



Mesa girl wins soapbox event, headed for nationals

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A Mesa girl will represent Arizona in one of Soapbox racing's premiere event.

After taking first place in the Superior Soapbox Derby Super Stock Championship in Superior over the weekend, Lauren Burgheimer of Mesa earned herself a trip to Akron, Ohio, for the 70th annual All-American Soapbox Derby World Championships on July 21.

Burgheimer topped the field of eight racers, which included Chris Garner (sixth) and Paul Risinger Jr. (eighth), both of Apache Junction.

Burgheimer's brother qualified for the national event several years ago.

The first place finishers of the local competition earn the trips to Akron to take on the over 500 of the nation's top soapbox racers coming from 43 different states.

The event, which has been running since 1934, is run by International Soap Box Derby INC., a nonprofit organization based in Akron.

