

UPDATE #5 April 7, 2024

2st Info/Build Session April 20
Hands on your cart May 11



As of today, Soapbox is at **157 anticipated racers** for the 2024 Race weekend. We have a Volunteer Coordinator - Jesse – and the Food for Race Day has been arranged. Info/Build Session #1 went very well full house. Gazette Article can be found [here](#)

NB ***** Some racers are paid up but not registered – your kits have been purchased, finish off the process by [registering](#) please. ****

- 1) **Rules Update.** From builder questions, the rules have been [updated](#) with some clarifications – cart width, weigh in and cart checks during race weekend.
- 2) **Please note the remaining cart “Build” session DATES HAVE CHANGED.**

2st Info/Build Session April 20



Soapbox Info Build Day - 2024 **April 20 Fountain Tire St Albert** 234 St Albert Trail 3-5 PM

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Info session to demonstrate St Albert Soap Box cart construction steps and answer builder questions.
Prerequisite: Open GO-Kit and read instructions included with the GoKit OR read online instructions under Build Info tab on StAlbertSoapBoxDerby.ca website. Reading the instructions before the Build Day will get you the basics and allow you to get your questions answered. **Please consider watching the Build Video found on the [stAlbertsoapboxderby.ca](#) website before the session**
The format will be the same as the March 23 session with the addition that a scale will be present so a ball park cart weigh can be provided.

Builders and racers welcome. **RSVP requested so we have enough room**

Register for the April 20 Info/Build session [here](#)

Hands on your cart May 11



Soapbox Hands on my Build Session MAY 11 location supplied with RSVP

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The date has been changed to May 11 **NEW for 2024**
Bring your cart to "the Soapbox build HQ garage" for a hands on experience. 10 - 4 on Saturday.
Prerequisite: Your cart is built but maybe not finished not all the final body lines are done or it may need some paint. You are looking to get hands on experience with steering (toe in wheel setup), operational feedback or other cart related questions *specific to your Soapbox derby cart.*

Builders and racers welcome. **RSVP requested so we can accommodate as many as possible. Location will be provided week before**

Register for the May 11 Hands on your Cart session [here](#).
Hands on session location will be sent to those who RSVP about a week before.
The session will be at a private garage in St Albert -not at Fountain Tire St Albert.

2 Soapbox Derby awareness – Carts around the City – Sponsor awareness
Soapbox Derby carts are springing (pun) up at sponsor locations in and around St Albert. Fountain Tire Race HQ currently has four carts for your viewing.



Stay tuned to Social Media for more “**carts around town**” – **promoting our sponsors and supporters.**



You can see some designs on the website YouTube channel [here](#).

3) Racer Parents: Please mark these dates in your 2024 Calendars.

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MANDATORY

Cart Inspection and Racer Orientation – Saturday June 8

Carts are inspected and weighed. Racers go through an individual orientation using their cart. **REQUIRED** so your racer(s) can be scheduled to race.

Racer scheduling is based on carts/racers who complete and pass on June 8

Each racer is scheduled for a minimum of three (3) races on June 15.

OPTIONAL BUT STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

Soapbox Walk thru and Practice – Friday June 14

Arrive at Race Hill - St Vital Ave, see the area and parking. Visit registration to check your Saturday Race times. Unload your cart. Go through what you will do on Saturday. Get some practice races in.

Race Day - Saturday June 15 – Age Category starting time will be provided after Inspections have been completed.... usually mid week.

NOTE: 1st race 7:30AM in 2023, asked to be ready to race 15 minutes before. Details on the how race day works and scheduling in a future update

Please allow for extra time – you know your racer(s) the best. Friday night will give you an idea of how things work.

Anticipate 60-80 other racer parents in your age category will be arriving at the same time all trying to have a perfect experience with their young racers.

4) Volunteers

With the Volunteer Lead role being filled, expect to see the 2024 volunteer needs in the very near future. Welcome on board Jesse !

In April/May there will be some “volunteer” hands on fix up opportunities for the Community racer carts. Please send a note to

Volunteer@stAlbertSoapboxderby.ca to let us know you are interested.

City of St Albert has confirmed a 6PM closure of St Vital (it was 4PM in 2023). Expect the Friday setup plan to do all the “non street” setup activities starting Friday afternoon. The on street positioning of the Ramp and Finish line will be prepared as much as possible before hand so practice racing can happen as early as possible.

5) Cart Build Helpers

Fountain Tire has a Soapbox Display of the cart pieces along with a number of St Albert Soapbox created components.

Soapbox Main Builder (Gary) as modified five (5) front axles to allow easy access to tighten/adjust front wheels (see [Build Video](#), 4 min mark) If you would like to exchange your out of the box axle for the drilled out models, please call ahead to Fountain Tire. As exchanges happen, more drilled out axles become available.

If you want to reinforce your rear wheels with a steel cross beam, limited Soapbox Derby provided cross beams can be purchased at Fountain Tire St Albert. Call ahead to confirm stock is available.



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Have friends who are interested, please forward this email have them visit the StAlbertSoapboxDerby.ca website and [subscribe](#) for future updates.

Volunteers are very welcome, please email

Volunteer@stalbertsoapboxderby.ca for volunteer opportunities.

Any general questions, please send an email to Info@stalbertsoapboxderby.ca

St Albert Soap Box Derby Working Group

If you would like to be **removed from this Soapbox Derby list**, please reply with **REMOVE** in the subject field.