



# BED RACE 2023

Saturday, October 14th at 9 am

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How does the Bed Race work?

Groups of people form a team and raise money to help provide essential furniture and household goods to families in poverty who are experiencing severe life challenges. Then on **Saturday, October 14th, 2023**, teams participate in the **Bed Race at the North parking lot at Easton Town Center**. The race runs approximately from **9 am to 12 pm**.

Racing teams are comprised of **5 people**- one Bed-Rider and four Bed Racers, who compete in **50-yard racing contests** in the parking lot. Teams **dress up** in fun creative costumes, **decorate** their beds, and participate in the **Team Parade** before the event.

Racing teams are provided a **shared bed** for each race. Teams may purchase a **reserved bed rental** for the day for an additional fee! **Quantities are limited**, so log in to your page and add it to your cart ASAP.

Awards are presented by judges for highest fundraising team, highest fundraising individual, best team costume and best decorated bed.

Read the full team rules on page 14.

### How do the divisions work?

When registering, Team Captains will choose their **Bed Racing Division**- the options are **Just for Fun, Competitive, and Not Racing**. Teams will be grouped according to their levels. If you wish to **change divisions**, email us by **Saturday, September 24th, 2023**.

- **Just for Fun** teams race for the fun and fundraising aspects of the event.
- **Competitive** teams are in it to win it. You want to make it to the finals, bring home the title of Bed Race Champion in 2023, and also actively engage in the fundraising aspects of the race!
- **Not Racing** is for virtual teams or for teams that want to dress up in costume and raise funds. You can still participate but we will not seed your team into races.

### Are beds provided? How can I decorate my bed? Can I bring my own bed?

Yes, a *shared* bed rental is provided with your registration fee. We are also offering a *reserved* bed rental that is available only for your team's use on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Quantities are limited, so log in and add it to your cart ASAP. **For shared bed rentals a removable sign is permitted**. For reserved bed rentals, all decorations must be removable (no paint, nails, glue, etc.). You are welcome to bring your own bed that follows the Bed Construction Rules.

**If you do bring your own bed**, drop off will be located in the North Easton parking lot. Cars must be moved to a designated parking location once beds are dropped off.



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Beds will be inspected for rule compliance at check-in. All non-compliance issues must be corrected in order for a bed to race. No modifications are permitted once checked in except repairs.

Limited tools and minor repair materials will be available- if you feel the bed you are bringing may need more extensive repairs during the race, please plan on bringing your own supplies. We will maintain any rented bed. We will gladly accept donations of beds immediately after the races.

## **Can children participate?**

Children 13 years of age or older can participate with a signed parent/guardian waiver. Younger children are welcome to cheer. We will also have entertainment and games for children at the event!

## **I need to add a team member or substitute one on my team.**

You are able to sign up new individual team members until midnight on Wednesday, Sept. 27th, 2023. Substitutions can be handled by emailing us. After Wednesday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, additions or changes will be handled at check-in on Saturday, Oct. 14th, 2023.

## **Can we change our team name?**

You can change your team name through Sunday, Sept. 24th, 2023 by emailing us and requesting a change. Please allow 2 to 4 business days for this change.

## **Can I sign up my team on the day of the event?**

No. At least one person from each team must be registered by **midnight on Sept. 24, 2023**, so that we can create the race schedules. Individual team members can join online through Sept. 27 or in person at the event on Saturday, Oct. 14th. No additional teams will be permitted to register after Sept. 24, 2023. Participants registered by August 14, 2023, will be guaranteed a t-shirt. Substitutions will be handled on site the day of the race until races begin.

## **What time do we need to arrive?**

- Check-In begins at 9:00am.
- A mandatory Team Captain meeting will be held at the starting line at 9:30 am.
- Team parade will begin at 9:45 am with races immediately following.
- The event should conclude around 11:45 am.
- Any schedule changes will be communicated to all registered participants via email.

*We encourage you to arrive early for several reasons:*

- Pick up team bags with giveaways and t-shirts



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- Turn in any donations collected through fundraising efforts
- Food and beverages are available for purchase at nearby businesses
- Run practice races with the beds
- Secure a spot for any chairs or blankets you bring for the day
- Get your costumes ready for the team parade!

## **Where is parking located?**

Parking is free for participants and guests in any Easton Town Center lots or garages. Please plan on allowing approximately 10-15 minutes to get to the race registration area once you arrive at Easton Town Center.

## **Where can I check the bracket?**

The brackets will be located near the starting line. These are the official standings. You will also be given a bracket at check-in for tracking your own team's progress.

## **How do I know when it's my team's turn to race?**

Follow the races for the teams in your pool on the bracket schedule. Announcements will also be made.

## **Can I bring a chair?**

Yes, you are encouraged to **bring your own seating**- folding camping chairs, blankets etc. as seating is not provided.

## **Is there food or water?**

Water will be provided for racers. Food and beverages will be available for purchase at nearby businesses.

## **How do awards work?**

1st and 2nd place finishes in both the Competitive and Just for Fun divisions, Best Decorated Bed, and Best Team Costume will be awarded on race day! Top Individual Fundraiser and Top Fundraising Team will also be awarded.