



## **2018 World Championship Pinewood Derby** **Attendee Guide**

Hello, and thank you for your interest in attending the 2018 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 30<sup>th</sup> 2018, the Greater New York Councils of the Boy Scouts of America will be hosting the Fourth 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 45<sup>th</sup> or West 46<sup>th</sup> 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 276 Cub Scouts and their families joining us from 110 Councils across 26 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 **Fast 15: 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>.



### **WHAT IS THE “FAST 15: RACE FOR THE CHAMPIONS CUP”?**

- The Fast 15 are the first, second and third place winners from each rank who have won the Preliminary Race held earlier in the day.
- Regardless of rank or previous times, these 15 trophy winners will run together in an elimination format to determine the sole winner of the Champions Cup in both the Stock Car or Super Stock divisions.
- The 15 Champions in each division will run down a random lane assignment, with the first 8 cars crossing the finish line moving on to the second round. Following the same format, 8 cars will be reduced to just 4, with the final round of 4 cars leading to the single Winner’s Cup Champion!

### **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 2018 District or 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 you must have qualified and won 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.

### **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>.

### **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.

### **IS THERE A COST TO PARTICIPATE?**

- New for 2018, there are costs for those that wish 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.

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

- The Lions program was still in its pilot phase during the 2017-18 program year, so they are not included in this year's competition. However, this coming fall, Lions will move from pilot to full-time part of the Cub Scouting Program. So next year, Lions will be competing in the World Championship Pinewood Derby and have their own rank trophies just as Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos I and Webelos II Cub Scouts have now.

### **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 AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN OUT?

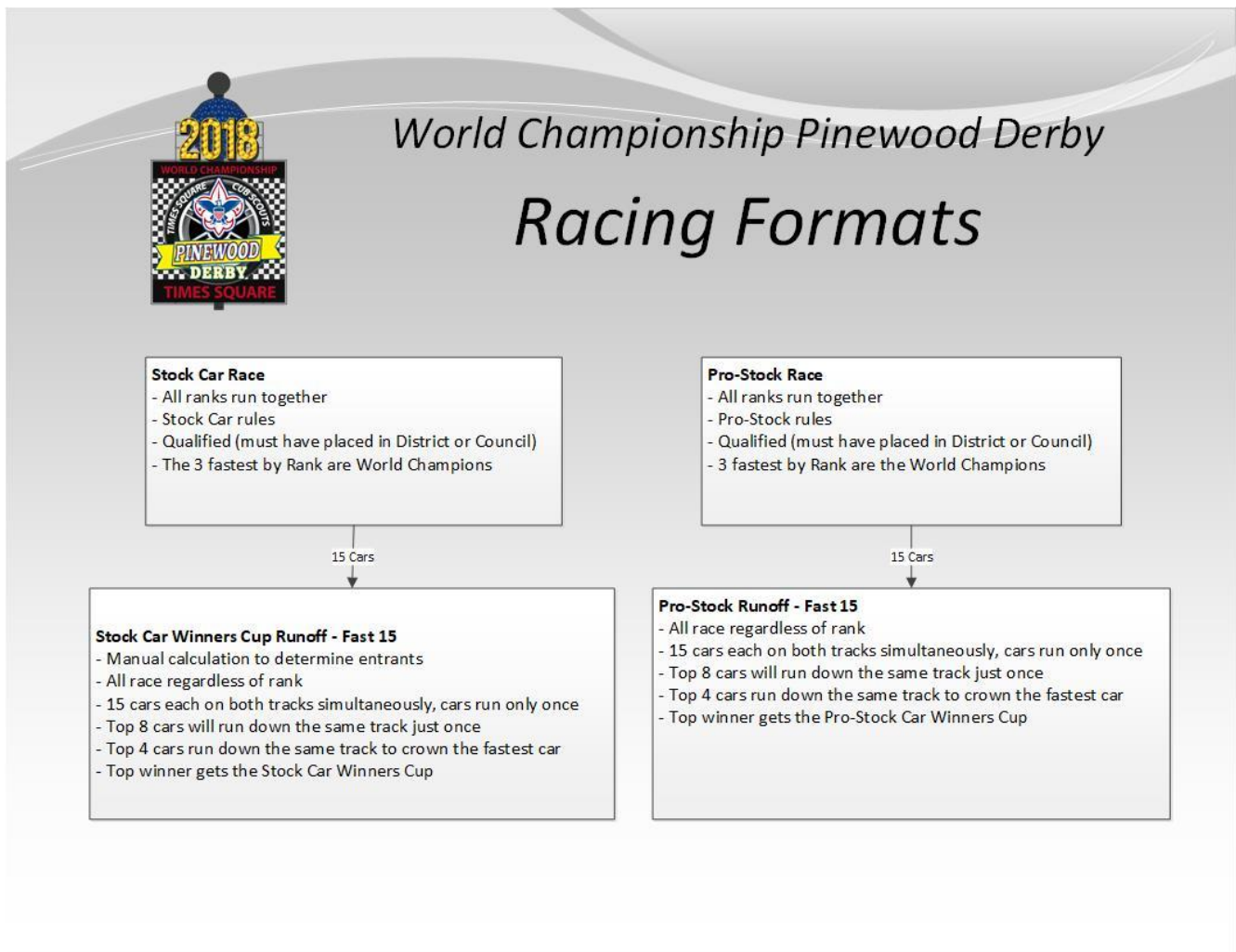
The following will be awarded to our winners:

