

New Albany Fall Festival Bed Races

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DATE: Saturday, September 24th, 2011

LOCATION: Main Street, New Albany **TIME:** 4:00pm

ENTRY FEE: \$25.00 per team

RULES, REGULATIONS & SAFETY

The People

- Each team shall consist of 5 members, 1 rider and 4 pushers. 1 alternate may also be registered with each team.
- Team members must be 16 years of age or older. 16 & 17 year old team members must have parent/guardian consent form signed and submitted with registration.
- All team members **MUST** read and sign the **Waiver Of Liability**.
- All team registrations must be received no later than September 24th, 2011.

The Beds

- Each bed must contain one manufactured Twin or Full sized mattress.
- Bed frames can be an existing frame or made for the race. Beds must look like a bed with a headboard and footboard.
- Wheels: Each bed must have four wheels (no more, no less) that are in contact with the ground at all times. Maximum wheel diameter can be no more than 24". Wheels can be fixed or swivel mounted.
- Bed push handles must not extend more than 16" from the side of the bed. No sharp or jagged edges.
- Maximum bed height (**top of mattress**, NOT headboard or footboard) is 36".
- Minimum bed size is 41" wide and 75" long (excluding push handles).
- Maximum bed size is 60" wide and 90" long (excluding push handles).
- Beds must be "Manpowered" only. No motors.
- Braking and steering devices operated by the rider are recommended.
- Beds must come with 1 covered pillow, 1 blanket and 2 fitted sheets (1 fitted sheet for the start and 1 for the chore).
- Team name must be displayed on bed.

The Race

- The course will consist of one 390' run, a 180° turn around and chore, then another 390' run to the finish.
- During the chore phase: **the rider** must dismount the bed, remove the sheet, blanket and pillow, remake the bed with the second fitted sheet, blanket and pillow then remount the bed.
- Teams cannot interfere with their opponents. Manners matter.
- The rider must stay on the bed while it is moving. If the rider falls off, the bed must come to a complete stop and may start once the rider is back on the bed safely. Running over the rider is frowned upon.
- Pushers must push the bed from behind the bed or from all four corners. Pulling from the front is not allowed.

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The Extras

- All beds and teams must arrive at the “impound lot” by 3pm for inspection by race officials.
- After inspection, alterations to the beds are prohibited.
- Race time is set to start at 4pm by the fire truck hall on Main Street.
- Races will single elimination heats or timed runs depending on the number of entrants.
- Riders must wear a helmet (bicycle or motorcycle) and runners should wear proper footwear. Use of additional safety gear (knee and elbow pads, etc) is suggested.

The Fun

- Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. \$100, \$75 and \$50 respectively.
- All teams are encouraged to participate in the parade with their beds before the races. Line up at 1pm and beginning at 1:30pm.
- Decorating the bed in a theme is highly encouraged with team members dressed appropriately. **Special prize for the “Best Of Show” bed/team.**
- The team posting the slowest time during round 1 races will win the Stubborn Mule award and be invited back for next years race with the entry fee waived.