

Sertoma Mile High Soap Box Derby

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The Soap Box Derby is a family oriented event in which children and their parents participate in the greatest amateur racing program in the world. The Soap Box Derby teaches youngsters teamwork, perseverance, the spirit of competition, and basic construction skills. The Soap Box Derby is a youth racing program for kids ages 7 to 21.

Where do donations go? Check it out in the FAQs section at <http://www.soapboxderby.org/sertoma-mile-high.aspx>

This is the 10 Year Celebration! 2016 marks the 10 Year anniversary of the Soap Box Derby in Denver! We are extremely excited to put on a bigger show this year with more cars, activities, spectators, and community involvement. We need more racing families and volunteers to help us make plans and create this event.

Hello All, HELP NEEDED

The racing season is almost here and we would like to implement some enhancements to this years' experience.

DRIVER FAMILY COMMITTEE MEMBER

The more involvement from driver families and sponsors, the more fun for all. We would like to set up a committee to represent the driver families. With their input, we can ensure that their needs are fully met. That committee, consisting of parents, would have a representative attend the committee meetings to supply requests and ideas from the driver families. Please volunteer to Buzz Pankoff.

RECRUITMENT

This year we would like to ask for some assistance in recruiting new families to participate in our events. We would appreciate if families that have been involved would make contact with people who may be interested. Because people get busy and don't always follow up themselves, our committee would like to do so. If you could forward any information to "Buzz", Bob or other committee attendees, we will do the rest.



SMHSBD Committee meetings held the 3rd Monday of each month @ Jerry Stander's Fix Auto, Highlands Ranch, 3900 Norwood Drive, Littleton, CO 80125. 6:30 pm

All are welcome and appreciated. We need more racing families to participate to make next year's event more spectacular than ever! SMHSBD.com or 303.791.1900 for SMHSBD Info. Our Next meeting is on February 8th to review assignments to contact community support organizations

Race Dates for 2016

Races are held at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
25690 East Quincy Avenue, Aurora CO
80116

April 23-24, 2016

All American Rally weekend- Double and single elimination on Saturday and Double elimination on Sunday

May 14-15, 2016

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June 11-12, 2016

Denver Metro Local Championship weekend

2016 First Energy All American Soap Box Derby World Championships-July 10-16 2016 Akron, Ohio

As a reward for your efforts, we will waive the race fee for one race during an upcoming rally weekend for your efforts for any referral that registers for the June local Championship race! Please help us in getting more families involved in this great family opportunity!

RACE EXHIBITORS

We are sure that there many Sertomans who are aware of organizations that could provide excellent community involvement information at races held at the Arapahoe County fairgrounds. Through a booth or activity, idle time on race day could be replaced with more opportunities for driver and family alike while getting an invaluable word out to all. We are looking for community related displays, car clubs, Please address your volunteer exhibit to your Soap Box Derby representative or Buzz Pankoff.

VOLUNTEERS

We always need volunteers during the races and would like to let you know now what that involves. Please start thinking about helping and either contact Buzz Pankoff or complete the form at SMHSBD.com.

Volunteer Work Areas Include:

- Publicity
- Track setup and tear down
- Driver & Volunteer Check-in
- Inspection of cars
- Pit support
- Weigh-in of cars
- Starting line ramp control
- Car handling at the bottom of the track
- Drive vehicle with trailer from finish line to return drivers and cars to top of the hill
- Wheel Swap Crew
- Timer / Scorekeeper
- Security
- Cleanup

Clinics

Weekends before races:

March 5, 2015

Getting started correctly, driving position and advanced racing tips

April 16, 2016

Car set up & weights

May 7, 2016

Alignment, driving skills, and rally preparation

Times: Clinic – from 10 am to 12 pm

Workshop from 12 pm to 2 pm

Important News

Super Kids Needed!

This division is for children with physical or mental disabilities that would not be able to participate in the All American Soap Box Derby on their own. This is for kids ages 8 to 17. Each car is equipped with 2 steering wheels and has been specially designed to accommodate both a child with special needs and a veteran soap box derby driver who serves as a co-pilot. Winners of the Super Kids division also get an opportunity to race in Akron at the International All American Soap Box Derby race, if you have or know of a kid who would like to participate in the local championship race in June, contact Ann Cahill at 303-726-9849.

There will be more information later, but please start considering it now.

Master Drivers Needed!

Because of our success and progression of our champs in Denver, this year we are supporting a third and premier Division of the All American Soap Box Derby. The Masters Division, a fully enclosed, laydown streamliner, is a project for those 10-21 that really want to build a race car!

Please inquire if you are interested, as we need to have at least 6 interested racers.

Stock and Super Stock Drivers Needed for Club Cars!

There are also Sertoma stock and super stock club cars that do not have drivers. PLEASE help us find drivers. Stock drivers are from 7 to 14 and super stock drivers range from 9 to 19.

Please contact Buzz Pankoff as soon as possible if you are interested. 303-523-2899.

Other Important News

NEW WEBSITE!

We have a new web site that will hopefully answer all your questions, excite you with new information and photographs, and keep you up to date with what's going on. Use the SMHSBD.com link to get redirected to the new site or go directly to www.sertomamilehigh.soapboxderby.org

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER and FACEBOOK soon!

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Registration fees for the Local Championship Race will increase from \$50 to \$75 after February 14th. Registration close date is April 15th. Please get your registrations in as soon as possible!

Rally registrations take place at the Rally. Fees are \$35 per race, \$25 for a sibling. We would appreciate an RSVP (but not required) for rally races just so we can get initial numbers for participation and it helps us plan accordingly.

JR COMMITTEE

We would like to invite former racers to help mold the program for new racers. We would like to assemble a Jr. Committee to help with areas of the race and the planning process. If you have outgrown your soap Box derby car but would like to stay involved, please contact us. This is a great opportunity for community service and volunteers hours as well.

Colorado Items

As part of our champ experience in Akron, they hand out and trade items from their home town with other racers and spectators from around the country. We would appreciate any help in gathering items that represent Colorado and our community!

Contact Karen Lauter if there is information that you would like to see on the web site or in the monthly newsletter. 303-794-3879.
