



## Pack 287 Pinewood Derby Overview

Pack 287 will hold its annual Pinewood Derby at Shepard Elementary, Sigler Elementary, Messiah Lutheran Church or a Venue determined by the Pack Committee and Parents.

The Pinewood Derby is perhaps the most traditional of Cub Scout events. This event allows the boys to race the cars that they build on a 38' track with the opportunity to win ribbons and prizes and most importantly have FUN. Every attempt is made to ensure that the races are fair and equitable; however the parents and boys need to remember that the primary objective of the Derby is to have FUN competing, regardless of the outcome. As long as this remains the focus, this will be a positive and experience for everyone.

Each SCOUT needs to build a car using the OFFICIAL BSA pine wood derby kit. All cars should be boy built and boy painted with age appropriate assistance from an Adult or Guardian.

Detailed Rules and Event information are available on the Pack 287 Website for a copy. It is guardian's responsibility to ensure that their scout's entry follows the guidelines and rules outlined in the official Pack 287 rules.

### Event Highlights:

1. All cars must be inspected and registered on the Friday prior to the race. Saturday inspections are by exception only approved by the race Chairman.
2. Design and Speed prizes will be awarded for each year group. Design categories are:
  - a. Most Realistic: For cars that are intended to look like, or modeled after race cars (most car like).
  - b. Scout Theme: For cars displaying a traditional "Scouting" theme.
  - c. Patriotic: For patriotic themes including community, space, military, fire, police, EMS etc.
  - d. Crazy: For the wildest, out of this world design.
  - e. Most Original Theme: For totally original cars not fitting into any of the above categories (such as movies, animals etc.)
3. Races will be run by year group with each boy racing 3 times (once in each lane) against randomly assigned opponents in their respective year group. Ribbons will be awarded for each race. The top three racers from each year group (based on lowest average time) will advance to the Championship race. Races are timed electronically and managed by race software.
4. Adults and siblings may build and race their own cars in a special race. These cars must follow the same building guidelines as the boy's cars. This race will be held in-between the year group races and the championship.
5. The race day will begin with an "OLD TIMERS" race. This race is for all former Cubs Scouts to show off their historic creations.

If you have any questions regarding the race, rules, or if you need to check your weight using the "official" scale, please contact "The Cub Master".

### **Important Dates: *(times subject to change)***

- \_\_\_ Pack Meeting prior to race: Pre-Inspection (starting at 6:45PM at pack meeting)
- \_\_\_ Inspection Night: Registration and Inspection from 6:45 to 8:30PM (night before the race)
- \_\_\_ Race Day: Races begin at promptly at 9:00AM (Saturday race date)