



## United Way of Lancaster County Inc. Bed Race Overview and Regulations October 21, 2023

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### Event Overview

The United Way of Lancaster County (UWLC) is proud to present Lights, Camera, Action: Bed Race 2023 on October 21, 2023. This year's activities include:

- Parade of Beds (judging for costume and design)
- Fun Prix and Competitive Bed Races (judging for speed)
- Golf Cart Parade (judging for costume and design)
- Agency Fair and Family Day

There will be two entry divisions – Fun Prix, and Competition, so get your entry form in early. United Way is inviting businesses, clubs, and organizations to be a part of this community building activity, all to benefit the agencies and clients of the United Way of Lancaster County.

### Eligibility

A team is eligible only upon remittance of the non-refundable entry fee and completion of race paperwork. Teams can register at <https://www.uwaylcsc.org/bed-race-2023>

All registrations must be received by October 6, 2023 at 11:59 pm. Waivers must be signed individually by all 5 team members and the alternate by 2:00 on the Race Day, October 21, 2023.

Teams will consist of a race team (4 pushers, 1 rider, and 1 alternate) and a recommended 4-5 member pit crew. For business entries, all members should be employed at said business. Community entries must have a team name by which they are registered. There will be no team members for any team under the age of 18. Registration includes one Bed and the Bed Race Merch for each person on the 5-person team.

### Bed Race Rules

1. The race will take place on Main Street in the area between Founders and Wells Fargo. Racing will consist of heats of two beds and will cover 100 yards in distance.
2. Team members must be 18 years of age or older.
3. No person may be a member of more than one team in the same division (Fun Prix or Competitive).
4. Teams can consist of all males, all females, or be co-ed.

5. All runners must wear closed toe shoes.
6. Bed riders must wear a helmet and sit or lay flat on the bed.
7. Teams are not to interfere or impede the progress of an opposing team. This action will result in disqualification.
8. Beds will be pushed by 4 team members. No other means of pulling, propulsion, mechanized or other, is permitted. All four pushers must be pushing the bed at all times, having at least one hand on the bed or push handle. The first team to get the nose of their Bed cross the finish line and have all members of their team cross will be determined winner. Alternates or pit crew members may be used as substitute at discretion of the team.
9. It is recommended that each team have a pit crew of at least 4 people, in addition to the 5 participants, who will be responsible for getting beds to the starting line and returning beds to the starting line after each heat. While some refueling snacks and water will be provided by the race, it is also recommended that teams bring water, sunscreen, and other important items for a fall day. Pit crew members will be welcome to participate as part of the team in the Bed Race Parade.
10. Beds will be provided by United Way. Beds may be decorated for the parade as extravagantly as imagined. However, decorations on beds raced in the Fun Prix Division heats may not extend past the original bed construction for the safety of all involved.
11. Teams must be entered in a specific division and will race only in that division – Fun Prix or Competitive.
12. A team of Race Judges will certify and record finish results. They will also assess creativity in costume and design during the Parade of Beds and the Golf Cart Parade and determine winners in those categories. They will have final say on disputes or disqualifications during the race. Awards in all divisions will be presented after all races are complete.
13. At the conclusion of the bracketed races, any team may challenge another team they have not raced for a \$20 donation. Team accepting the challenge must also make a \$20 donation. The \$20 donation must be paid at the UWLC tent (located beside the stage) at the time of the challenge race.
14. Bed Race officials and the Team of Judges reserve the right to make a decision as to the safety of participants and attendees based on the weather predicted for Race Day. If it is determined that it will be unsafe to hold the Bed Race a rain date has been determined as November 4, 2023. All times currently associated with the October 21 date will stand.
15. Entry deadline is October 6, 2023 at 11:59 pm.
16. All team members must sign the waiver found on the Bed Race registration site by 2:00 on October 21.
17. Competition matchups will be determined through the drawing of a bracket during the Captain's Meeting on October 11, time and location TBD. Each team will have a representative at this meeting. Bracket design will depend upon the number of teams that sign up in each division. This will be a single elimination tournament.

18. This year's theme is "Lights, Camera, Action" and requires that each entry is decorated and themed around a movie. Family-friendly entries only. Each team should have theme music to be played during their time in front of the judges during the Parade of Beds. Clips should be no longer than 30 seconds and should be emailed (resource@uwaylcsc.org) or provided on a flash drive to UWLC office (109 S Wylie Street, Lancaster) no later than the conclusion of the driver's meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Please send the 30-second clip (not the whole song with the clip designated in instructions) and ensure that clip is labeled with your team's name and theme description.

## **Bed Race Divisions**

### **Fun Prix!**

We encourage area businesses, groups, and organizations to be creative in all the things- car décor, music, theme, engineering, and team costumes. Teams will participate in the Parade of Beds at 2:30 during which they will be judged on creative aspects of their interpretation of the race theme. First and Second place winners will be awarded for costume and design.

Additionally, teams will race their decorated beds in the Fun Prix bracket. Decorations on beds raced in the Fun Prix Division heats may not extend past the original bed construction for the safety of all involved. Participants must use their own strength to power their bed in bracket matches. Awards will be given for First or Second place winners. Beds will be provided with registration.

### **Competitive**

Competitive Teams will race using provided beds with no frills. Teams that wish to may decorate their beds for the Parade of Beds and qualification in the "Costume and Design" contest, but all decorations will be removed for a race in the competitive brackets. We do encourage costumes within the theme, or team uniforms while racing. This is a single- elimination bracket style competition judged solely on speed. The first team to get the nose of their Bed cross the finish line and have all members of their team cross will be determined winner. The winner gets bragging rights for the next year and holds on to the famous Bed Race Trophy until the next year's race. First and Second place winners will be awarded for speed.

