



The Loch Harris Monster will be among the items to be auctioned off at the annual Cardboard Boat Races on May 11.

# Activities added to May 11 Cardboard Boat Races

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Pirates and Landlubbers alert! Bring your crew to Lake Wedowee on May 11 to enjoy a free family fun day at the 5th Annual Cardboard Boat Races. It's free to get in and park, and it has something for everyone in the family to enjoy. You can even buy a race boat at the auction!

The all-day event, hosted by the Randolph County Animal Shelter, will take place half a mile north of Wedowee on Hwy. 431 at Chimney Cove resort.

Activities include horse rides, bouncy games, youth or adult inner tube races, pet adoptions, vendors, music and lots of food. An absolute auction is held from 11 a.m. to noon, including a barely used XR 200 Mon-goose bike, a dental cleaning, a spay/neuter service, and a new 44" table with 4 action chairs. At noon

the final auction item is the colorful 2010 fastest cardboard boat, The Loch Harris Monster, a two-man kayak which comes with two paddles and life jackets and free entry into four race events.

The hilarious boat races start at 1 p.m. Will you root for your team to be a floater or a sinker? Contestants build their own boats, kayaks and paddlewheelers out of flimsy cardboard, then waterproof them and climb inside with as many friends as possible. Then they paddle in heats against other boats trying to survive the 200-yard race course. Only

six of the 26 awards are based on fastest time, and the rest are for silliness and frivolity! Last year there were 43 boats with 138 paddlers competing. At the end of the day, half the fleet had sunk with 14 of those boats doing a 'Titanic' in the final race, the Demolition Derby.

Vacation raffle tickets may be purchased at RCAS or the event, \$1 each or six for \$5. Choose one of nine destinations that include hotel and attraction tickets. No blackout dates and one year to use. You do not need to be at the 4 p.m./ race awards drawing to win.