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Standing on her Soapbox victory

Triumph in Superior gives Mesa girl shot at national race title

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



Lauren Burgheimer

After taking first place in the Superior Soapbox Derby Super Stock Championship in Superior on Saturday, Lauren Burgheimer of Mesa earned 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 ARIZONA REPUBLIC

Lauren Burgheimer of Mesa moves ahead in the Superior Soapbox Derby Super Stock Championship last Saturday and will compete in July for a national title.

the national event several years ago.

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

The event, which has been running since 1934, is run by International Soap

Box Derby Inc., a non-profit organization based in Akron.

Watch it online

See a video of Lauren Burgheimer and other soapbox racers in action at mesa.azcentral.com.

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