

Cottonwood Valley Charter School Soapbox Derby Program

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Details

Ages: Children and Youth

Races: All Genders: All

Intake Process: Walk-In Payment Options: Free Waiting List: Limited Slots

Minimum Age: 11 Maximum Age: 14

Contact: Cottonwood Valley Charter School Soapbox Derby Program

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Capacity: 20 students

Services

Schools (K-12)

Locations

Cottonwood Valley Charter School

201 Neel St. Socorro, NM 87801 Mailing: PO Box 1829 Socorro, NM 87801 **Phone:** (575) 838-2026 **Fax:** (575) 838-2420

Geographic Area Served: Socorro County

Parent Organization

Cottonwood Valley Charter School

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