

Fannin County Family Connections Presents: The Blue Ridge Soap Box Derby

A little history:

- The Blue Ridge Soap Box Derby (SBD) was created in 2018 and held its inaugural race in April 2019
- It was created to give our local community, especially our youth, an exciting activity that they can do as a family.
- It teaches the next generation all the aspects of the "S.T.E.A.M." program, Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math.
- Thus far, the SBD has given back over \$14,000 to our Fannin County Schools while also paying out over \$1,000 every year in prize money.
- Last year we had 70 drivers and over 50 cars. It is open for anyone 7 and above, even adults.
- Admission is always free to watch and affordable food, snacks and beverages are available.

New for 2024:

- Fannin County Family Connection is assisting in the event management.
- Net proceeds will benefit The Children's Fund at Fannin County School System.

Participation by local businesses and individuals:

- Car kits are available for purchase, or you can build your own. Guidelines are available on the website: fcfc1.org
- Donation Pledge Forms are available at fcfc1.org. Several sponsorship levels are available:
Executive Sponsor: \$1,000; includes recognition banners, multiple announcements during the SBD, a tent for promoting sponsoring company at the SBD, Facebook posts with company logo, 2 t-shirts.
Car Safety Sponsor: \$1,000 which purchases car parts and maintenance so that all car entries are safe to race. Includes recognition banners, multiple announcements during the SBD, Facebook posts with company logo, 2 t-shirts.
Business Car Package: \$500; includes a completely built stock SBD car, professional graphics package, and registration fee waived for one driver.
Diamond Sponsor: \$500; includes recognition banner, announcements during the SBD, Facebook posts with company logo.
Gold Sponsor: \$250; includes recognition banner, announcement during the SBD, will have name listed on Facebook posts & sponsor listings.
Silver Sponsor: \$150; includes announcement at the SBD, name listed on Facebook posts & sponsor listing.
Bronze Sponsor: \$100; includes announcement at the SBD, name listed on Facebook posts & sponsor listing.

All sponsor levels include company/donor name on event t-shirts.

- Vehicle Sponsorships: These are designed for donors to provide vehicles for non-profit and charitable organizations. Donors can choose their sponsored organization and includes registration fee waiver for one driver. **Sponsored organizations must find their driver and complete the Registration Forms no later than April 26.**

For participating sponsors, businesses, and donors:

Donation Pledge Form and Money Due: April 15, 2024.

Please make checks payable to: Fannin County Family Connection (FCFC). Completed forms may be mailed to FCFC, PO Box 2715, Blue Ridge or delivered personally to FCFC (501 Fannin Industrial Park) or delivered to Brian Higgins, 706-455-9829.

Sponsors are responsible for the delivery of their car to Fannin County Middle School on Friday, May 3, 2024 between 5-7pm for inspection. Cars meeting inspection will be moved into school facilities for overnight storage. No modifications can be made to cars after passing inspection.

Complete guidelines and rules for SBD entries are on the website: fcfc1.org

Participation by Drivers & Parents:

- Derby registration forms and fee (\$25) are due by **April 26. *Late entries will NOT be accepted.***
- To be guaranteed an event t-shirt, registration forms must be received by **April 19.**
- Race Categories are: 1. Classic – Ages 7-12; 2. Classic – Age 13+; 3. Outlaw – Age 7+
- Driver Registration Forms include a Waiver that must be signed by the Parent/Guardian and a signed Parent's Pledge to adhere to the Parents Code of Conduct.

Driver Participants will be assigned a registration number on check-in, **Friday, May 3** at Fannin County Middle School. Registration hours are **5-7pm**. Drivers will receive their complete registration packets with their event t-shirt on check-in, Friday, May 3 from 5-7pm.

Drivers must arrive at Fannin County Middle School no later than **9:30am on Race Day, Saturday, May 4.**

Drivers: to be guaranteed an event t-shirt, complete and return registration forms by April 19. Final date for registration forms is April 26. Late entries (after April 26) will NOT be accepted.