## **Golf Cart Parade Rules**

1. The parade will take place on Main Street in the area between Founders and Wells Fargo. This Parade will be featured after the first round of Bed Races, before the semifinals. Parade route will be an up and back totaling approximately 100 yards in distance.
2. The golf cart must be insured, permitted, and registered with SCDMV using the following link, <http://scdmvonline.com/Vehicle-Owners/Types-Of-Vehicles/Golf-Cart> This information should be presented to Bed Race officials upon check-in.
3. Teams are responsible for the safe transportation of their cart to and from the Bed Race venue. The golf cart may be operated during daylight hours only.
4. The number of riders on each golf cart must not exceed the number of seats. Teams may have walkers alongside the cart.
5. Golf Cart Driver must be at least 16 years old with a valid driver's license presented to Bed Race officials upon check-in.
6. The golf cart may only be operated on roads with posted speeds of 35 mph or less.
7. This year's theme is "Lights, Camera, Action" and requires that each entry is decorated and themed around a movie. Family-friendly entries only. Each Golf Cart team should have theme music to be played during their time in front of the judges during the Golf Cart Parade. Clips should be no longer than 30 seconds and should be emailed (resource@uwaylcsc.org) or provided on a flash drive to UWLC office (109 S Wylie Street, across from the pool in Lancaster) no later than the conclusion of the Bed Race driver's meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Please send the

30-second clip (not the whole song with the clip designated in instructions) and ensure that clip is labeled with your team's name and theme description.

19. Bed Race officials and the Team of Judges reserve the right to make a decision as to the safety of participants and attendees based on the weather predicted for Race Day. If it is determined that it will be unsafe to hold the Bed Race and Golf Cart Parade, a rain date has been determined as November 4, 2023. All locations and times currently associated with the October 21 date will stand.
20. A team of Bed Race Judges will assess creativity in costume and design during the Golf Cart Parade and determine winners in that category. They will have final say on disputes or disqualifications during the parade. Awards will be presented after all races are complete.

## **Awards and Recognitions by Division:**

### **Costume and Design: Beds**

1<sup>st</sup> place certificate and "floating" trophy (bring it back next year to fight for it!)

2<sup>nd</sup> place certificate

Costume and Design Judging – Theme 25%, Bed Decoration and Color 25%, engineering (originality, design and innovation) 25%, Uniforms/Costumes of team members and pit crew 25%. Race judges will judge for costume and design during the Parade of Beds. Music, dance and showing off are encouraged, and Pit Crews are invited to be a part of the Parade team. The decisions of the race judges & officials are final.

### **Costume and Design: Golf Carts**

1<sup>st</sup> place certificate and prize

2<sup>nd</sup> place certificate and prize

Costume and Design Judging – Theme 25%, Bed Decoration and Color 25%, engineering (originality, design and innovation) 25%, Uniforms/Costumes of team members and pit crew 25%. Race judges will judge for costume and design during the Golf Cart Parade held as an intermission for the Bed Races. Decorations, music, dance and showing off are encouraged. The decisions of the race judges & officials are final.

### **Fun Prix**

#### **Fastest Bed**

1<sup>st</sup> place certificate and "floating" trophy (bring it back next year to fight for it!)

2<sup>nd</sup> place certificate

### **Competitive**

1<sup>st</sup> place certificate and "floating" trophy (bring it back next year to fight for it!)

2<sup>nd</sup> place certificate

### **People's Choice Award: Bed Race**

Determined by race fans and team supporters through donations. \$1 equals one vote, and "votes" can be accepted in two ways. All proceeds benefit the United Way of Lancaster County so your friends can support you and a great organization that addresses the most pressing needs in Lancaster County in the areas of Education, Health, and Financial Stability.

- 1) Cash donations accepted from friends and family in the days leading up to the event from the moment registration is complete. Teams should collect all cash and checks (made out to UWLCSC) and bring to the registration table during the registration window (1:30-2:30) on the day of the event.

- 2) Electronic donations using your team's registration and fundraising site made available during registration. This option is available beginning with your completed registration and account set-up until 2:00 on Race Day, October 21.
- 3) Cash donations may be accepted on Race Day or by your team members from 1:30 until 3:30. At 3:30 all cash donations must be submitted to Race Officials to be considered in the final total for inclusion in the People's Choice Award.

### **People's Choice Award: Golf Cart Parade**

Determined by fans and team supporters through donations. \$1 equals one vote, and "votes" can be cast as soon as a Golf Team is registered. Votes are accepted in two ways. All proceeds benefit the United Way of Lancaster County so your friends can support you and a great organization that addresses the most pressing needs in Lancaster County in the areas of Education, Health, and Financial Stability.

- 1) Cash donations accepted from friends and family in the days leading up to the event from the moment registration is complete. Teams should collect all cash and checks (made out to UWLCSC) and bring to the registration table during the registration window (1:30-2:30) on the day of the event.
- 2) Electronic donations using your team's registration and fundraising site made available during registration. This option is available beginning with your completed registration and account set-up until 2:00 on Race Day, October 21.
- 3) Cash donations may be accepted on Race Day by your team members from 1:30 until 3:30. At 3:30 all cash donations must be submitted to Race Officials to be considered in the final total for inclusion in the People's Choice Award.

**Thank you for being a part of this great tradition!**  
**Please reach out to staff at**  
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