



2026



International Soap Box Derby Welcome Party

**When: Monday, July 13, from
3:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

**Where: Jellystone Park™
Akron-Canton, 12712 Hoover Ave.
NW, Uniontown, OH 44685**

A Note from the General Manager

Greetings International Soap Box Derby Competitors and Families!

On behalf of Jellystone Park™ Akron-Canton, I want to congratulate all of the competitors who have made it to Akron for the 2026 World Championships! We are thrilled to be hosting your 2026 Welcome Party and look forward to welcoming you to our park for a fun-filled day with family, friends, and fellow competitors.

Whether you're cooling off in the largest outdoor pool in Stark County, enjoying unlimited games on our 18-hole miniature golf course, or exploring our family fun zone, we have something for guests of all ages to enjoy! Everywhere you look, there is something fun to do, and we are confident this will be an amazing kick-off to the exciting week ahead.

This informational packet outlines parking details, check-in / registration information, tickets, meal and activity vouchers, and other important details to help you make the most of your visit. Again, congratulations and welcome! I look forward to helping make the 2026 Welcome Party a day to remember!

Best,

Nick Cofrancesco | General Manager, Jellystone Park™ Akron-Canton

Parking

General Parking: Guests may park in our primary parking lot. This lot has limited capacity, so we have prepared additional overflow parking areas behind and next to the main lot. Park staff wearing yellow safety vests will be stationed in the parking area to help direct guests where to park. Due to the high volume of vehicles expected that day, we kindly ask all guests to follow the direction of our parking staff. This will help ensure everyone has a place to park and that vehicles can safely enter and exit as needed.

Handicap Parking: Guests with a valid accessible parking placard displayed in their vehicle will be directed to designated Handicap parking spaces only upon request.



Check-In / Registration

Check-In / Registration for this event will be handled at a designated station outside of one of our Lodging Units (The Lodge). The lodge is a house located to the left of our primary lot. This house will be marked with signage, staffed by both the International Soap Box Derby organization and Jellystone Park™ Akron Canton Team.

Event Tickets: All guests must visit this check-in/registration station prior to entering the park facilities on the other side of Hoover Ave. All champs receive a complimentary event ticket, and friends and family must purchase a separate ticket. These tickets are \$26/each and can be purchased online or day of at this location. If you have purchased your tickets online, simply provide your name and a digital receipt, and you'll be given wristbands for your group. If you are purchasing tickets day of, we accept cash and all major cards.

Meal Voucher: In addition to the free admission, all champs will receive a pre-paid meal voucher. Guests with meal vouchers will receive a second wristband of a different color. This wristband will be cut off when redeemed.

Meal Vouchers include:

- One Hot dog OR Slice of Pizza (Cheese or Pepperoni)
- One Bag of Lays Chips (Variety Available)
- One 24oz Soft Drink or Bottle of Water
- One Cookie (Variety Available)

All Meal Voucher Items Must Be Redeemed All At Once



Paid Activity Voucher: To speed up check-out lines and payment throughout the park, guests may purchase Paid Activity Vouchers at check-in/registration. Along with a variety of complimentary activities, games, and rides, we will be offering a few of our most popular paid crafts & activities. We've simplified this into one \$10 Paid Activity Voucher. This will be a separate colored wristband that will be cut off when redeemed.

Paid Activity Vouchers include one of the following:

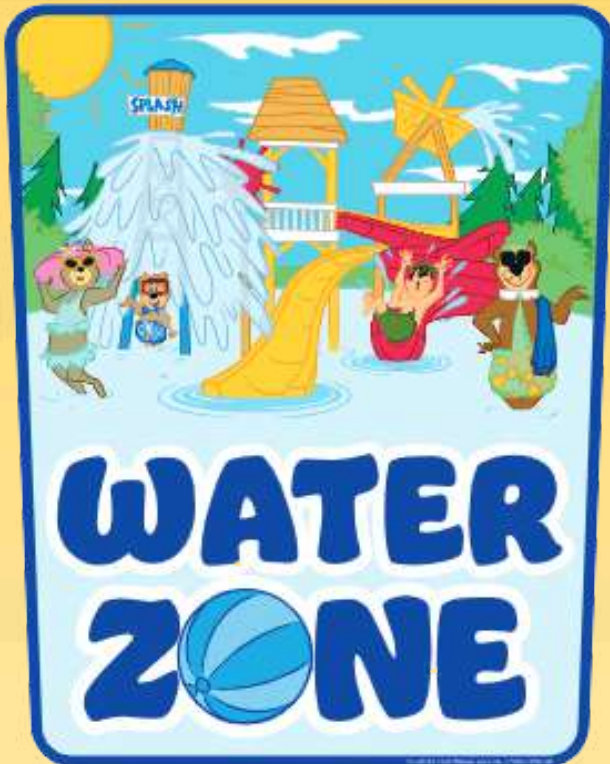
- One Lucky Strike Gem Mining Bag
- One "Colortime" Bag or T-Shirt
- One Ceramic Painting
- Two Sand Art Crafts

Waivers: All guests must sign a quick waiver form at check-in/registration. Only one waiver is required per group/family, with the name of each guest on it.



