Join Us At Our Monthly Meetings:

When: 2nd Thursday of Each Month

Where: West Mifflin #3 Fire Hall

3722 Rodeo Drive (off Lebanon Church Rd.)

West Mifflin, PA 15122

Time: 7:15pm

Meetings are open to ANYONE interested in learning more about getting involved and/or racing.



One of the best things about the Soap Box Derby is that it requires the parent and child to work together as a team to accomplish the goal of building and racing the Soap Box Derby car. Unlike many other activities, any child can experience success with our program without being the strongest or the fastest or the tallest or the smartest.

Everyone has an equal opportunity to enter and win and our hope is that regardless of the experience, the parent and child will have fun together knowing that they put forth their best effort.





Still Have Questions?

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Soap Box Derby

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Sunday, June 16th, 2013

The Greatest Amateur Racing Event in the World

The FASTEST Gravity Powered Race in America for young boys and girls ages 7-17.

The 2013 Greater Pittsburgh Soap Box Derby will be held in McKeesport, on Eden Park Boulevard.

What Is The Soap Box Derby?

The Soap Box Derby is a youth racing program which has run nationally since 1934. World Championship finals are held each July at Derby Downs in Akron, Ohio.

The idea of the Soap Box Derby grew out of a photographic assignment of Dayton, Ohio, newsman Myron Scott . He covered a race of boy-built cars in his home community and was so impressed with this event that he acquired a copyright for the idea and began development of a similar program on a national scale.

The first All-American race was held in Dayton in 1934. The following year, the race was moved to Akron because of its central location and hilly terrain. In 1936, Akron civic leaders recognized the need for a permanent track site for the youth racing classic and, through the efforts of the Works Progress Administration (WPA), Derby Downs became a reality.

The goals of the Soap Box Derby program have not changed since it began in 1934. They are to teach youngsters some of the basic skills of workmanship, the spirit of competition and the perseverance to continue a project once it has begun.



About The Divisions...



For racers age **7-13 years old** - Stock cars can accommodate a racer up to (*Approximately*) 5'3" tall and 125 pounds. A lean-forward design, is sold as a kit which includes everything needed for racing with the exception of Z-Glas racing wheels and weights. Because painting is not permitted on the Stock car shell, drivers have their choice of purchasing one of three colored shells: blue, red or white. Builders should allow 4-6 hours to assemble their car.



Designed for racers age **10-17 years old**, Super Stock cars can accommodate a larger racer up to (*Approximately*) 6'0" tall and 150 pounds. A lean-forward designed car, is also sold as a kit (available in white or blue) which includes everything needed for racing with the exception of Z-Glas racing wheels and weights. Builders should allow 4-6 hours to assemble their car.



This fiberglass car is designed for racers age **10-17 years old** and is driven by the more experienced drivers. Masters cars can accommodate a child up to (*Approximately*) 6'0" tall and 160 pounds. Because of the lay-down (enclosed) design of the Masters car, small drivers are also competitive in this division. *This car requires body work once assembled.*

Who Purchases The Car Kit?

Each racer is asked to secure their own car through the All American Soap Box Derby Headquarters in Akron, Ohio in one of the following ways:

- 1) Racer/family purchases kit directly from AASBD.
- Racer/family identifies a sponsor to purchase kit and incur costs logo & ad benefits apply for sponsor.
- 3) Any racer unable to purchase their own car please don't be discouraged! The local derby will work with you to identify a sponsor and/or get you a car to borrow for the race.

What Other Costs Are Involved?

In order to register for the 2013 race:

\$25 registration fee per racer

\$100 minimum fundraising commitment per racing family

Group fundraising opportunities are made available to families throughout the year - such as hoagie sales, candy bars, program ads, raffle tickets, etc...

(this helps offset costs incurred by the Greater Pittsburgh Soap Box Derby to organize the race)

Please note: The cost of the car (please see above), racing # decals, and any extra optional work (paint/body work) that you perform is at your discretion and in addition to the above mentioned costs.