

Etowah District Pinewood Derby Notes

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Here are a few helpful notes, frequently asked questions and more for the 2010 Etowah District Pinewood Derby:

1. **The date for the Etowah District Pinewood Derby is Saturday, March 27th.** The race will be held at the Concord Baptist Church Gymnasium located at 6905 Concord Road, Cumming GA 30028.
2. **Register Onsite** - Each Scout must bring \$5.00 for registration. Cash or Checks made out to BSA.
3. At the District race, all Scouts compete in two classes, (1) Tigers and (2) Cub Scouts (Wolves, Bears and Webelos combined).
4. Awards will be given in two categories, Speed and Show. Cars may compete for either Speed or Show, but not both.
5. Each Pack in the Etowah District may submit three cars for Speed and three cars for Show in both the Tiger and Cub Scout classes. This is a total of 12 cars from each Pack.
6. New this year is a split race schedule. Tigers will participate in a morning session and all other Scouts will participate in an afternoon session.
7. **Tiger Race Schedule** - Registration opens at 8AM and closes at 9AM. Cars being judged for Show will be judged at 9AM. The race will begin after the show awards and should last until about 10:45AM.
8. **Cub Scout (Wolves, Bears & Webelos) Race Schedule** - Registration opens at 12PM and closes at 1PM. Cars being judged for Show will be judged at 1PM. The race will begin after the show awards and should last until about 2:45PM.
9. Three winners for Speed and three winners for Show (for both Tigers and Cub Scouts, 12 total) will be awarded trophies and will be eligible to advance to the Northeast Georgia Council Pinewood Derby to be held on Saturday, April 17th, 2010.
10. **PLEASE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE OFFICIAL RULES.** For complete fairness, cars that do not comply with the official rules will not be allowed to compete and/or be awarded trophies. It will be very disappointing for any Cub Scout who is not allowed to participate because a rule was not followed. The Etowah District uses the same rules as the Northeast Georgia Council race (and all Packs in our District should be following the same rules as well).
11. All cars entering to race will be thoroughly inspected to verify that it passes the official rule requirements for Weight, Size, Original Axle Slots, All Wheels Touching Track, No Illegal Wheel Modifications, etc. Cheating is not allowed in Cub Scouts.
12. The digital scale that will be used at registration will be the "official scale" for the race. It measures to the nearest 0.0002 pounds (0.0032 ounces), however, it may be calibrated slightly differently than a scale you may be using at home. Also keep in mind that Pinewood Derby cars change their weight naturally as humidity increases or decreases. This scale will be available during registration for participants to weigh their cars and make any final adjustments as necessary to make sure their cars do not exceed the 5.0 ounce (0.3125 pound) weight limit. Be prepared to bring any tools necessary to adjust your car's weight onsite.
13. The race will be conducted on a three-lane aluminum track complete with an accurate electronic timing system. For the highest degree of fairness possible, each participant's car will race once in each lane and these times will be averaged together for a final score.
14. **Standard Disclaimer:** Although every effort was made to provide accurate information on this sheet (and the other materials provided for this event), they are subject to change and subject to error. As indicated in the Official Rules, the Volunteer Chairman in charge of the event will have the final authority to determine eligibility to race.
15. **This year's Etowah District Pinewood Derby Chairman is Rob Johnston.** He can be reached by phone at 678-699-1269 or by email at 'rob@scoutpack811.org'. Please contact him with any questions, comments, discussion of rules, offers of assistance or ideas.