

Kindergarten moto crosser going national

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Tallan Smith is your normal run of the mill happy kid. The 6-year-old Redwood School kindergartner is quite exceptional. Tallan is a motocross motorcyclist and he's going national.

Tallan has been motocross racing since he was 4 and performing on a dirt bike since he was three.

Tallan's been competing and winning with kids in his age group in events across California, Oregon and Washington. Recently, he raced in the Hangtown MX in Rancho Cordova and took first place in the 50cc four-six age group.

Up next was the regional qualifier at Washougal MX in Washington. Tallan advanced to the nationals, coming in third place and receiving an invitation to Hurricane Mills, Tennessee. This event will be held at Loretta Lynn's ranch, where the top 42 kids in Tallan's age group in the nation will compete. The dates of the race will be July 31-August 5. The top 10 finishers will qualify for substantial sponsorships.

The Smith family will be travelling 2,500 miles east to Tennessee, in late July. The family is reaching out to the community in fundraising.

Tallan's dad Tristin started a Go Fund Me page (gofund.me/bf0aee56) "Help Tallan Smith get to Loretta Lynn's." Tristin also set up a raffle. \$10 tickets can be purchased at Tallan's Tires on 101. Prizes include a 110cc motorcycle, a kids 12 inch STACYC electric balance bike, a guided fishing trip on the Klamath with Morgan Clayburn's Guide Service, a full set of nails and a pedicure by Anchor Nailz, a photo session with Little Mountain Studio, a gift card to Fog Bank Clothing and a Del Norte County Fair wristband for day entry. Winners will be pulled on July 4.

There are risks associated with the sport where speeds can reach 40 mph, but the Smiths are up to date with all safety equipment and protocol. A recent purchase of Tallan's racing helmet was \$600.

Tallan is passionate about his love of motocross and loves what he does