

# Nevada City's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Adult Soapbox Derby

Date: Saturday, June 16, 2012

Time: 10AM-4PM

Place: Pioneer Park (Nimrod Street, from Gracie Road to Park Avenue)

Event: An adult soapbox derby race to benefit improvements to Pioneer Park.

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**Mission:** Our mission is to provide a fun event for the entire community that is family friendly and enjoyable for all ages. Our primary goal is to have fun! Our secondary goal is to raise money to benefit improvements at Pioneer Park. The objective will be for these improvements to be immediately attainable (within 12 months), so that the community and participants can see and enjoy the benefits of their participation in this year's event...prior to next year's event.

**What is the Park Project?** Pioneer Park is a beautiful park. Children and adults alike enjoy the recreation opportunities it offers. Our goal is to raise money to help fund additional amenities within the park. Current ideas include an additional Bocce Ball court, refurbishing barbecue areas, additional seating areas around the pool, and a multiuse (bicycling/jogging/walking) pathway within the park boundaries. Additional ideas are welcome!

**Why a soapbox derby?** Our community is filled with hills, and amazingly talented individuals. A soapbox derby is a fun event that is GREEN! It is a GRAVITY POWERED event, fueled only by the creativity and imagination of the participants!

**Why this date?** Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 is the day before the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Nevada City Classic bike race. We feel that both events will complement each other, and draw a similar cross section of our community. By holding the event on Saturday, it will create an entire weekend of fun and excitement!

**Who can participate?** Participation will be limited to 42 teams of adults. The entry fee for each team will be \$200, non-refundable and due prior to the race. Registration will take place on January 29<sup>th</sup> at Matteo's Public in Nevada City, CA. Details are available on the website. After the slots are filled, a waiting list will be created. Teams will enter one of two categories, Art or Speed. Awards will be given out in each category. Each team will be assigned a number. Each team will consist of a minimum of three adults. Each vehicle will be required to have no more than three drivers, a pit crew, and at least one "volunteer". The volunteer must arrive early and work during the entire event. With a full field of 42 vehicles, this will provide for an immediate volunteer base of at least 42 volunteers. Failure to provide a volunteer will result in disqualification.

**Course Description:** The course will run down Nimrod Street from near the crest of the hill (just below the Gracie Road intersection) to the end of Nimrod Street (at the junction with Park Avenue) in Nevada City. The event will use the entire street, requiring road closure during the race. Ingress and egress for residents will be limited, but available between races on a predetermined schedule. We expect each race to last less than 3 minutes. The entire course is approximately 0.49 miles in length.

The course will consist of various sections. Bumping will not be permitted. Weapons of any kind, including Ben Hur axles will not be permitted. Cell phones, text messaging, and alcohol do not mix with driving, and will not be tolerated. Team members will not be allowed to consume alcohol until they have been eliminated from the event.

Racers will race three vehicles at a time. Each team will run the course 3 times, and the teams with the fastest average time will advance to the championship rounds. Championship races will again be timed, and will include the fastest 12 vehicles in the quarter-finals, the fastest 6 vehicles in the semi-finals, and the fastest 3 vehicles in the final race. The championship races will be single elimination races.

**Is speed the only objective?** No, the primary objective is FUN! This means fun for the participants and the bystanders. Teams may choose to focus on either Art or Science or both. Designing something outrageous, creative, slow, fast, wacky or wild will add both entertainment and amusement to the race. The competition is designed to bring out the competitive instinct in all team members, during the design and construction stages as well as on race day! As we tell our kids....please “do your best”!

**How will the course be staffed?** Each team will provide at least one volunteer to man the race. Additionally, local service organizations will be asked to participate by assisting with the course management duties. Finally, event organizers will insure proper staffing through their own volunteer efforts.

**How will the fundraising opportunities work?** Teams entering the race can solicit sponsors for their vehicle. Groups can apply to act as vendors during the event. Race sponsorships will be available as well. The goal will be for this to be an opportunity for local groups to help their own causes, and to help fund the Park Project. Contact event organizers ([ncderby@gmail.com](mailto:ncderby@gmail.com)) regarding sponsorship.

**Will there be food and beverage vendors?** Yes. Community groups and others wishing to become vendors during the race will need to submit applications. These groups may include Scouts, Little League, school groups or other non-profit groups in the community. Other (for-profit) vendors will also be given the opportunity to participate). Each vendor will be required to pay a fee and donate a substantial percentage of their profits towards this year’s beneficiary, the fund to improve Pioneer Park.

**Will alcohol be permitted?** Yes. Organizers are planning for a “beer garden” area to be established along a portion of the course. This area will be staffed by the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce. This will allow for the sales of beer and wine only. No hard liquor will be permitted. Profits will be shared with the Parks Project. This is not a BYOB event.

**Safety:** We would like this to be an accident free and fun event. It is the responsibility of all team captains to insure that their teams race in a controlled and safe manner, for the entire length of the event. If any vehicle is determined by the race staff to be unsafe, it may be disqualified from the race without refund. If any team is acting in an unsafe manner, they too may be disqualified at the discretion of the race organizers. Medical personnel will be on duty to provide assistance if needed.

