

Cardboard boat-building clinics scheduled for February 7 & 9

The Randolph County Animal Shelter is hosting two boat-building clinics in preparation for the 5th Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta Races on Lake Wedowee held May 11. Classes are Feb. 9 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Roanoke Kid's Town Park in the Kiwanis building or Feb. 7 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Clay County Christian Academy in Ashland.

Learn to build a "floater" for you and your friends to get inside of and race on the 200-yard race course. At class there will be two boats on display that have raced many times, plus three instructors, who will teach de-

sign skills, provide blueprint designs and give hands-on instruction. If you pay your boat registration fee during class, you may take home a free piece of 13' x 6' "hull" cardboard and a builder's registration card entitling you to a 10 percent discount on boat-building supplies at local hardware stores. (To get the most out of the class, bring a tape measure, ruler and cutting knife, plus a tarp and truck tie downs to get your cardboard home safely.) www.highairs.com <<http://www.highairs.com>> for more info.

Last year 43 boats and 138 paddlers entered mul-

iple races delighting the crowd of 2,000 spectators. You can even swim your sinking boat in and win one of 26 photo plaque awards! Ages 4-5 and up may row. The final race is the Demolition Derby ... an epic battle! The race profits go to RCAS, which serves Randolph and Clay counties. It's a ripping good time for the family with inner tube races, music, petting zoo, bouncy, pony rides and games.

So mark your calendars for class, Matey, and get a leg up on building your boat with confidence!