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Talented group of juniors to represent The Strip at LVMS at NHRA Jr. Drag Racing Western Conference Finals this weekend

LAS VEGAS – A group of 33 talented drivers will make the trip to Rocky Mountain Raceways in West Valley City, Utah, to represent The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway at this weekend's NHRA Jr. Drag Racing Western Conference Finals.

The three-day event begins Thursday and runs through Saturday and will award "Wallys" in eight age brackets, as well as to the overall team and Jr. Comp exhibition winners. The Strip is sending a total of four teams from Las Vegas' "Team Neon Nitro" to the prestigious competition.

Four of those drivers are past Western Conference Finals champions, including 13-year-old Cadie Del Toro of Las Vegas, who won the 12-year-old class title a year ago. Las Vegas' Tabitha Boardman, 11, won the 8-9 age group in 2013 and will compete for The Strip's Team 2 squad.

Cody Webber of Kingman, Ariz., who won the 14-year-old bracket championship in 2012, will be joined by Las Vegas' Keoki Desa – the Western Conference 8-9 age group champion in 2010 – on The Strip's Team 2. Webber is competing in the 16-17 bracket, while Desa will line up in the 13-year-old division.

The three-day competition will feature time trials and Lucas Oil age-group racing on Thursday, followed by time trials and a Top of the Mountain race on Friday before eliminations begin on Saturday morning. To compete in the Western Conference Finals, a racer must qualify for a team from one of the NHRA's member tracks in Divisions 4, 5, 6 or 7.

Junior dragsters compete at The Strip at LVMS on a regular basis, and the next event will be races No. 9 and No. 10 Sept. 12-13. The junior dragster series concludes Sept. 19-20 with the NHRA Division 7 Jr. Dragster Finals, where divisional season championships will be decided.

For more information or to order tickets, log on to LVMS.com or call 800-644-4444.

The Strip at LVMS' NHRA Jr. Drag Racing Western Conference Finals teams

Team 1

Name	Hometown	Age bracket
Doniphan Schmidt	Golden Valley, Ariz.	6-9
Jake Taylor	Las Vegas	6-9
Preston Howard	Las Vegas	6-9
Taylor Lee Taylor	Las Vegas	12
Trinity Howard	Las Vegas	13
Cadie Del Toro	Las Vegas	13
Peyton Januik	Las Vegas	14
Elizabeth Strones	Flagstaff, Ariz.	14
Brianna Weins	Las Vegas	15
Gabrielle Schmidt	Golden Valley, Ariz.	16-17

Team 2

Name	Hometown	Age bracket
Jessica Boardman	Las Vegas	6-9
Carleigh Garceau	Las Vegas	6-9
Aaron Covington	Las Vegas	10
Tabitha Boardman	Las Vegas	11
Reilly Garceau	Las Vegas	11
Cody Garceau	Las Vegas	13
Keoki Desa	Las Vegas	13
Hannah Ellison	Las Vegas	13
Trey Vetter	Las Vegas	16-17
Cody Webber	Kingman, Ariz.	16-17

Team 3

Name	Hometown	Age bracket
Mason Phlegar	Las Vegas	6-9
Kayslee Price	Las Vegas	6-9

Kialyn Armstrong	Mesa, Ariz.	6-9
Ryan Linde	Bullhead City, Ariz.	10
Brittney Sturdevant	Draper, Utah	11
Josh Gagnon	Las Vegas	14
Jena Bryant	Apple Valley, Calif.	14
Jamie Sturdevant	Draper, Utah	14
Casey Armstrong	Mesa, Ariz.	16-17
Clay Armstrong	Mesa, Ariz.	16-17

Team 4

Name	Hometown	Age bracket
Nick Ariotti	Boulder City, Nev.	6-9
Hunter Eberwein	Waddell, Ariz.	12
Cason Segundo	Boulder City, Nev.	14

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