

Pack 564 Pinewood Derby 2024 Guidelines

Race Date: Saturday, February 3 at Camp Creek ES Cafeteria

The Pack 564 Pinewood Derby will be held in person on Saturday February 3 at Camp Creek ES Cafeteria.

Pinewood Derby Car Workshop - Tuesday, January 9, 2024 7-8PM at Mountain Park UMC Family Life Center.

Check In and Registration - Friday February 2, 2024 6-8 PM at Camp Creek ES Cafeteria

- All cars will be measured, weighed and inspected to be sure it fits on our track and meets all of the size requirements set out in the NE Georgia Council Rules (see back).
- We will have a Fix It table with tools and helpers available at Check In to help modify cars that don't meet the requirements upon first inspection.
- After cars pass inspection, they will be moved to the Race Area and you will not get them back until after the Derby is over on Saturday.

How the Competition Works

Lions and Tigers compete in their own division. Wolf, Bear and Webelos scouts compete together in the Cub Scout Division. Siblings and adult family members can enter cars in the Open division. In addition to the speed competition, cars are judged on design, with separate showmanship awards for each division. Note that pack rules state that judging for the showmanship awards "will be heavily biased toward cars that are built predominantly by the Scout."

Each car will race three times, once on each lane of the track. Times are recorded by computer. Division speed winners are determined by an average of the times of all 3-lane heats for your car. Remember that you are racing against the clock, not the car next to you. This means that your car could win all 3 heats in which it runs, but still not be the winner of the division.

Cars that finish first, second or third in pack speed or showmanship in both scout divisions (Lions & Tigers, older Cub Scouts) are eligible to compete in the Sweetwater District Derby on April 20, 2024 at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds.

How to Build your Pinewood Derby Car

As you imagine, design, and build your Pinewood Derby car, please keep in mind the weight, height and length restrictions. Your car will be inspected to be sure it fits inside the track and complies with all derby rules using the Sweetwater District Rules.

Our pack website has some useful information to help you design and build your car. Be sure to check out the **"Important Notes"** section about expectations of teamwork and good sportsmanship throughout the process. Also see the **"Pro Tips"** from scouts and families with derby experience to see what they recommend.

<https://www.bsapack564.org/pinewood/>

