In the fall of 1777 General Burgoyne’s engineers created a bridge of boats in order to cross the Hudson River at what is now Hudson Crossing Park. In 2020 Hudson Crossing Park challenges YOU to create your own bridge…built entirely of cardboard!

This contest will have both a virtual and, hopefully, in-person components. Challenge friends, family, co-workers…and let’s see who wins one of the coveted awards: Best in Show (kids and adult), the London Bridge Award (quickest and/or most dramatic collapse), Burgoyne’s Award (holds the most weight), People’s Choice, and Judges Bribe Award (“Bribes” are considered donations to Hudson Crossing Park).

**REGISTRATION FEES BY SUGGESTED DONATION:**

- Individual & Family: $20 per bridge
- Small Business/Non-Profit: $40/bridge
- Corporate: $100/bridge

*Own a business? Consider becoming an event sponsor! E-mail Hudson Crossing Park Director Kate Morse at kmorse@hudsoncrossingpark.org for more details.*
HOW IT WORKS

Participants are challenged to build a bridge of any style that successfully fulfills the contest requirements.

For virtual event:
Enter virtually with a video submission (up to 10 minutes) describing your build process and demonstrating the strength of your bridge by fully crossing the span and standing on it for at least one minute. Entries must be received by no later than 5pm on August 1, 2020. Email entries to kmorse@hudsoncrossingpark.org.

For in-person event:
Should CDC regulations allow, there will be a socially distanced, in-person event on Saturday, August 8, 2020 at Hudson Crossing Park. Materials will be available for purchase to build on-site. Pre-built bridges are also welcome. Bridge testing will begin at 12pm.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

◆ Bridges must be a minimum three feet wide, have an unsupported bridge span of at least six feet, and be at least two and a half feet tall.
◆ Kid’s Class Bridges must hold a minimum of 75lbs. Adult Class bridges must hold a minimum of 200lbs.
◆ In order to be considered successful, one or more people (depending on weight class) must be able to cross the bridge and stand on it for a minimum of 60 seconds without collapse.
◆ Bridges must be made with corrugated cardboard, water soluble glue, and/or packing/duct tape.
◆ Paint, if used, must should be water based paint only - no oil based.
◆ Bridges may be pre-built for either virtual or in-person event, or built on-site. All bridges will compete within the appropriate class.
◆ For in-person event, bridges, bridge parts, and debris must be completely removed from the park. Participants are responsible for proper disposal of their bridges. (Please recycle!)
ACCEPTABLE SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS
(Some materials will be available the day of in-person event for purchase)

NOT Okay Materials
- No staples
- No sharp objects
- No laminated, waxed, oiled, or peeled surfaces
- No sono-tube

Okay Materials
- Cardboard (corrugated only) in any amount
- Caulk and/or water based glue
- Duct or paper tape in any amount
- Latex based paint

BUILDING RESOURCES AND INSPIRATION

- Some Assembly Required Bridge building video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gleYWIdOiZc
- 2012 MHC Cardboard Bridge Challenge video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mOv5t4jn6vE
- 24 foot Cardboard Pratt Truss Bridge: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IN-PTs_YRVM
- Cardboard Bridge Fails (for laughs!): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZUgSw8U9DA

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