



# Orange Tree Events

## **RAFT BUILDING CHALLENGE**

Raft building is not only fun filled and lighthearted, it is also mentally stimulating and physically challenging, with a lot of focus on team work, design, problem solving, planning, good knots, trust (especially in those who tie the knots), communication, leadership and co-ordination. Failures in any of these could result in your team going in circles, adding a new definition to the meaning of sink or swim, or just testing the temperature of the water sooner than expected.

### **EVENT FORMAT**

After your safety brief, an introduction to the limited resources you will have access to and some guidance and examples of techniques for fastening the poles and barrels together, your tasks, within limited timescales will be to:

1. Designate your team leader.
2. Design your raft.
3. Build your raft.
4. Test your raft floats.
5. Plan your team tactics for the race.
6. Get your raft around the "correct" course.
7. Dismantle the raft and have everything laid out as it was found.
8. Rest (You'll deserve it)

### **THE CHALLENGE**

Every member of the team needs to travel around the course on the raft.

A maximum of 4 paddlers and 1 passenger will be permitted on each leg of the race

Prior to the start of the race, team captains will receive a waterside briefing on the race format, the course and any specific details that are unique to your event. It will then be their responsibility to accurately pass on this information to their teams and to co-ordinate the transportation of their rafts from the build location to the edge of the water.

Once all rafts have been lowered into the water and given a basic water worthiness test, paddlers will be given a final safety briefing and have to complete a short quiz to receive their paddles, before boarding their rafts, ready for the start of the race.

Depending on the location and time available, the race may involve a treasure hunt with compass bearing and clues to solve en route.

On completion of the last leg, the raft should be carefully taken out of the water, carried to where it was built and then fully dismantled, with all items being laid out originally found.

Team members unable to board the rafts after taking part in the build, can where possible, join the safety boat to encourage teams and take "action shot" pictures, or just be at the finish line to motivate their teams and take more amusing "evidential" photographs.

### **RESULTS & PRIZE GIVING**

The points for each teams final race position are then added to those already given for the raft design, raft build, team work, team name, raft name (everything's a competition), with the final scores on the doors and overall positions being announced and prizes, along with braggers rights, given to the winning team.

It's definitely is a case of **PADDLERS BE AWARE** of the bonus points.  
The winners of the race, will not necessarily be the team that wins the event.

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## **EVENT DETAILS:**

### **Venues :**

Wraysbury lake  
River Thames, Runnymede  
Multiple locations UK wide

### **Group size :**

6 - 120

### **Team size(s) :**

Up to 10 paddlers per team

### **Duration :**

2 - 4 Hours

### **Benefits :**

Fun  
Engaging & Interactive  
Excitement  
Competitiveness  
Physically Challenging  
Mentally Testing



### **Safety :**

Full safety brief and training  
Safety boat  
Buoyancy aids  
Glove and helmets  
Trained first aider  
Fully trained staff  
Risk assessments

### **What's Included:**

All materials  
All safety equipment & staff  
Helpful instructors  
Event manager  
£5m PL Insurance  
Prizes

