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Bay Days Foundation Presents 2018 Wacky Olympics at Mill Point Park in Downtown Hampton July 21

--The day's activities include the Sink or Swim River Raft Race Competition, team games, vendors, music, cornhole tournament, food, and plenty of fun--

Hampton, Virginia- On Saturday, July 21, head to Mill Point Park in downtown Hampton for the 2018 Wacky Olympics, presented by the Bay Days Foundation. This event includes the familiar Sink or Swim River Raft Race (formerly called Freaky Kon-Tiki) where teams of five (5) construct rafts onsite out of recyclable material and race with other contestants around a course in the Hampton River. Participants must be at least 14 years-old and older (underage participants must have written parental consent).

For the Sink or Swim River Raft Race, teams are required to check in between 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. the day of the race and raft construction will begin at 9:00 a.m. All rafts must be constructed on site and each raft will be inspected prior to launching. In addition, all

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rafts must be human propelled and self-propelled. No power is available and no generators can be used in construction of the rafts. There is a \$100 maximum for the amount allowed on building materials and all receipts must be presented before the race for verification. Pre-approved household recyclables do not count towards the \$100 maximum.

The first heat of the day is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Building teams can be as large as five (5) people; however, all rafts must have two (2) people propelling the raft during each heat (no more, no less) and rest of the team can help move the raft to the water. After the start, the rafts will proceed around the course with each heat being timed. The best times of all heats will go into the final. Cost to enter the river raft race is \$25.00 per team until July 20. Teams can register the day of the event for \$40. Advance registration is available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sink-or-swim-river-raft-race-tickets-45071434875?aff=erelpanelorg>

In addition the Sink or Swim River Race, Bay Days is also hosting the Wacky Olympics Cornhole Tournament. The cornhole tournament's first set will begin at 1:00 p.m. Registration is \$10.00 per person and entry fees are due by Noon on the day of the event. The cornhole tournament is a blind draw tournament, with the drawing starting at 12:30 p.m. Rules are based on American Cornhole Association (ACA) rules. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bay-days-foundation-presents-wacky-olympics-cornhole-tourney-tickets-45081395668?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>.

New for 2018 is the Wacky Olympics with teams of two (2) competing in multiple events of folly.

- Tricycle Race
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- Ring Toss (Hula Hoops)
- Cornhole Fling
- Wacky clothespin race

Each event will tally a score with the best overall team scores awarded Wacky Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Team registration starts at Noon and competition begins at 3:00 p.m.

Spectators are welcome to come out and enjoy the Wackiness! There will be vendors, crafters, and a DJ beginning at Noon. Live music will begin at 3:00 p.m. Other highlights include food vendors and Giant Jenga.

2018 Wacky Olympics Presented by Bay Days Foundation

Saturday, July 21

Mill Point Park
100 Eaton Street
Hampton, VA 23669
9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

RULES

Sink or Swim

River Raft Race

Saturday, July 21, 2018

- 1. Each participant must be 14 years (Underage with consent of Parent only) or older.**
- 2. Each participant must sign a Release Form.**
- 3. Each participant must wear a Coast Guard approved PFD.**
- 4. No protruding nails or bolts. All sharp edges are to be taped/padded.**
- 5. All rafts must be of homemade construction. Material costs cannot exceed \$100. Receipts for material must be available at time of event.**

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- 6. All rafts must be inspected prior to launching.**
- 7. All rafts must be solely human propelled and self-propelled.**
- 8. Consumption of alcohol is not permitted before or during the race.**
- 9. Slingshots, cannons, catapults, and dye products are prohibited.**
- 10. Every raft must have a red flag, noise maker, and attached tow line in case of emergency.**
- 11. Purchase of required safety equipment and oars do not count toward \$100 cap.**
- 12. All crew members shall wear sneakers or other appropriate footwear to prevent injury.**
- 13. Be mindful of the sun – wear a hat or sunscreen and carry water.**
- 14. No diving off any raft at any time.**
- 15. Any team or crewmember exhibiting unsafe or unsportsmanlike behavior will be disqualified and could be permanently banned from future participation.**
- 16. All rafts must run entire course under their own power to be eligible for awards.**
- 17. All teams are responsible for their own raft construction and building materials.**
- 18. All teams are responsible for the individual conduct of crewmembers.**
- 19. All rafts must be removed from the river and/or Mill Point Park at the end of the event.**
- 20. All crewmembers enter at their own risk.**
- 21. Should the race be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances; the race will be rescheduled.**
- 22. The entry fee is not refundable.**
- 23. Discarding trash or building materials into river is prohibited.**
- 24. Completed Rafts must be removed from Mill Point Park and Discarded off-site by Building Team.**
- 25. If your raft is closest to another raft in distress, you are required to be a “Good Samaritan”.**
- 26. Crewmembers must comply with any direction issued from committee boat crew.**
- 27. The first Heat is scheduled for 11:30 p.m. All rafts in the first heat must be in the water and at the ready.**
- 28. Teams can start assembling at 9:30 a.m. within designated areas at Mill Point Park.**
- 29. After the start, the rafts will proceed around the course as designated at the Captains meeting.**
- 30. Each heat will be timed with the best times of all the heats going into the final.**

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31. Race officials can adjust the rules as necessary as long as all teams are notified.

32. Teams can be as large as five (5) people, all rafts must have 2 people to propel the raft during the race, no more, no less and the rest of the team can help move the raft to the water for the start of the race.

33. No power is available. No generators can be used.

34. No recyclable can be of original marine use.

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.

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