

2025 Race Week Schedule



Sunday, July 13

Check in, Car Stations, Photo Shoot, Trial Run, Bowling Night

8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Topside, Derby Downs

8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Parts Store open

- **Check in and Champ bags:** times were assigned during registration. If you picked up your bag on Saturday, you still need to check in on Sunday.
- **Visit each station:** shell re-attachment, Kingpin Drop, triangulation, photo shoot and trial run
- All stations are mandatory

3-9 p.m. Night out at Spins Bowl Akron, 2911 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron

Mon., July 14

Parade, Badge Trading, Opening Ceremonies, State of the Derby, and Movie Night

8 a.m.-5 p.m. – Parts Store Open

11 a.m. arrive for Parade at Canal Park Stadium

11 -11:45 a.m. Badge trading

12 p.m. Parade starts

12:30-2:30 p.m. Opening Ceremony at Lock 3 Park

2:30-3:30 p.m. Badge Trading at Lock 3 Park

4-5 p.m. State of the Derby Meeting at Akron-Summit County Main Library

5:30-7 p.m. Movie Night at Akron-Summit County Main Library

Tues., July 15

Rally Challenge Race Day and JCC Swim Night

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Parts Store Open

7:30 a.m. Rally Stock

10 a.m. Rally Masters

12:30 p.m. Rally Super Stock

5-7:30 p.m. Family swimming at the Shaw JCC of Akron, 750 White Pond Dr, Akron 44320

- Pool Layout: Outdoor pool with a 2-ft. shallow end, 3-5 ft. middle section, and six lanes that are 5-12 ft.
- All youth must be accompanied by an adult
- Cafe will be open to purchase food
- What to bring: Towel and bathing suit, wear your Derby shirt to enter the facility and don't forget your signed WAIVER (required)

Wed., July 16

Local Challenge Race Day and Championship Cars Open House

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Parts Store Open

7:30 a.m. Local Stock

9:30 a.m. Local Masters

12:30 p.m. Local Super Stock

10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Soap Box Derby participants, friends, family can visit the Akron History Center in downtown Akron for free



Thurs., July 17

All-Star and Legacy Race Day and Topside Show

8 a.m.-4 p.m. Parts Store Open

8 – 9 a.m. All-Star Alignment

9:30 a.m. All-Star Race

12:30 p.m. Legacy Check-In

1 p.m. Legacy Race

10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Derby participants can visit the Akron History Center in downtown Akron for free.

4-6 p.m. Topside Show – Check out everyone's cars, mini-car races and decorating, and vendors. Vote for who you think has the best car designs!

Friday, July 18

SuperKids Parade and Race

World Championship Race Alignment, Wheel Selection, Weigh-In

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Parts Store Open

8 a.m. Local and Rally Masters

9 a.m. SuperKids Parade; Race Immediately Following

Cheer on the SuperKids! Winners qualify for the World Championship race on Saturday!

9:30 a.m. Local and Rally Super Stock

11:15 a.m. Rally Stock

12 p.m. (noon) Local Stock

9 a.m.-6 p.m. Vintage Derby Car Show at St. Matthew's Church Recreation Center, in Akron. Features displays of cars entered by former racers highlighting the evolution in the design of cars over the nine decades of racing.

No planned evening event for Champs - rest for the big day or make your own!

Sat., July 19

World Championships Race Day Schedule

6:30 a.m. Gates Open

6:30 a.m. Shuttles start running

- Spectator parking on Derby Downs Rd. Lower Lot gravel and grass lots ONLY. NO parking at Topside.

7 a.m. Local Champs and car handlers check in at Topside at the scales

7:20 a.m. Rally Champs and car handlers check in at Topside at the scales

7:45 a.m. Line up by regions for parade at Topside

8 a.m. Parade starts! National Anthem and Opening Ceremonies at the Bridge

8:30 a.m. First Heat of the 87th FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby

7 p.m. Awards Ceremony at the Akron Civic Theatre, 182 S. Main St, Akron

IMPORTANT DETAILS FOR RACE DAY:

- Part of George Washington Blvd. will be closed both ways to general traffic Sun. and Tues.-Sat. See Guide for more details.
- Spectator parking is on Derby Downs Rd., lower lots ONLY. There is NO parking at Topside.
- Food and drink vendors will be on site throughout the day.
- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Pizza and Popsicles for Champs at the Office Tent in the Pavilion and at Topside.
- Volunteers and staff are there to help you. They will be wearing red, maroon or neon-colored shirts.
- Your volunteer race director is Nancy Mooney. She is awesome.
- Official Champ shirts and badges must be worn all day.
- If your son or daughter does not win their heat, they will be shuttled to the starting line pavilion. Parents MUST check them out from the pavilion.
- If your Champ finishes in the Top 2-9, they need to stay until after the final heat so we can take official photos.
- Car Check-out – Photo ID required; starts 30 min. after final heat is complete

Sun., July 20

8 a.m. – 12 p.m. (noon)

- Car pick up (ID required) at Topside

- Car crating

- Parts store open – 8 a.m.-12 p.m. – save on shipping costs!

- Vendors will be available for last-minute purchases – photos and apparel