



Stone Festival

Proudly presents our

1st Annual Fancy Dress Santa Bed Race

Sunday 8th December 2019 @ 11.30am

*Activities from 10.30am and Bed Race starts at 11.30am
Many local Eateries open too*

“Pre Christmas Family fun for everyone”

Location – Market Square & High Street Stone, Staffordshire



Following on from our highly successful Soapbox Derby Races since 2016 as part of the Stone Festival, we are delighted to announce that we will be running our first ever fancy dress Santa Bed Race in support of the local charities around Stone, in this our 50th year of Festival and Carnival fun.

Unlike our annual Soapbox Race, the Santa Bed Race is designed to be slightly less competitive, (although I am sure those of you racing will be giving it full beans around the course) and is aimed at everyone, no matter how old you are, having huge fun in pushing your bed steads and sleeping team member around Stone and all in Christmas themed fancy dress.

*Each team will have a **minimum** number of 3 people and a **maximum** number of 6.*

Your bed **must have 4 wheels** and a mattress on its body (plus a duvet and pillows if want lots of creature comforts!)

Competitors will be sent off at one minute intervals so as to avoid bunching, starting and finishing in the Market Square just off Stone High Street and each team will proceed down the High Street to start their lap of the Town Centre and complete 2 (two) laps of the "Round the Town" circuit however there is a nice little twist.....

At the end of lap one, each team will stop opposite the Market Square **in the marked Pit Lane** and swap over their "Sleeper". As soon as the second "Sleeper" is safely on the bed with helmet on, then off they go again for their last lap.

At the end of the second lap, you will go through the chequered flag just outside The Lounge and then reassemble in the Market Square and enjoy a cup of warm tea or Hot Chocolate to compare stories and mishaps along the way!

There are several categories you can enter for, and these are based on 3 or more people per team, including:

- Mixed adult category (Adult Men and Women)
- All Male adult category (over 17)
- All Female category (over 17)
- Junior category (All team members must be 16 or under)
- Mixed age category (can include adults and children)
- Family category (Where all team members are from the same family and please have as many of your children as you fancy)
- Over 150+ category (where you must have 3 team members whose combined age is in excess of 150 years)

Certificates for every competitor and a Festival Festive take away gift.

Medals for the "Best Presented / Dressed Team & their Bed"

Attached to this is the official entry form that will require to be completed and sent back to me please with your entry fee. We will issue the start sheet with one week before the event and this will be sent to your nominated email address. We hope you will all support us in this event and help us not only raise money for our local charities over the Christmas period, but also have a truly fantastic time for both you the competitors and the public audience alike.

Yours sincerely

Grahame

Grahame Neagus

Organiser on behalf of Stone Festival Committee

Contact me on : 07866 002111 or 01785 509381 or grahame.neagus@renault-trucks.com



Come and join us in the fun in 2019 !!!!!

INDEMNITY WAIVER & RELEASE AGREEMENT FOR STONE FESTIVAL

SANTA BED RACE held on December 8th 2019

Please read the following and sign:

I, _____ [print full name] (hereafter 'I', 'me' or 'the participant'), of my own free will, do hereby warrant, acknowledge and agree to the following:

- *I confirm I am familiar with the nature of the activity, which I wish to undertake. I acknowledge and voluntarily accept those risks that are inherent with the activity.*
- *In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of my being permitted to take part in this event, I, for myself and my heirs and executors, agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the organisers and their respective officials, servants, representatives and agents together with other competitors and their respective servants, representatives and agents, from and against all actions, claims, costs, expenses and demands in respect of death of or injury to or damage to the property of myself, mechanics or associated personnel, arising out of or in connection with this entry or my taking part in this event.*
- *I agree that I have made myself aware of, understand, and will abide by the rules and conditions laid down by the organisers, and I will follow instructions issued by them. I accept that the organisers reserve the right to refuse entry from or disqualify persons considered to have insufficient experience or who fail to follow the rules and conditions.*
- *I understand that the entry fee will be non-refundable and non-transferable, unless agreed in writing by the organisers. I understand that circumstances beyond the control of the organisers may cause the event to be cancelled, modified, postponed or relocated.*
- *I am not aware of any present or past mental, medical and/or physical condition, which might endanger me or others whilst participating in Gravity Sports and ancillary activities.*
- *The organisers may take photos or footage of me during this event and may use such photos or footage (including my likeness and image) for future promotional, marketing and publicity purposes in any media worldwide without notice or payment.*
- *I confirm that all information given is true and correct, understand the risks involved in this event and I have carefully read, understand and voluntarily accept the terms of this waiver and release agreement.*

Signed:

Date:

OUR BED NAME IS

**TEAM ENTRY FORM FOR STONE FESTIVAL SANTA BED RACE to be held
on Sunday 8th December 2019, starting at 11.30am**

OUR BED NAME IS

RACE CATEGORY ENTERED FOR IS (Please circle)

- *Mixed adult category (Adult Men and Women)*
- *All Male adult category (over 17)*
- *All Female category (over 17)*
- *Junior category (All team members must be 16 or under)*
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- *Family category (Where all team members are from the same family and please have as many of your children as you fancy)*
- *Over 150+ category (where you must have 3 team members whose combined age is in excess of 150 years)*

OUR SANTA BED TEAM MEMBERS ARE

1 -Age on 08/12/19 Contact number.....

