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LEON VALLEY TO HOST 1ST ANNUAL SOAP BOX DERBY ON JULY 4TH

City of Leon Valley, Texas —The City of Leon Valley is hosting its Inaugural Soap Box Derby on July 4th at 11:00 a.m. The race is sanctioned by the All-American Soap Box Derby Association, <http://www.soapboxderby.org>.

The race will include a ¼ mile downhill route on Evers Rd. from Huebner to Poss Rd. The cars are official Soap Box Derby stock cars sponsored by local businesses including; Image 360, JB Woolf Sheds, Banis Towing, Leon Valley Community Church, Richard’s Towing, Alamo Pizza, McCoy’s Building Supply, Intertek Automotive Research, Tint World, Line-X Truck Accessories, Tiger Sanitation, and more. To date, 16 cars have been purchased and are under construction. Car Owners have the option to provide a driver, or select from deserving local boys and girls, ages 7 to 13. Boys and girls in the Leon Valley area are welcome to apply to be a driver by submitting through their school principal a one-page essay on the 4th of July which includes a statement that provides examples of citizenship (participating in recycling events, painting fire hydrants, cleaning up parks, helping neighbors, etc.). Drivers may also be nominated through their school based on hardship and letters of recommendation will also be accepted. Deadline to apply is April 30th. Drivers will be selected by the Police Chief and Fire Chief of Leon Valley. A Parent or Guardian must sign a waiver of liability, and the selected Driver will need to attend a driver workshop prior to the event and participate in the 4th of July parade in Leon Valley with their assigned derby car at 9:30 a.m..

Additional details including; rules, race brackets, and more will be provided in the coming weeks on the City of Leon Valley’s website.

Our first two Drivers have been selected; Mason and Logan, twin 7-year old boys from Oak Hills Terrace Elementary School! Mason and Logan recently lost all their belongings in a house fire and were quickly nominated by their school to participate as drivers. The parents have agreed, and we will be working to make sure they are prepared for the big race.

Leon Valley Fire Chief Valdez is also the Race Director and stated, “We are excited to bring a unique event to Leon Valley that highlights our great local businesses, and awesome kids. Bring your lawn chair and come on out to watch what is sure to be a fun, free, family-friendly event in Leon Valley.”

Visit www.soapboxderby.org, email l.valdez@leonvalleytexas.gov, or call 210-684-3219 to learn more.