



2019 World Championship Pinewood Derby **Attendee Guide**

Hello, and thank you for your interest in attending the 2019 World Championship Pinewood Derby in Times Square, New York City. Below you'll find a ton of information about the event and the surrounding area. Please spend a few minutes to review the entire document, as most questions will be answered within.

WHAT IS THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PINEWOOD DERBY?

- On Saturday, June 29th, 2019, the Greater New York Councils of the Boy Scouts of America will be hosting the Fifth Annual World Championship Pinewood Derby in Times Square, New York City. This unique and exciting event is designed to bring Cub Scouts together from all over the nation — and beyond!

WHERE WILL THE RACE TAKE PLACE?

- In Times Square's Marriott Marquis located at 1535 Broadway with entrances on either West 45th or West 46th Streets.

IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE EVENT HAD BEEN HELD OUTDOORS ON BROADWAY PLAZA IN TIMES SQUARE – WHY HAS THE LOCATION CHANGED?

- This event has grown in popularity and attendance annually since 2015. Last year was our biggest yet, with 350 Cub Scouts and their families joining us from 130 Councils from over 20 States. We can no longer fit comfortably on Broadway Plaza. By moving indoors to the Marriott Marquis, we have space that fits our needs, comfortable accommodations for our racers and attendees and we do not have to delay or change plans if inclement weather strikes.

WHAT EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE?

- The day will include three separate events:
 - The World Championship Pinewood Derby Preliminary races
 - The **Extreme 18: Race for the Champions Cup**, our final race
 - Open racing on a LEGO exhibition track, available to any Scout who wishes to race their pinewood derby car, or anyone can build a LEGO Derby Car and run it down the track using PRO Brick Wheels and Zinc Brick Weights by <https://www.pinewoodpro.com>.



WHO CAN COMPETE IN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PINEWOOD DERBY?

- In order to qualify for the World Championship Pinewood Derby, a Cub Scout **MUST** be a Finalist in either their 2019 District or 2019 Council Pinewood Derby. Finalists are those that have finished overall in the top 3 of their respective rank for speed. Placing or winning based solely for design (and not speed) does not qualify for the World Championship Pinewood Derby.

CAN SCOUTS THAT ARE NOT DISTRICT/COUNCIL FINALISTS STILL PARTICIPATE?

- Any Scout may come down for a day of fun and race on our exhibition track, but to compete on the main tracks a Scout must have qualified and placed either first, second or third (based on time & within their rank) at a District or Council race.

MY DISTRICT / COUNCIL DOES NOT HAVE A CHAMPIONSHIP RACE. IS THERE ANOTHER WAY A SCOUT CAN QUALIFY?

- Unfortunately not. There is limited time and space to run this event so competition cannot be open to all without some pre-qualifiers. The World Championship Pinewood Derby Committee suggests speaking to your local Council office and inquiring about participating in another District's race or how your District / Council could plan to hold annual races.

ARE LIONS ABLE TO COMPETE IN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PINEWOOD DERBY?

- We are happy to announce the inclusion of Lions into the competition this year. Lions will join the other ranks: Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos I, and Webelos II. Like Cubs from any other rank, Lions will compete within their own rank for World Championship First, Second and Third Place trophies and will also be eligible to compete in the Extreme 18 for a shot at the Champions Cup.

IF A 2ND YEAR WEBELOS RECENTLY TRANSITIONED TO A TROOP, CAN HE STILL COMPETE?

- Yes! Any Scout who was a Finalist at his 2019 District or Council race may participate in the finals.

WHAT IS THE "EXTREME 18: RACE FOR THE CHAMPIONS CUP"?

- The Extreme 18: Race for the Champions Cup is an additional race that will take place at the conclusion of the Preliminary Races. The Preliminary Races will decide the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers for each rank: Lions – Webelos II. Before those trophies are awarded each of those 18 champions will in an elimination-style race for an additional trophy: The Champions Cup. An Extreme 18 race will be run for each of our two Racing Divisions: Stock Car and Pro Stock. This race was previously known as the "Fast 15", however with the inclusion of Lions, there are now 18 cars from each Division that will qualify.



WHAT ARE THE OFFICIAL RACE RULES?

- The official World Championship Pinewood Derby Race rules, including car weight, size, and permissible modifications, are available on the registration and sign up page: <https://www.bsa-gnyc.org/championshippinewood>. Please also refer to the Rules FAQ document if you have questions concerning the rules.

WHY ARE THERE TWO RACING DIVISIONS?

