



Date: Friday, October 1, 2021

Time: Practice Round starts at 6:00 pm. Race begins at 7:00 pm

Place: Downtown Rutherfordton (Main Street - from 2nd Street to City Hall)

Event: Adult Soapbox Derby

Contact: Doug Barrick, Event Coordinator – dbarrick@rutherfordton.net – 828.447.6360

Website: <http://www.rutherfordton.net>

Purpose: Provide a fun event for the entire community that is family friendly and enjoyable for all ages. Our primary goal is to **HAVE FUN!** Your support of this event, either by participation or by sponsorship, is greatly appreciated by our community.

Why a soapbox derby?: Downtown Rutherfordton is not a flat town and what better way to take advantage of this than with a race? The derby is a GREEN and GRAVITY powered event that brings community and creativity together.

Participation and Volunteers: There will be a limited number of teams for this event therefore, registration is on a first come/first serve basis. **Teams must be registered by August 25th, 2021.** Each team will be assigned a number that must be displayed and will be given sponsor decals that must be displayed on each team's car. Each team can have no more than three drivers.

Course Description: The course is a straight shot down Main Street Rutherfordton. Starting line will be near the corner of 2nd Street & Main Street. Soapbox cars will travel across Court Street and end across from the Town Hall. The course is approximately .21 miles long and will be lined with hay bales. Each team will run the course 3 times and be placed in heats determined by average time. Racers will then compete in double elimination races until all but one is eliminated.

Safety: We would like this to be an accident free and fun event. It is the responsibility of all team captains to insure that their teams race in a controlled and safe manner, for the entire length of the event. If any vehicle is determined by the race staff to be unsafe, it may be disqualified at the discretion of the race organizers. Medical personnel will be on duty to aid if needed. Each driver is required to wear a helmet, secured to their head, by a strap. At a minimum, helmets must meet bicycle helmet standards. Full-face helmets are recommended. Closed toed shoes and other protective gear are recommended also.

Bumping will not be permitted. Weapons of any kind, including Ben Hur axles will not be permitted. Cell phones, text messaging and alcohol do not mix with driving nor do they with operating a soapbox car. Team members will not be allowed to consume alcohol until they have been eliminated from the event. Racers will race two vehicles at a time.

Is speed the only objective?: No, the primary objective is FUN! This means fun for the participants and the bystanders. Teams may choose to focus on either Art or Speed or both. Designing something outrageous, creative, slow, fast, wacky or wild will add both entertainment and amusement to the race. The competition is designed to bring out the competitive instinct in all team members, during the design and construction stages as well as on race day! As we tell our kids....please "do your best"!

How will the course be staffed?: Local service organizations will be asked to participate by assisting with the course management duties. Finally, event organizers will insure proper staffing through their own volunteer efforts.

Race for the Gold!



Registration Form

Registration Date: By August 25, 2021

Race Date: Friday, October 1, 2021 (times are subject to change)

Volunteers should arrive by 5:00 p.m.
Driver Check in – 5:30 p.m.
Opening Ceremony – 7:00 p.m.
Race Start – Following opening ceremony

Cost: \$50.00 per team

Required Information: Contact name, cell phone, email address and payment Registration is limited and is based on a first-come basis.

Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Email: _____

Return completed form and payment to:

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Please make checks payable to:
Town of Rutherfordton