold their craft together. A complete set of boat-building rules is available online at [fortleonardwoodmwr.com](http://fortleonardwoodmwr.com), along with online registration.

“Everything (teams) need can be found online,” Wilson said.

Teams can win a number of awards, several of which have nothing to do with boat-building skills. “We have the High Seas Award for the most spirited team, we have the Admiral’s Pride Award for most creative design; the Torpedo Award, which is for the boat with the fastest time across the finish line and successfully afloat. And then we have the Titanic Award, which is for the most outstanding sinking — because some of the boats don’t make it,” Wilson said.

FMWR has held boat races in the past, the last one being the Cardboard Regatta in 2011 at Bloodland Lake.

“We decided to move this to TA250, because the entry and exit from the water is a lot nicer; the water is a lot cleaner, too,” said Wilson.

Wilson noted that safety is a key concern during the contest.

“We make it mandatory that the folks in all boats wear a (personal flotation device),” Wilson said.

“We’ll also have one of the training boats at TA250 on the water, with their rescue personnel on hand.”

Wilson said the contest is designed to be a team-building event.

“We just want people to come out and have a good time,” he said. “We’re trying to encourage teamwork and camaraderie. We would like to see some military units participate, and it’s a great opportunity for a team-building project for any office or organization.”

For more information, visit the FMWR website, or call 596.6913.

**-30-**

Media interested in this event should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at (573) 563-4145.



**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo** – Emily Pruitt, 11, and Brandon Pruitt, 12, try to keep their watercraft afloat during the 2011 “Cardboard Boat Regatta” held here on Bloodland Lake. (U.S. Army file photo)



(Illustration by Matt Decker, Fort Leonard Wood's GUIDON leisure/ sports editor)

-30-

#### *About Fort Leonard Wood*

*Fort Leonard Wood is a thriving and prosperous installation that has evolved from a small basic training post 70 years ago to a premier Army Center of Excellence that trains 80-90,000 military and civilians each year.*

*Home to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood now trains and educates service members and develops doctrine and capabilities for the Training and Doctrine Command's U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Engineer School, and U.S. Army Military Police School, three gender integrated Initial Military Training brigades, one of only five reception stations in the Army, and the Army's largest Non Commissioned Officers Academy.*

*Over the past several years, Fort Leonard Wood has received numerous additional responsibilities to include supporting the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, a large Forces Command unit that is responsible for all deployable capabilities at Fort Leonard Wood. A colonel-commanded Marine Corps Detachment and an Air Force Detachment, which are both the largest on any Army installation, are located on Fort Leonard Wood; a large Navy Seabee Detachment and elements of the Coast Guard train here as well.*

[www.facebook.com/fortleonardwoodmissouri](http://www.facebook.com/fortleonardwoodmissouri)

[www.wood.army.mil](http://www.wood.army.mil)