

Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce 2011 Bed Races

Join us for the 4th Annual Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce Bed Races to be held following the Bar Harbor Early Bird Sale on Saturday, November 12, 2011. The Early Bird Sale is from 6-9am. The Bed Parade will begin at 10am with the races immediately following.

Race Details:

All entries for the Bed Races should be tastefully decorated in a theme appropriate for youth viewing. Entries should meet at the Village Green no later than 9:30am. At 10am, the beds will parade from the Village Green, down Main Street to Cottage Street and up Cottage Street past the Criterion Theatre. The staging area for the races will be on Lower Rodick Street, and the area between the Criterion Theatre and Rodick Street must remain clear of all beds.

Inspection:

All beds will be inspected at the Village Green.

The start/finish line will be on Cottage Street in front of the Criterion Theatre. The beds will race down Cottage Street toward Main Street, turn around a cone and return to the start/finish line. Each team will run their bed individually until all beds have completed the course once. The top 4 times will run off to determine 1st and 2nd place. During the run-off, teams will run their beds in reverse order of the starting line-up (ex: 4th place time will run first; 3rd place time will second, etc.).

Teams:

- Teams will be made up of 5 people: 1 rider, and 4 pushers.
- Anyone age 14 and over is welcome to participate. A parent or guardian must sign the waiver of liability for any participant under the age of 18. At least one person on the team must be 18 or older.

Entry fee:

The entry fee per team is \$25.00, which will go toward the prize winnings. The entry deadline is Monday, November 7, 2011. Make checks payable to "Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce." Upon receipt of your registration form and entry fee the team will receive a coupon worth 10% off the cost of supplies at Bar Harbor Trustworthy, EBS, or Paradis True Value.

Prizes:

- 1st place will be awarded \$500 in Bar Harbor gift checks and the 1st place trophy.
- 2nd place will be awarded \$200 in Bar Harbor gift checks and the 2nd place trophy.
- The prize for Best Decorated will be "Dinner and a Movie" (the details are being confirmed).

Rules and Guidelines:

Bed Construction

- May be an existing bed, or one specially made for the race but it must look like a real bed and have a headboard and footboard.
- Beds must have a real mattress and/or box spring of twin size or bigger, no cribs or toddler beds.
- Beds must have 4 wheels, they may be swivel wheels or permanently fixed.
- The beds must have NO means of mechanical propulsion or brakes. Human power only.
- Push bars are allowed but are not to exceed the width of bed.
- Beds must be tastefully decorated in theme appropriate for youth viewing. Teams need to display their name on the bed. All decorations must be securely fastened. No sharp objects, projections or anything that may be dangerous will be allowed.
- All beds will be inspected prior to the race and violations will lead to disqualification.

Race

- The point of the bed that extends the furthest in front will be aligned with the starting line.
- The rider must be on the bed as long as it is in motion and may not help at any time with the propulsion of the bed. If the rider falls off, the bed must come to a complete stop until the rider is back on.
- All members must be in contact with and in control of the bed at all times.
- Team members cannot interfere with their opponents in any way.
- Your safety is very important to us. Team members must wear appropriate shoes. Safety gear to avoid hazards is recommended. The use of helmets, kneepads, and/or elbow pads is strongly encouraged for all participants.
- The races will happen rain, snow or shine, so please plan for the weather. In the event of extreme inclement weather and safety becomes an issue, the Bed Races will be cancelled.

For additional information or questions, please contact Lauren Rupp, Events Coordinator at 207-288-5103 x112 or lrupp@barharborinfo.com.