



T.J. MARTELL FOUNDATION YOUNG PROFESSIONALS COUNCIL HOSTS INAUGURAL
“DOWNTOWN DERBY BED RACE” IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE ON MAY 7, 2016

Registration is now open.

NASHVILLE, TN – (March 22, 2016) – The inaugural Downtown Derby Bed Race will be held in Nashville, TN on Saturday, May 7, 2016. Team check-in will begin at 8 a.m. with festivities to begin at 9 a.m. and conclude with an awards ceremony at noon. The fundraiser will take place downtown on 5th Avenue South to raise money and awareness for the T.J. Martell Foundation, which funds research for leukemia, cancer and AIDS. To participate, click [here](#).

The bed race, hosted by the T.J. Martell Foundation’s Young Professionals Council, will run from the Omni Hotel to Bridgestone Plaza on Saturday morning. Beds will race in heats over fifteen minute intervals. The top three fastest teams will compete for first place and the Downtown Derby Bed Race trophy. The awards presentation will take place at Bridgestone Plaza immediately following the race.

Each bed will be raced by a team consisting of five total members: four runners and one rider. Each team is required to build its own bed. A “bed building workshop” with an experienced “pit crew” offering assistance, is planned for April 9th. Themes, bed decorations and team member costumes are encouraged. Awards will also be presented for “best decorated,” “technically ingenious” and “best in spirit.” Teams can also earn a “Head Start” of one bed length for each \$1,000 they raise.

“We are very proud of the initiative shown by the T.J. Martell Foundation Young Professionals Council in creating this new and unique racing event for the Nashville community” expressed T.J. Martell Foundation-Southern Region Board President, John Huie. “The inaugural bed race will be a fun way to raise money and bring awareness to the T.J. Martell Foundation and its mission while engaging a variety of businesses and other young professionals in the area. What better way to spend a Saturday morning than outside, in beautiful downtown Nashville racing for a great cause. ... and, for a few lucky ones, still staying in bed late!”

“Soundcheck Nashville is extremely excited to be participating in the inaugural Downtown Derby Bed Race,” noted Young Professionals Council member and Soundcheck Nashville employee, Amanda Hawksley. “As a long time supporter of the T.J. Martell Foundation, and the amazing work that this organization does, we are excited to support their mission in a fun and exciting new way. The team has already begun working on our bed design and we are in it to win it!”

Downtown Derby Bed Race registration is now open. To participate, each team must complete the registration form found [here](#) and submit the \$500 entry fee. For a full list of awards, racing instructions, bed design rules, Bed Building Workshop information and more, visit our [website](#).

About the T.J. Martell Foundation

The T.J. Martell Foundation is a national organization founded by the music industry, whose mission is to fund innovative leukemia, cancer and AIDS research at flagship hospitals in the United States (including the Frances Preston Laboratories at the Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer center here in Nashville). To learn more about the T.J. Martell Foundation, please visit www.tjmartell.org.

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