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Press Release - For Immediate Release:**River City Soap Box Derby and LGS^X Race Clinics Mix Fun with Education**

Organization combines STEAM-based learning with exciting activities for local youth

COLUMBUS, Ga., March 20, 2019, – After a highly successful season, **Let's Grow STEAM^X (LGS^X)** is excited to announce its 3rd Annual **River City Soap Box Derby** is set for Saturday, June 8, 2019. Race will start at 8:00am with award ceremony at 4:00pm. With just less than 100 days away, the much anticipated **LGS^X Racer Clinics** will kick off April 13th at local YMCA facilities. **LGS^X** will provide boys and girls ages 7-17 with all the materials, tools and volunteer assistance to build and engineer derby cars. The clinics also serve to engage participants in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) topics, engineering reasoning and allow them to apply concepts learned in school in new ways. Participating in Soap Box Derby provides participants the opportunity to sharpen their STEAM identity, mechanical knack and gain an appreciation of physics and mathematics. **Registration** for clinics is **FREE and REQUIRED** at www.letsgrowsteam.org

The **LGS^X Racer Clinics** will also highlight collaborative hands-on STEAM activities sponsored by partnering organizations. Some of the partnering organizations for 2019 are the YMCA of Columbus and The Columbus Museum. Students are taken through a series of stations that give introductions into engineering, art, math and physics. Clinic activities include but are not limited to an overview of history, rules, regulations and safety procedures of the re-energized sport, GrowSTEAMFun Stations, force and motion activities and the engineering of the Soapbox Derby race cars. Those same cars will be used in the **River City Soap Box Derby**.

The River City Soap Box Derby on June 8 will be an event for the entire family! Attendees can expect relay games hosted by the YMCA, wet and dry inflatables, face painting, hands on activities, food trucks, and of course re-energized soap box derby racing. Participants will race the exact cars they have assembled in the clinics. The race is licensed by the All American International Soap Box Derby Association.

The LET'S GROW STEAM^X initiative is dedicated to providing a free, competitive and collaborative educational platform that focuses on helping students strengthen their STEAM identity and utilizes their most abundant resource--their IMAGINATION, to develop a love for life-long learning.

LGS^X Racer Clinics will take place in several locations throughout the city. Not specific to any certain area, LGS^X is reaching out to the entire community and surrounding areas, providing free access to any student ages 7-17 who wishes to participate.

LET'S GROW STEAM^X is a community based initiative which is made possible through grants and sponsorship from community businesses and organizations.

If your company or organization is interested in purchasing a derby car or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Robbie Branscomb at 800.332.7147

For more information about the LGS^X Racer Clinics, River City Soap Box Derby, volunteer/vending opportunities or upcoming Let's Grow STEAM^X activities and/or events, please contact Robbie Branscomb, Let's Grow (STEAM)^X, President/CEO at info@letsgrowsteam.org. You may also visit our website at www.letsgrowsteam.org and like our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/LETSGROWSTEAM.

LGS^X RACER CLINIC DATES & LOCATIONS

- April 13th & 27th @ D.A. Turner YMCA (2pm-4pm)
- May 4th & 18th @ John P. Thayer YMCA (2pm-4pm)

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