



2010 Bed Race: Rules/Requirements

Race Details:

- Five participants required per team. Four of the teammates (“runners”) will push the bed and steer while the fifth teammate will serve as a rider. The rider will wear pajamas over his/her normal clothing. Teams must bring their own pajamas to the event.
- All beds must be tastefully decorated in a theme appropriate for youth viewing. As part of the decoration, each bed must also be lit with some form of portable illumination in honor of “The Edison Festival of Light.” Pajamas must also be tasteful and non-offensive. The judges will have the final say in this matter prior to racing.
- Beds must report to staging area (proposed as between Hendry & Jackson Streets) and be checked in by 5:00 pm for inspection by judges.
- There will be a “Parade of Beds” prior to the race at 5:30 pm that will allow each team to show off the hard work and ingenuity they put into crafting their respective beds.
- Races start immediately at 6:00 pm.
- The starting point will be at the corner of Hendry & Edwards Streets. The race course will be two blocks long. At the midway point of the race, teams will stop their beds in the “midway blocks” delineated on the street. Within the block, the first rider will remove his/her pajamas and swap places with one of the runners, who will then put the pajamas on. Once the new rider is on the bed, the runners must spin the bed 360 degrees within the block. They may then proceed on the last leg of the race through the finish line.
- This will be a double-elimination “round robin” tournament. Races will take place in heats of three beds or two beds, depending upon the round. Ultimately, the two fastest beds through the heats will race in the finals, which will determine the 1st & 2nd place winners. 3rd place will be determined in the third place bracket race. As an added incentive, the 1st place winner will also be featured in the Festival of Light Parade. There will also be a prize rewarded for the “Best Illuminated” bed. There will be a maximum of 18 entries allowed to determine the two race finalists.
- Prizes awarded as follows:
 - 1st Place: \$250.00
 - 2nd Place: \$100.00
 - 3rd Place: \$50.00

- “Best Illuminated”: Surprise Gift

Team Requirements:

- All participants must be a minimum of 21 years old, and must sign the event waiver.
- The use of helmets and knee/elbow pads is strongly encouraged for all participants, but not required. Safety is of the utmost concern during the race.
- Teammates are responsible for ensuring the safe construction and operation of their beds.
- Team members **ARE NOT** allowed to interfere with any other team’s members during the race. If this rule is broken, it will result in the immediate disqualification of the entire team from the event.

Bed Construction:

- Beds must be a Twin-sized coil spring mattress with box springs, and the overall size of the bed must not exceed 48” in width and 84” in length (excluding push bars). No cribs, toddler beds or air mattresses will be allowed under any circumstances.
- Beds must have four wheels, with one at each corner (no more, no less). Wheels may be fixed or swivel-style wheels.
- Push bars can be affixed to the beds but must not exceed the width of the bed.
- The beds **WILL NOT** have any means of mechanical propulsion, and must be powered by human force **ONLY**.
- Beds must display team name/sponsor name on both sides of the bed, and this signage must be securely fastened to the bed.
- Beds must have a minimum of one pillow and one blanket as decoration.
- No sharp objects, projections or anything deemed dangerous by the judges will be allowed on the beds.
- All beds will be inspected by the judges prior to the races. The judges have the final word in all matters pertaining to the race and reserve the right to disqualify a team at any time. Disqualified teams will not be refunded their entry fees.

Registration:

- All entries must be received by January 15, 2010. Any submissions received past this date will not be allowed to enter regardless of the number of entrants received through January 15.
- There is a \$25.00 entry fee per team. Checks must be made payable to: **Edison Festival of Light, Inc.**