- Not every District or Council follow the same regulations, especially as it relates to wheel and axle modifications. The Stock Car Division is more simplistic in its regulations while the Pro Stock Division allows for more modifications to the wheels and axles. The two Divisions were created so that Scouts can follow regulations similar to those in their home District or Council while also racing against Scouts that adhered to similar regulations.

SINCE THERE ARE TWO DIVISIONS, CAN A SCOUT ENTER A CAR IN EACH ONE?

- No. The Scout should use the car that he built for his District or Council qualifying race. Each Scout can only enter one car in the World Championship Pinewood Derby.

THIS EVENT ALSO INCLUDES THE COUNCIL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE FOR THE GREATER NEW YORK COUNCILS. HOW DOES THAT WORK?

- If you are a Cub Scout from the Greater New York Councils, eligibility for the World Championship Pinewood Derby is the same as our guests from Councils across the country – GNYC Cub Scouts must have placed either 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their District race in order to qualify for the World Championship. New York City Cub Scouts will follow the same racing rules and format and will race alongside scouts from the rest of the country.
- During inspection, the cars will be assigned a Division: Stock Car or Pro Stock. The Greater New York Councils Championship will follow Stock Car rules. In order to compete for a Greater New York Councils Championship trophy, a scout must race within the Stock Car Division. If a NYC scout only meets the Pro Stock Division qualifications, they will not be eligible for a Greater New York Councils Championship trophy.
- Greater New York Councils cars within the Stock Car Division will have their times count for not only the Stock Car Championship, but also the GNYC Championship.

IS THERE A COST TO PARTICIPATE?

- Each Cub Scout racer must pay a \$25 registration fee. Registration fees for spectators are \$7.

THERE WAS NO COST TO ATTEND IN PREVIOUS YEARS, WHY IS THERE A CHARGE THIS YEAR?

- The Greater New York Councils has been running this event to serve our Cub Scouts, and their families nation-wide. Our Council Board is committed to helping to highlight the Scouting program and provide this unique experience for our Cub Scout racers annually. However, the Greater New York Councils needs this event to be financially sustainable as it continues to grow in popularity. And do to that, registration fees must be included.



I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PERSONALLY ATTEND THE RACE. CAN I STILL PARTICIPATE?

- Unfortunately no. Scouts must attend the event to race their car.

WILL THERE BE FOOD AVAILABLE?

- Food will not be served within our racing ballroom. There will be an opportunity for attendees to eat a buffet lunch within the Marriott. After registering for the event, you will hear more about the buffet lunch option or you can choose from literally hundreds of food options in the Times Square area.

WHAT KIND OF TRACK IS USED AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PINewood DERBY?

- We use 2 eight-lane, 42' long aluminum tracks, graciously donated by [BestTrack](#).

WHAT AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN OUT?

The following will be awarded to our winners:

- Greater New York Councils Finals:
 - 1st – 3rd Lions
 - 1st – 3rd Tigers
 - 1st – 3rd Wolves
 - 1st – 3rd Bears
 - 1st – 3rd Webelos I
 - 1st – 3rd Webelos II
- Stock Car Race – World Champion Winners:
 - 1st – 3rd Lions
 - 1st – 3rd Tigers
 - 1st – 3rd Wolves
 - 1st – 3rd Bears
 - 1st – 3rd Webelos I
 - 1st – 3rd Webelos II
- Pro-Stock Car Race – World Champion Winners:
 - 1st – 3rd Lions
 - 1st – 3rd Tigers
 - 1st – 3rd Wolves
 - 1st – 3rd Bears
 - 1st – 3rd Webelos I
 - 1st – 3rd Webelos II



- Stock Car Extreme 18: Race for the Champions Cup
 - 1st Place Champions Cup – Stock Car Division
- Pro-Stock Extreme 18: Race for the Champions Cup
 - 1st Place Champions Cup – Pro-Stock Division
- Additional Awards:
 - Most Patriotic
 - Best Paint Job
 - Best Scout Theme
 - Most Creative
 - Most Realistic

WHAT IS THE RACING FORMAT?

- We will be holding Preliminary Races for each Division in the morning and the early afternoon. Once the preliminary races are complete, we will begin the Extreme 18 races. Our event will conclude with a formal presentation of trophies and awards.
- We will race cars in groups of 32 by Division and begin as soon as possible. Once a group of 32 cars is finished with their preliminary races, those currently “in the running for a trophy” will be held so their times / designs can be compared to cars that have not yet finished their preliminaries. Cars will be released for check-out only when they are no longer in the running for a trophy.
- Each car will race once in every lane (8 times). Each race is timed with electronic equipment. In the event the equipment fails, the race(s) will be re-run.
- The slowest time will be dropped and the average of the remaining times will determine the results for each racer.
- The 3 fastest cars within each Rank will be crowned the winners of the Stock Car and the Pro Stock Divisions.

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE OF THE DAY’S EVENTS?

- 8:00am – Check-In Opens
- 9:15am – Preliminary Racing Begins
- 2:30 – Preliminary Racing Concludes, followed by a short intermission
- 3:00 - World Championship Racing Begins:
 - Pro Stock Extreme 18
 - Stock Car Extreme 18
- 4:00 – Award Ceremony

Please note, times are subject to change.



IF MY CAR IS NO LONGER ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A TROPHY, CAN WE LEAVE EARLY?

- Yes, you can. We will be racing the cars in groups throughout the day. Racing will begin as soon as we have 32 cars ready to race. Once a group of 32 cars is finished with the Preliminary races, the cars will be moved to our Post-Race Results Team. There, the times of those 32 cars will be compared with the times of the other cars (within rank and division) that have finished racing. Cars that are still in the running for a trophy will be held. All other cars will be released for check-out.

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT?

- Go to www.bsa-gnyc.org/championshippinewood and follow the separate links to register Cub Scout Pinewood Champions and spectators.

DO I NEED TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT IF I AM NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP RACE?

- Yes! All Attendees, whether Cub Scout Pinewood Champion or a family member or friend needs to register.

THE REGISTRATION FORM REQUIRES A PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE WAIVER. WHY IS THIS NECESSARY?

- We will have photographers and videographers on site to document the event for promotional purposes. There will also be media on site to cover the event. We require a waiver for all participants so we can utilize the photos and videos captured. However, as the waiver states, keeping Scouts safe and keeping their personal information secure is our primary goal. No personal information beyond a Scout's first name, last initial, Pack, Rank, City and State will be released to or shared with unauthorized parties or organizations without additional consent from a parent or guardian.

AM I ALLOWED TO TAKE MY OWN PHOTOS / SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

- Absolutely, we encourage it! We want this event to help showcase Scouting across the country, so share it all on social media. Don't forget to use #wcpwd in your posts!

I WILL BE TRAVELING FROM A GREAT DISTANCE. ARE OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE?

- Yes! We're offering registered Scouters and their family's free tent camping at Alpine Scout Camp in nearby Alpine, NJ. There are also inexpensive cabin camping options at Alpine Scout Camp, with meal options. We have also coordinated a block of rooms at the Marriot Marquis. Please see more information below.



Available Overnight Accommodations:

Camping Accommodations: There are free and discounted camping accommodations available at the Greater New York Councils [Alpine Scout Camp](#) in nearby Alpine, New Jersey.

- Tent camping is free for Pinewood participants and their families. We provide two-person canvas wall tents that sit on a platform. Each tent contains two cots. If you prefer, you may bring your own tent and pitch it in the site instead. Camp sites may be shared, but only with other families participating in the World Championship Pinewood Derby. **More information regarding how to reserve tent camping will be available soon.**
- For cabin camping, there is a charge of \$10 per person/per night. Our cabins are arranged barrack-style, with bunkbed cots. There is no running water in the cabins, however restrooms are a two-minute walk from the cabins. Cabins may be shared, but only with other families participating in the World Championship Pinewood Derby. Check in is Friday evening until 11pm, check out is Sunday by noon. **More information regarding how to reserve cabin camping will be available soon.**
- When reserving camping accommodations, please provide your name, cell number, the number of youth / adults in your party, your planned arrival time on Friday evening and whether you prefer tent or cabin camping. Please note that public transportation from Alpine Scout Camp is sporadic and unreliable on Saturday, early morning. Driving into Manhattan is suggested. Driving directions are stated below.

Hotel Accommodations:

- As our partner in the World Championship Pinewood Derby, the Marriott Marquis has graciously set aside a block of rooms for participants and their families. We can offer a special discounted rate starting at \$249 per night with a two night stay (Friday and Saturday). Follow the link below to make reservations or call 1-877-303-0104 and mention "Boy Scouts of America, Pinewood Derby" to get the special rate. Please note: the block of discounted rooms is available as a first-come first-serve. The block of rooms can increase only on availability of the Marriott Marquis. If the block is full, please email dave.swartz@scouting.org and the Greater New York Councils will work with the Marriott to see if we can accommodate your request.
 - <https://book.passkey.com/go/boyscoutsamerica2019> - link to book a room at the Marriott Marquis.

Driving Directions:

Driving Direction From Alpine Scout Camp to Times Square:

- From Alpine Scout Camp; proceed directly across Route 9W and onto the ramp for the Palisades Interstate Parkway South. Merge onto Palisades Interstate Pkwy South. Take Interstate 95 to the George Washington Br exit toward New York. Keep left, follow signs for G W Bridge and merge onto bridge. Cross the George Washington Bridge. Take Exit 1 for Henry Hudson Pkwy South. Keep right and merge onto the parkway south. Turn left onto West 48th Street. Continue on West 48th Street until you reach Broadway. See below for parking garage locations.
- GPS Address: 1535 Broadway, New York, NY 10036

Directly to the Event:

From North: From I-287 New York Thruway (southbound). After crossing the Tappan Zee Bridge, merge onto NY-987D S/Saw Mill River Pkwy South. Continue on Saw Mill River Parkway South. Follow signs for New York 9A South/Henry



Hudson Pkwy. Keep right at the fork to continue on Henry Hudson Pkwy South. Turn left onto West 48th Street. Continue on West 48th Street until you reach Broadway. Make a left onto Broadway, go 1 block to West 47th Street.

From South: From I-95 New Jersey Turnpike (northbound) take Exit 16E (Lincoln Tunnel). Continue onto NJ-495 East. Take the exit on the left toward New York 9A/42 Street/Uptown/Theater District. Continue onto Dyer Avenue. Make a right onto West 42nd Street. Turn left at the 2nd cross street onto 8th Avenue. Turn right onto West 48th Street. Turn right at the 1st cross street onto Broadway.

From East: From I-495 Long Island Expressway (westbound); follow I-495 West to the Midtown tunnel. Cross into Manhattan via the Midtown Tunnel. Turn right onto Tunnel Exit Street. Turn left at the 3rd cross street onto East 39th Street. Turn right onto Madison Avenue. Take Madison Avenue to East 47th Street. Turn right on East 47th Street. Continue on East 47th Street until you reach Broadway.

From West: From I-80 keep left at the fork to continue on I-80 Express East. Continue onto I-95 Express North. Follow I-95 to the George Washington Bridge. Cross the George Washington Bridge. Take Exit 1 for Henry Hudson Pkwy South. Keep right and merge onto the parkway south. Turn left onto West 48th Street. Continue on West 48th Street until you reach Broadway.

Nearby Parking Locations: expect to pay ~\$50 to park:

- Resource Parking – 164 West 46th Street (on West 46th Street between 6th & 7th Avenues)
- Quik Park – 223 West 46th Street (on West 46th Street between 7th & 8th Avenues)
- Icon Parking – 145 West 47th Street (on West 47th Street between 6th & 7th Avenues),
- Champion Parking – 251 West 45th Street (on West 45th Street between 7th & 8th Avenues)
- Icon Parking – 1515 Broadway (on Broadway between West 44th & West 45th Streets).

NYC Public Transportation: You can buy a MetroCard at MetroCard Vending Machines in all subway stations and at neighborhood retailers displaying the MetroCard symbol. Follow this link to the MTA for more information: <http://www.mta.info/>.

NYC Subway Information: Subway fare is \$2.75 payable with a MetroCard.

- 42nd Street/Times Square Station – serviced by the N, Q, R, S, 1, 2, 3, & 7 trains.
 - N, Q, R & S trains will take you to West 42nd Street and Broadway. Exit station and walk north on Broadway to West 46th Street and the Broadway Plaza.
 - 1, 2, 3 & 7 trains will take you to West 42nd Street & Seventh Avenue. Exit station and walk north on Seventh Avenue to West 46th Street and the Broadway Plaza.
- 47th – 50th Streets/Rockefeller Center Station – serviced by the B, D, F & M trains.
 - Exit station at West 47th Street. Walk west along West 47th Street one block to the Broadway Plaza.



NYC Bus Information: Bus fare is \$2.75 payable with a MetroCard or exact change (no dollar bills).

- Buses coming from the north (southbound buses): take the M7 or M20 to Seventh Avenue & West 50th Street. Walk south 3 blocks along Seventh Avenue to West 47th Street. Or take the M104 bus to Seventh Avenue and West 47th Street.
- Buses coming from the south (northbound buses): take the M5 or M7 bus to West 47th Street & the Avenue of the Americas (6th Avenue). Walk west one block to the Broadway Plaza.

Vehicle Rental and Car Service Options:

- Enterprise Rent-A-Car will deliver a vehicle to you, contact them at (201) 664-6772.
- Uber.com - Uber rides are dependent on if a driver is close by, the time of day and other factors and as such rides can't be guaranteed. The fare calculator notes \$42-\$49 for the ride but other factors could affect this rate.
- Closter Car Service: (201) 564-5221, fare is ~\$95 (from Alpine Scout Camp) one way due to tolls and traffic.