

UPDATE #4
March 3, 2024
Racers 121
1st Build Session March 23



As of today, Soapbox is at **121 anticipated racers** for the 2024 Race weekend.

At least 16 new carts are under construction – 9 Plus kits, 4 base kits and 3 Go-Kit plus brakes have been purchased. Three have “registered” but not picked up, kits at Fountain Tire so the number of new carts will be increasing...

***** Seven (7) racers are paid up but not registered – your kits have been purchased, finish off the process by [registering](#) please. ****

So, it must be perfect time for the **first Info/Build Session**



Soapbox Info Build Day - Sat March 23rd
3:00-5:00 Fountain Tire St Albert 234 St
Albert Trail

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 stalbortsoapboxderby.ca website before the session**

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

Register for the March 23 Info/Build session [here](#)

Since the February update #3

(note all updates can be found under News, 2024 on the website)

1) Since last meeting, Chris and Glenn from sponsor St Albert Dodge have joined as the Safety Coordinator. A big thanks !

Soap Box Derby continues to need **additional organizational volunteers**.

The Working Group meets monthly the 1st Wednesday at 7:30 @ St Albert Inn., Room opens at 7 for socialization, meeting starts at 7:30.

In a maximum of 2 hours progress updates are given to continue to completion for the June 14 and June 15 race days.

Currently open on the Working Group for 2024 are.....

Food Director (find and coordinate the food providers),

Volunteer Coordinator(s) (contact the past volunteers 80+ and fill the race weekend roles). Please see volunteer page for examples of hands on needs today and up to and on race days. Most contact with volunteers will be in last May up to race weekend June 14 and 15.

There are sixteen (16) existing experienced volunteers doing other defined roles including - Finance, Build, Sponsorship, Registration, Social Media, Community Racers, Prizing, VIP's, Site Setup.....

Want to contribute to making this St Albert community event successful.
Questions, Info@stalbertsoapboxderby.ca

Bonus: A round of St Albert Inn Chocolate Chip cookies end the meeting....

2) Soapbox Derby awareness – Carts around Town

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.





Hemi engine not included

Stay tuned 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. d 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 racers in your age category will be arriving at the same time all trying to have a perfect experience with their racers.

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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.

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

St Albert Soap Box Derby Working Group

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