

Southborough Pinewood Derby

Race Day – Jan 25, 2014



Kits – December Pack Meeting
Build Day (optional) – Jan 4 or 11, Wooden Toys and Crafts
Practice Run (optional) – Jan 18th, 10:00am to 2:00pm
Racer's name and car name – due Jan 20
Registration Friday – Jan 24th 6:30 to 8:00pm
Snow date – Feb 1



Each year the three Southborough Cub Scout Packs unite to decide who made the fastest Pinewood Derby car in their rank, Pack and town. In addition, each Pack has races for chipmunks (siblings) and parents. All the same rules apply to these races.

The races take place in laser timed heats on an aluminum, six-lane track. The cars race down every lane so there is a minimum of six heats or starts per car. If there are more than six cars we will have additional heats until all cars race on all lanes. The car's total accumulative time will determine its place. The timer is accurate to 1/1000'th of a second. In the unlikely event of a tie there will be one more heat between the two tying cars.

Within each Pack, scouts race to determine the three fastest cars in their rank. The two fastest cars from each rank (except Tigers) compete in the Pack finals. The winner of the Pack finals will compete against the other Packs to determine the fastest car in town. The winner of the town race will have his name added to the plaque in the Southborough Library. The first through fourth place scouts in each Pack go on to represent their Pack at the District Pinewood Derby later in April.

Given this is the Tigers rookie year they compete only within their ranks, not against the other Cub Scouts. The fastest Tiger from each Pack will race again at the District Pinewood Derby against other Tigers.

The District Pinewood Derby usually takes place on the second or third weekend in April and is hosted by different Packs within the Knox Trail council. As a warning there have been clearance problems in the past because not all Packs use the same type of track. Our aluminum track has more clearance than the blue plastic track for example. There are also differences between the scales. It is recommended racers leave some flexibility in their car's weight system just in case. You can modify your car before the District race.

Trophies are usually passed out at the Blue and Gold Banquet. There are trophies for first, second and third place within each rank (including chipmunks). The four Pack winners and the fastest Tiger in each Pack are recognized. The town winner gets his name on a plaque in the library and possibly an extra prize at the Pack's discretion. We give three additional awards for the Cub Scout cars with the most scout spirit, most originality, and best design. The leaders and race officials from the other Packs determine the winners for our Pack.

It's important to that the boys and their families enjoy the pinewood derby. If there is an issue, concern or if you cannot make any of the dates please let your Pack coordinator know as soon as possible. Please respect the effort given by our volunteers. The race committee and race commissioner have the final word on all disputes.

2014 Race Committee

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Pack 921 Coordinator: Brad Morse | morse96@verizon.net
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2014 Race Day Schedule

Pack 921 • 8:00 am – 10:30 am
Pack 26 • 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Pack 1 • 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Town Final • 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Cleanup • 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm