



# Pack 85 Newsletter

## January 2013

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## Pinewood Derby

Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. Prairie Gym

It's GO TIME!

January 15th will once again feature Pack 85's ultimate Sportsmanship Challenge - **The Pinewood Derby**. Classmates, best friends and even brothers will faceoff across the lanes to determine who has the right combination of wood, paint, metal and luck to bring home a trophy.



### How the Race Works:

The **Weigh-in** will be held on **Thursday, January 10, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Prairie**. The car will be held by the Pinewood Derby Chair until the day of the race. **The race itself will be on Tuesday, January 15, in the Prairie gym starting at 6:30 p.m.** During the Derby, each boy will race his car one time in each of the six lanes of the track for a total of six races. Scores will be based on each scout's cumulative total. Ties will be rerun to determine order of finish within a specific heat, but will not alter recorded finish times. Race awards will be handed out at the end of the evening along with certificates for various categories in which the cars will be judged.

Only event officials can send cars to the pits for repairs.

Neither parents nor the Scouts will be allowed to make adjustments to the cars without official consent.

**A Learning Experience:** The Pinewood Derby is never without a few splinters or a few tears, but it can be a great learning experience for the boys. Whether they have sanded everything themselves or stood watching at someone's side, our Scouts are proud of these cars. Please make good sportsmanship a priority and support everyone's efforts, win or lose.

**Additional Activities:** In order to keep current with all of our Scouts' efforts and achievements, we'll be presenting Scouting awards throughout the evening in between racing heats.

**Sibling Seating:** Siblings who would like to be closer to the racing action are invited to sit in a special viewing area near the track. (Siblings being disruptive or unable to remain seated will be asked to move back to the bleachers.)

Please don't hesitate to contact Jamie Peters if you have questions.

### 2012-13 CALENDAR



#### January

- 10 Pinewood Derby Weigh-in 5:30-7:30 pm - Prairie
- 15 Pack Meeting: Pinewood Derby Prairie 6:30pm  
Blue and Gold \$\$ Due  
Winter Camp \$\$ Due
- 19 District Cub-O-Ree (Optional Day Camp)
- 24 Market Day Help 5-6pm Den 5

#### February

- 9 Pack Meeting: Blue and Gold  
Swamp Fox Signup  
Summer Camp Signup
- 21 Market Day Help 5-6pm Den 3 & 10
- 22 Winter Camp @ Long Lake

#### March

- 6 Roundtable Flag Ceremony @ St. John Neumann, 6:45pm
- 16 Scouting for Food – Flyer/Bag Handout 9am Prairie
- 19 Pack Meeting: Roller Skating @ Waukesha Skateland, 6:30-8:30pm  
Swamp Fox \$\$ Due  
Summer Camp \$\$ Due
- 21 Market Day Help 5-6pm Den 8
- 23 Scouting for Food – Pickup 9-10am Prairie
- 9-11 Winter Camp Weekend
- 16 Onatah District Dinner

If you have questions please contact:

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Jamie P

**Committee Chair:**  
Michael K

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# Remember Onatah District's Cub-O-Ree

The Onatah District Boy Scout Troops, Venture Crews and Explorer Posts will host a Cub-O-Ree on Saturday, Jan 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Catholic Memorial High School. This is a one-day event for all ONATAH Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Cub Scouts, where they will participate in rank-appropriate activities.

Bag lunch required. Parent attendance is optional but Tigers must have an adult partner with them. For more information or contact Anne Marie Geis.

## BLUE AND GOLD DINNER

Our annual Blue and Gold Dinner will be held February 4th 2013. This is the crossover ceremony for Webelos II advancing into Boy Scouts as well scouts advancing to their next rank. The dinner will be at Steinhafels on Hwy F beginning at 4 p.m. All guests must park in the South parking lot behind Merchandise Pick Up.

A signup sheet/ flyer will be available at the Pinewood derby weigh-in.

## 2013 *Winter* Camp Weekend

Winter Camp is February 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> at Camp Long Lake located 1 hour and 25 minutes away in the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest.

The cost is \$25 per person. Activities for the weekend are limited only by the weather and our imaginations. Space may still be available but signups will close on Friday February 17th.

**If you have questions please contact:**

Jamie P  
Michael K

**Roll into spring with Pack 85!!**



March 19th is the pack gathering at Skateland in Waukesha. This is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This year the pack will be paying for the first 60 people in the door. This includes your skate rental. No sign ups are needed - First come first serve. Roll into a healthy and happy spring with your friends and family.

Any questions please contact Randy A

# LOOKING AHEAD

Scouting for food is coming in March. This an excellent time for our boys to do some much appreciated community service work. Pack 85 is a perennial leader in helping the Waukesha Food Pantry. All items that are collected stay in the city of Waukesha and we need everyone's help to be successful.

Bag distribution will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 and pick up is the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00a.m. The meeting place for both dates is at Prairie school. If you can only make one of the two days please shoot for the 16th as distributing bags requires the most hands, feet, and effort. The pick up on the 23<sup>rd</sup> is where you get to see the fruits of your labor. If you have questions please contact Michael S



## Open Position

The Pack is grateful to have some willing volunteers step into the open roles that help make Pack 85 successful. I am excited to see where these new leaders will take Pack 85 as we move through this transition. We do still have one position that we need filled. The Awards Chair, Kurt Simons will be stepping down as his son transitions into boy scouts. For Pack 85 the Awards Chair primary responsibility is to collect den advancement reports from the den leaders and order badges and other insignia from the local scout store when appropriate. The Awards Chair should attend the monthly committee meetings to help fulfill this role and provide the Pack Committee with any relevant updates.

If you have any interest in filling this role on the committee please contact Michael K or Jamie P

Recruitment Idea,  
The Pack is asking all scouts to wear either their uniforms or Pack T-shirts on school days that have Pack events scheduled. Hopefully this will drum up interest in Scouting if other boys see our Scouts dressed in their uniforms.



# Pack 85 2013 Pinewood Derby Rules

## Weigh-in

**ALL CARS** must be brought to **Prairie School** on **Thursday, January 10, between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.** to be weighed and inspected. All final weights will be determined by the official Pack 85 scale. Anyone wishing to access the scale prior to weigh-in should contact the Pinewood Derby Chairs Bill W, Jeff H or Steve C.

If you cannot make weigh-in during the assigned timeframe, please make arrangements with the Pinewood Derby Chairs to have your car weighed and inspected prior to this date. You may also make arrangements to have another Scout family bring your car to weigh-in for you, but must then authorize them to make any necessary weight modifications to your car.

Weight adjustments to the cars may be made at weigh-in. Some tools may be available, but you need to bring your own weights if you wish to add them to your car.

Only **DRY lubrication** such as graphite is allowed (NO OIL) and **MUST** be done before the car is brought to school. No graphite will be added to the wheels of any car after it has been inspected and turned over to the Derby Chairs. If you need help applying graphite, please contact the Pinewood Derby Chairs prior to the weigh-in to make arrangements to have your car done.

After the car has been inspected and turned over to the Derby Chairs, no further modifications can be made unless the car were to be damaged in transit. The car will be held by the Pinewood Derby Chairs until the day of the race.

## Awards

The awards for this year's race will be given as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Trophy – Awarded to the Scout with the best average time after all heats are run.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Trophy – Awarded to the Scout with the second best average time after all heats are run.

3<sup>rd</sup> place Trophy – You guessed it! - Awarded to the Scout with the third best average time after all heats are run.

ALL Scouts will have the opportunity to enter and have their car judged in ONE of the following design categories. The winner in each category will receive a personalized award certificate.

- Best Scout Theme
- Best Car that is Not a Car (Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's a car!)
- Best Wedge Car
- Best Block Car
- Best Paint Job
- Best Scout Craftsmanship (Built by Scout with little or no Adult help – honor system)
- Best Sports Theme (Favorite teams, Soccer, Football, Baseball, Etc.)
- Best NASCAR Theme
- Most Patriotic Car
- Most Realistic Car (Designed after Corvette,-Viper, Mustang, Lightning McQueen, etc.)
- Most Aerodynamic Car

## Building Your Car

Car Specifications and regulations are based on those required for Council-run Pinewood Derby events to allow for Scouts to participate in Council events should they be available and otherwise qualify.

### Car Specifications

- Maximum Width: 2-3/4 inches
- Maximum Length: 7 inches
- Maximum Height: 3 inches
- Maximum Weight: 5 ounces (per official Pack 85 scale) – NO moving weights or liquid
- Width between Wheels: 1-3/4 inches
- Minimum Clearance between the car and the track: 3/8 inches

NOTE: Wheel Base modifications will be allowed but may void participation in any Council Derby Events.

### Regulations

- All cars must be made from the official Cub Scout Grand Prix Pinewood Derby Kit supplied by Pack 85. Kit cars will not be considered for judging.
- Wheel bearings, washers and bushings are prohibited.
- The car shall not ride on springs.
- Only official Cub Scout Grand Prix Pinewood
- Derby wheels and axles are permitted. No modifications to the wheels will be permitted other than light sanding to remove burs.
- Only DRY lubricant such as graphite is permitted.
- Details such as steering wheel and driver are permissible as long as these details fall within the car specifications.
- The car must be free-wheeling, with no starting devices.
- Each car will be assigned a number at weigh in
- and marked with a number sticker.
- Each car must pass inspection at weigh-in before it may compete. No further modifications may be made after this inspection. All cars will be held by the Pinewood Derby Chairs until the race.

## Rules of the Race

**The Pinewood Derby race will be held in the school gym on Tuesday, January 15 starting at 6:30 p.m.** All Scouts who wish to participate **MUST** be present to race. Only the cars registered at weigh-in and held by the Pinewood Derby Chairs will be eligible to race.

- Each car will race once in each of six heats; one time in each lane.
- If a car leaves the track, the race will be rerun.
- If the same car leaves the track a second time (in the same heat), that car will receive a time of 10 seconds for that heat.
- If any car leaves the track for a second time and interferes with another car, the race will be rerun without the car that left the track.
- Any car that remains on the track but fails to cross the finish line will receive a time of 10 seconds.
- Any car in need of repairs during the race will be given five minutes or until the car's next scheduled race, whichever is greater. If the repair cannot be made in this time, the car will not race in that heat and will receive a time of
- 10 seconds.
- No changes or repairs can be made to any car after it has been weighed and inspected, or during the race, unless authorized by race officials.

**Please remember . . . there is nothing wrong with wanting to build the fastest derby car you can, but it is important to remember why Pinewood Derby races exist. The derby was started to promote learning, competition and sportsmanship!**