2 -Age on 08/12/19 Contact number.....

3 -Age on 08/12/19 Contact number

4 -Age on 08/12/19 Contact number

5 -Age on 08/12/19 Contact number

6 -Age on 08/12/19 Contact number

ENTRY FEE IS JUST £10.00 per team

Please send a cheque made payable to "Stone Festival" **with your entry form** to:

Mr Grahame Neagus, 95 Navigation Loop, Stone, Staffordshire ST15 8YU.

We shall accept a scanned entry form (as long as completed and signed) via email as long as your money has also been received. Thank you.

Competitors Information Pack

*The following Information Pack is in relation to the Santa Bed Race event to be held on **Sunday 8th December 2019**, its rules and regulations and the other important information that needs to be considered and actioned when the said event is to take place.*

*Firstly, we're here for fun, but the Beds **MUST** be strong, safe, and stable and a means by which your "Sleeper" can hold on whilst being pushed. At no times should your bed not be guided nor held / pushed, by your fellow team members as it is you doing the pushing who are in control of your Bed and its Sleeper.. These rules enable us to run the event effectively for the maximum benefit of all – please ensure you read them carefully and comply with the details. Thank You!*

For the race the main Stone High Street will be closed to traffic, as well as other areas of the route however please remember that some parts of the route are on areas used by pedestrians so please be careful and respectful to other members of the public.

Sign on area is in Market Square in the yellow Festival Gazebo, next to the Stone Radio trailer.

Start is co-ordinated from the Market Square just in front of the the Library and proceeds down the High Street, along Stafford Street and back up Crown Street to then come back into the top of the High Street where at the end of Lap one, you will be guided into the Pit Lane to change "Sleeper" before getting going again for Lap Two. The finish is outside of The Lounge in the High Street just next to the Market Square.

*These Rules and Regulations apply to **all entries**.*

They have been designed for your safety and the safety of others around you, based on best practice and common sense.

Construction and Use of each Bed

Maximum length is typical Adult bed!

Maximum width is dependant if you have a cot, a single bed or a Queen size double!

Maximum weight of each bedsuggest its as light as possible!

Wheels

Your bed must have 4(four) load bearing castors or wheels.

Your sleeper must be seated or laying down and be forward facing with a good view of where He / She is going and have something to hold on to.

Bed design

All Beds must be constructed with pedestrian friendly sympathies. Sharp edges that could cause injury, whether they be metal, timber, perspex or other hard materials will not be permitted on grounds of safety.

Brightly coloured beds, sponsorship and advertising **are encouraged**. We also appreciate it if the team Bed is fully clothed in a duvet and pillows etc to make it look very much "Bed Like". Those who entered in previous years Soapbox races were and are utterly fantastic in dressing up your steeds and teams so please build upon those once more.

Gravity propulsion only – i.e. no motors, no pedals and no stored potential energy

Steering

Your bed may have steering wheels but we anticipate steering to be down to your pushing team!!

Notes

It must **not** be possible for any part of the driver's body to become trapped in moving parts of the vehicle (i.e. wheels, steering assembly etc).

Beds must have no loose parts or sharp edges.

Beds must be designed to carry a minimum of one person, in a feet first direction.

You must finish with the same number of pillows / duvets as you started with 😊

No glass or other materials that would shatter and cause injuries to drivers and spectators in the event of a crash can be used in the construction of the vehicle.

All members of the team will be required to sign a disclaimer as part of the entry form and these will be checked to ensure all team members present on the race day have signed. Forms for team members who are younger than 18 years old on the day **MUST** be countersigned by their parent or guardian.

There will be a thorough inspection of all Beds before the event, and any that do not pass will not be allowed to take part. (This inspection does not constitute a warranty of safety, and all teams are solely responsible for the safe construction and operation of their vehicle).

Team Clothing & dress code

Your "Sleepers" are encouraged to wear some protective clothing as this is strongly advised and they must wear a suitable and sturdy Crash helmet of a type approved for use on road such as a cycling helmet and we suggest, in case they fall out of bed, appropriate gloves. Clothing must be capable of withstanding a spill on tarmac or concrete. No bare limbs will be allowed. The use of elbow and knee pads is encouraged by the sleeper.

ALL Team members are encouraged to wear Christmas themed FANCY DRESS to add some festive spirit to the whole event, so reindeers, Turkeys, Mince Pies, Christmas Puddings, Snowmen or even Santas are all welcome. 😊

All teams are encouraged to walk the course before the event.

Any contravention of the Rules and Regulations may lead to disqualification or penalties.

The Organisers reserve the right to refuse entry by any team and/ or individual team member if, in our view, their attitude, actions and / or demeanor may adversely affect the event and pleasure of other competitors and spectators or bring the event into disrepute. In addition to this, no team member, who is deemed to be either under the influence of alcohol and or drugs shall be allowed to participate, The Stone Festival organising Committees' decision will be final. The team entry fee will not in any of the above circumstances, be refunded.

Results and awards shall be held from the Stone Radio Stage in Market Square directly after the last bed has finished.