The Welcome Party Check-In / Registration Station opens at 2:30pm

Park Amenities Included with Your Ticket



Water Zone Information:

- Guests must enter through the admissions gate. (Wristband Required)
- All coolers and oversized bags are subject to inspection for alcohol and glass containers. Coolers must be small enough to fit under a pool chair.
- Children 12 and under must wear a life jacket when entering the deep end past the dock. Complimentary life jackets are available in youth and adult sizes.
- A 15-minute safety break will take place at 5:00 PM.
- The park is not responsible for lost or stolen personal items. Quarter-operated storage lockers are available.
- Additional seating and picnic space is available behind the pool area, across the bridge.
- The pool is guarded; however, parents are asked to keep children 12 and under in sight at all times.
- Out of courtesy for other guests, reserving seating with unattended personal items for extended periods is not allowed

Mini-Golf Information:

- Guests may receive golf clubs, golf balls, and score cards at the admissions gate. (Wristband Required)
- The course begins at hole one directly across from the admissions gate.
- The 18th hole will take your ball. Clubs may be returned in a designated bin.
- Each game is limited to 6 total people. Larger groups must split into smaller groups.



Park Amenities Included with Your Ticket



Recreation Pavilion / Family Fun Zone Information:

- Guests may access this area by crossing the bridge behind the pool or the bridge next to the Park Office/General Store.
- A paid craft station will be open throughout the event. Paid Activity Vouchers are required for paid crafts. Gem mining will be handled separately at the Park Office.
- Paid Activity Vouchers may be purchased at the check-in/registration station or at the Park Office.
- Free barrel train rides will run at designated times. Pick-up and drop-off will be at the covered bridge at the far end of the creek.
- The park does not provide balls for basketball, gaga ball, or other games. Guests are encouraged to bring their own or purchase one from the General Store.
- The Jump Pad will remain inflated and available for use throughout the event, weather permitting. It may be deflated for safety during inclement weather. Shoes are not permitted on the Jump Pad and may be placed in the designated cubbies.
- The RC Track does not have RC cars available. Guests are encouraged to bring their own.
- The indoor sandbox will be open throughout the event, and a movie will be playing in that area for the full duration of the event.
- Event guests are welcome and encouraged to spread out across available picnic tables, benches, chairs, and seating areas throughout the Family Fun Zone.
- Character meet-and-greet and photo opportunities will take place during two designated times.
- Guests will receive a printed activity schedule at check-in.

And More!

Additional Amenities \$

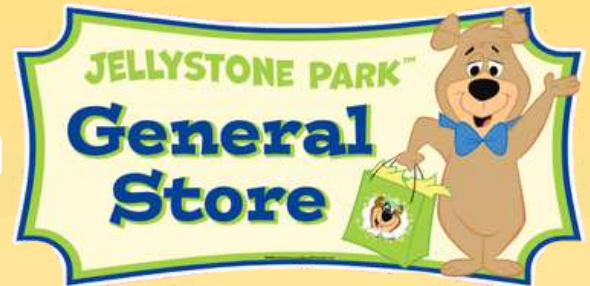


Gem Mining Information:

- Guests may choose from four different sizes and purchase a bag of mining rough to sift through at our mining sluice. Discover amazing gemstones and fossils from around the world!
- Guests can choose a Crack Open Geode from around the world and watch it crack open before their eyes in our pirate wheel geode cracker.
- Supplies for purchase in the General Store

General Store Information:

- Explore a huge variety of souvenirs including t-shirts, hoodies, hats, mugs, toys, plush, and more!
- Enjoy a selection of conveniences such as sunscreen, bug spray, snacks, and drinks
- Additional pool related items including floaties and goggles are for sale at the admissions gate
- We accept cash and card



Pic-A-Nic Basket Information:

- The Pic-A-Nic Basket is our onsite concessions stand. You can go here to redeem a meal voucher or purchase food, drink, and sweet treats a la carte.
- To accommodate the large volume of guests, we are adding the following menu restrictions for the duration of the event:
 - No milkshakes will be sold
 - Ice cream may not have more than one flavor per cup or cone
 - The only pizza slice toppings available will be cheese and pepperoni
 - Whole pizzas and wings are made-to-order, and may involve wait times exceeding 30-45 minutes. We may temporarily limit the menu when a large line forms



