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Gather your recyclables, create a boat, and participate in the City's Recycled Boat Regatta at the BRiCk, Saturday, May 16.

The City and Keep Burleson Beautiful are looking for youth, 6-17 years of age, who can build a boat out of recycled items, then race the boats in the BRiCk's outdoor pool. The fun will take place, 9 a.m.-noon, at 550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd. Boats must be on-site for inspection and judging by 9:15 a.m. The race will start at 10 a.m. The registration deadline is Thursday, May 14.

The goal is to encourage families to recycle. Boats must be made from previously used, recycled materials. Individuals or teams may participate. Any member of the team may pilot the boat. Teams may choose to have more than one pilot. Racers must be dressed in swimwear.

Boats may be made from cardboard, plastic bottles, metal cans, twine/rope and cloth. Boats may not be made from containers that contained pollutants or other hazardous waste; potentially dangerous objects such as glass, nails, rusty metal or anything with sharp edges; parts from real boats or commercial flotation (no old boat hulls, no boogie/surf boards and no borrowed rudders); and no material that could break off in the pool (example, Styrofoam). Make sure that all materials on the boat are securely fastened. Duct tape is allowed.

The prize categories include first boat to cross the finish line, most creative, best name, Titanic award (to the most spectacular failure) and People's Choice.

Participants need to sign a waiver, available online at http://bit.ly/regattawaiver. To register for the Recycled Boat Regatta or for more details about the event, call Environmental Programs Specialist David Lenartowicz at 817-426-9842 or email dlenartowicz@burlesontx.com.