## **NEVADA CITY ADULT SOAPBOX DERBY: RACE RULES**

- Each vehicle must have a minimum of three wheels in contact with the track.
- Each car must have functional brakes. (No Fred Flintstone style brakes, no anchors, no brakes that require contact with the road) Brakes must remain functional throughout the event to prevent disqualification.
- Each vehicle must be powered by gravity. No additional propulsion is permitted. This includes moveable weights, batteries, wind, solar, giant rubber bands, rocket engines and anything else that the judges determine to be too sneaky!
- The vehicle may be no wider than 5 feet, no longer than 12 feet, and no taller than 8 feet.
- The vehicle may not weigh more than 500 pounds. All ballast, excepting driver and passengers must be adequately secured in place. No automobile frames and axles will be permitted.
- The cost to build each vehicle may not exceed \$500. Please be creative. If you want to spend more...just make a cash donation to the Park Project if it makes you feel better!
- Teams choosing to enter a vehicle from a prior year must stay within this total budget.
- No vehicle shall be allowed to enter for more than 2 consecutive years without major design changes (body styling), in an effort to continue to provide entertainment value for our spectators.
- Each vehicle must have an audible horn/bell.
- Each vehicle must be equipped with large eyebolts in the front and rear of the vehicle. These will be used to transport the vehicles back up the hill to the start of the race course. Vehicle must be constructed in a manner to allow multiple vehicles to be towed in a line (daisy chain) from these hooks, and for a Jeep to tow the vehicles back up the hill via rope and carabiner.
- Each vehicle's number must be displayed in a large and prominent fashion on the front and sides of the vehicle. Numbers must be clearly visible to the timing judges.
- "Head First" driver/passenger positions will not be allowed, due to higher risk of injury.
- Skateboards, luge boards or similar and their wheels will not be permitted.
- Each driver is required to wear a helmet that is secured to their head by a strap. At a minimum, helmets must meet bicycle helmet standards. Full-face helmets are recommended. Closed toed shoes and other protective gear are recommended.

- All teams are required to assist with set-up and clean-up on race day.
- To help with traffic flow, pop-up tents or similar are restricted from the pit areas.
- Cell phones, text messaging, and alcohol do not mix with driving, and will not be tolerated. Team members will not be allowed to consume alcohol until they have been eliminated from the event.
- All drivers and team members must sign a liability form prior to racing. Failure to do so will result in immediate disqualification.

ALL VEHICLES WILL BE INSPECTED PRIOR TO RACE DAY. TEAMS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND PRE-RACE SAFETY INSPECTION AND TESTING. A PERFORMANCE TEST OF STEERING, STOPPING AND TOWING WILL BE CONDUCTED APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS PRIOR TO THE RACE. VEHICLES MUST BE CONSTRUCTED IN A SAFE, WORKMAN-LIKE MANNER AND MUST BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND THE RIGORS OF MULTIPLE RACE HEATS. UNSAFE VEHICLES MAY BE DISQUALIFIED AT THE DISCRETION OF RACE OFFICIALS.

RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE RACE COMMITTEE

I HAVE READ THE RULES COMPLETELY AND UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARTICIPATING IN THE NEVADA CITY ADULT SOAPBOX DERBY.

X \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## Nevada City Adult Soapbox Derby: Registration

- Date: January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012
- Time: 2:00pm-5:00pm. **First drawing at 4:00pm sharp.**
- Location: Matteo's Public  
300 Commercial Street  
Nevada City, CA 95959
- Cost: \$200 (cash or check, payable to NC Chamber)
- Deposit: \$50 (non-refundable if selected, remainder due within 2 weeks)
- Required: Contact name, Phone, and email address and Deposit.
- Details: Lottery System (Two drawings)

Registration for this year's race will be in a modified lottery format. Thirty (30) spots will be available, with the remaining spots being reserved for past winners and event organizers. A total of 42 teams will be racing on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Lottery #1: Friends of the Park** The first lottery will consist of five (5) available spots. Applicants must bring a \$50 deposit, and either a check, cash or pledge in any amount greater than the \$200 race entry fee. Each of the applicants will be ranked according to the size of their pledge. The applicants with the five (5) largest pledge amounts will be selected. All monies pledged beyond the \$200 entry fee will be used for Pioneer Park improvements. Those that are not chosen will be automatically entered into the second lottery (with their \$50 deposit) and refunded their pledged amount.

**Lottery #2: Standard Entry** A \$50 Deposit (cash/check) is required. All those interested will be entered in a lottery style drawing. The first 25 applicants selected will qualify for this year's race. Upon selection, the \$50 deposit will become non-refundable. All remaining applicants will be drawn and placed upon a waiting list in the order in which they were selected. Those on the waiting list will be refunded their \$50 deposit. Teams choosing to enter the lottery multiple times will risk losing their deposits if chosen more than once. Each team that is selected will be required to pay the remaining \$150 of their entry fee in either cash or check (payable to NC Chamber) within two weeks. Failure to submit complete payment will result in disqualification and loss of initial \$50 deposit.

**Applicants are not required to be present at the registration event. Deposits and lottery application may be delivered in advance to the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce during normal business hours or submitted at the registration event.**

**Matteo's Public will be donating 15% of any food and beverage purchases made between 2pm and 6:30pm on January 29<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Pioneer Park Project. Please arrive hungry and remember to tip your server! Thank you!**

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