BREAKFAST PIZZA		PIC-A-NIC Menu		DRINKS	
\$12.99		FRESH HOT FOOD - ICE COLD DRINKS - SWEET TREATS		Fountain Soda 24oz..... \$3.00	
Butter Sauce Cheese Blend Sausage Bacon Scrambled Egg		12 INCH PIZZA		Fountain Soda 32oz..... \$3.50	
Morning Thirst?		BY HUNT BROS. PIZZA \$12.99		Homemade Rootbeer.... \$3.75	
Hot or Iced Coffee..... \$3.00		Original or Thin Crust		Bottled Water..... \$2.25	
Apple or Orange Juice... \$2.00		Toppings		60oz Pitcher..... \$6.50	
SNACKS & EXTRAS		Onion Banana Pepper Olives Mushrooms Jalapenos		SWEET TREATS	
Lays Chips..... \$2.50		Pepperoni Sausage Beef Bacon Green Pepper		Ice Cream	
Dill Pickle On a Stick..... \$2.50		WINGS		- 1 Scoop..... \$5.00	
PB & J..... \$3.00		Bone-In Wings..... 6ct. \$6, 12ct. \$10		- 2 Scoop..... \$6.00	
		Boneless Wings..... Small \$5, Large \$9		- 3 Scoop..... \$7.00	
				add waffle cone +\$1.00	
				Snow Cone..... \$4.00	
				Milkshake..... \$9.00	
				Slushie..... \$4.50	
				Rootbeer Float.. \$6.00	

Other Facilities & Accommodations

Restroom Facilities are available in the following locations:

1. The Check-In / Registration Station (One Unisex Restroom)
2. Behind the main building off of pool deck (Men's & Women's Restrooms and Showers)
3. Outside the Pic-A-Nic Basket towards the back of the patio (One Unisex Restroom)
4. Inside of the Park Office / General Store (One Unisex Restroom)
5. Next to the covered bridge (Two Unisex Restrooms)
6. Behind the Recreation Pavilion (One Porta Pot and Handwashing Sink)



Hydration Stations are located in the following locations:

1. Behind the main building off of pool deck (Water Fountain)
2. Along fence between overflow pool seating/picnic space and the Recreation Pavilion (Filtered Water Bottle Filling Station)
3. Next to Park Office/General Store (Filtered Water Bottle Filling Station)

First Aid Stations are in the following locations:

1. Recreation Pavilion
2. Swimming Pool Lifeguard Station

Trash Receptacles are placed throughout the property. Please help us keep our park clean and beautiful by properly disposing of your trash.



What to Bring

Wondering what you should bring? Here's a list of items we encourage all event guests to consider:

- If you pre purchased tickets - be ready to provide a digital receipt at check-in.
- Food and Drink

(Event guests are welcome to bring their own food and drink. Alcohol and Glass containers are prohibited. Coolers are checked at the admissions gate, and must be kept in your vehicle if oversized)

- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- A refillable water bottle
- Beach towels
- Swim suits / change of clothes
- Folding chairs

(only permitted in the grass overflow seating behind the pool)

- Picnic blankets
- Your favorite yard games / board games



Frequently Asked Questions

What if I need to leave the event and come back?

- Guests may come and go as they please, but must be wearing their event wristband to re-enter the park.

What if my wristband breaks or falls off?

- Broken wristbands may be replaced at no cost in the Park Office as long as the broken wristband is returned. Wristband replacements without returning the original band may be subject to a replacement fee equal to the value of the wristband.

If I wait until the day of the event, will tickets sell out?

- The park has prepared for the high end of projected attendance and does not anticipate cutting off ticket sales.

When is the earliest I can arrive?

- Parking staff will be ready to begin parking vehicles at 2:00 PM. The check-in/registration station will open at 2:30 PM. Once guests have checked in and received their wristbands, they are welcome to begin enjoying the park.

When do I have to leave?

- The event officially ends at 7:00 PM when the pool closes. However, event guests are invited to stay and continue enjoying the other available amenities until 8:30 PM

Where can I store my personal items?

- The park is not responsible for lost or misplaced personal items during this event. Quarter-operated rental lockers are available in the pool area. Guests may use these lockers, keep items in their vehicle, or store items at pool seating or picnic areas at their own risk.

Can the Pic-A-Nic Basket concessions stand accommodate dietary restrictions and allergies?

- Food and Beverage staff will make every effort to accommodate dietary restrictions and allergies. However, we cannot guarantee that items served will be free from cross-contamination, as multiple menu items share the same preparation spaces.

Is there an ATM, and can I pay with large bills?

- There is not an ATM on-site. Guests may pay with cash or card. Due to the volume of guests and limited cash on hand, we cannot accept bills larger than \$20.