- Greater New York Councils Finals:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tigers
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wolves
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Bears
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Webelos I
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Webelos II
- Stock Car Race – World Champion Winners:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tigers
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wolves
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Bears
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Webelos I
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- Pro-Stock Car Race – World Champion Winners:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tigers
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wolves
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Bears
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Webelos I
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Webelos II
- Stock Car Winners Cup Runoff - Fastest 15 from Stock Car Race
  - Elimination race: 15 cars race simultaneously across two eight lane tracks, the top 8 race again on one track, the top 4 race one last time to get the fastest Car
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners Cup – Stock Car Division
- Pro-Stock Car Winners Cup Runoff – Fastest 15 from Pro-Stock Car Race
  - Elimination race: 15 cars race simultaneously across two eight lane tracks, the top 8 race again on one track, the top 4 race one last time to get the fastest Car
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners Cup – Pro-Stock Car 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. Once the preliminary races are complete, we'll take a short break before beginning the VIP Race and the Fast 15 races. Our event will conclude with a formal presentation of trophies and awards.
- 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 15 Fastest Cars by Rank will be crowned the winners of the Stock Cars Series and the Pro-Stock Car Series.





### **WHAT IS THE TIMELINE OF THE DAY'S EVENTS?**

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

Please note, times are subject to change.

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

- Yes! Any Scout who was a Finalist at his 2017 District or Council race may participate in the finals.

### **HOW DO I REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT?**

- Go to [www.bsa-gnyc.org/championshippinewood](http://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, located one block away from the event. 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. Please contact our Concierge team at [concierge@worldchampionshippinewood.org](mailto:concierge@worldchampionshippinewood.org) to make a reservation.
- 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. Please contact our Concierge team at [concierge@worldchampionshippinewood.org](mailto:concierge@worldchampionshippinewood.org) to make a reservation.
- 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](mailto: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/boyscoutspinewoodderby> - link to book a room at the Marriott Marquis.



## **WHILE I AM IN NEW YORK, I WOULD LIKE TO DO SOME SIGHTSEEING. IS THERE SOMEONE THAT CAN HELP WITH THAT?**

- Yes. The Greater New York Councils has developed partnerships with many popular sightseeing destinations and can help provide information and discounted rates for Scouts and their families.

### **Sightseeing Opportunities:**

New York City offers a wealth of sightseeing opportunities, even if you are on a fixed budget or have limited time. Below are some options worth considering.

#### **Free Options:**

- **Walking around Rockefeller Center:** There's a fantastic Lego Store and Nintendo World flagship store. For iconic photos, there's the golden statue of Prometheus, and on Fifth Ave, another statue of Atlas holding up the world.
- **Walking up Fifth Avenue:** There's so much to see – the flagship American Girl Doll Store, St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Apple Store.
- **Central Park:** Safe, clean and beautiful. There are playgrounds and lots of green space to run around.
- **Staten Island Ferry:** departing from the Ferry Terminal in lower Manhattan, this free trip to Staten Island actually gives you the best views for photos of the Statue of Liberty. The trip to Statue of Liberty takes 30 minutes; hop off the ferry in Staten Island and then cross over to get right back on for a ferry heading back to Manhattan.
- **The Museum of Natural History:** The museum has a "recommended" admission, but in reality, it is always "pay-what-you-wish". Here's an insider's tip – if you wish to pay just \$1, that's OK! If your kids like dinosaurs, this is THE MOST AMAZING place to visit. There's a dinosaur display (called the Titanosaur) that is so large, it doesn't even fit in the gallery. Also, if your kids are fans of the "Night at the Museum" movie, they'll recognize many of the characters and scenes.





### Discounted Options:

- **Empire State Building:** (\$25 adults, \$20 youth, free <6). You can go up to the 86<sup>th</sup> floor observatory deck, or for the price of a ticket upgrade, go even higher to the 102<sup>nd</sup> floor. Tickets are not timed; you can take your ticket and go whenever you want. Peak times are midday, so they always recommend getting there early if you can. Contact Clay Shumay at the GNYC Office at (212) 651-2858 for these discounted tickets.
- **Top of the Rock Observatory:** (\$32 adults, \$26 youth, free <6). Like the Empire State Building, Top of the Rock gives you huge, sweeping panoramic views of the NYC skyline. Unlike ESB, however, tickets are printed with a specific scheduled date and time. Contact Clay Shumay at the GNYC Office at (212) 651-2858 for these discounted tickets.
- **One World Trade, The Freedom Tower:** (\$32 adults, \$26 youth, free <5). An amazing observation deck as well as SKY POD Elevator as you ride to the top, watch over 500 years of New York City evolution in under 60 seconds. This breathtaking ascension uses floor-to-ceiling LED technology to surround you with an immersive virtual time-lapse unlike anything you've ever seen. Like Top of the Rock, tickets are printed with a specific date and time. Contact Clay Shumay at the GNYC Office at (212) 651-2858 for these discounted tickets.
- **9/11 Museum:** (\$25 adults, \$18 youth, free <4). The museum tells the story of 9/11 through interactive technology, archives, narratives and a collection of artifacts. Contact Clay Shumay at the GNYC Office at (212) 651-2858 for these discounted tickets.
- **Statue of Liberty Cruises:** (\$18.50 adults, \$9 youth, free <4). These tickets to Liberty Island and Ellis Island are issued to get on the ferries that depart from Battery Park. They can either be scheduled date & time or a "flex" time, which gives you options over a couple of days, but you are on "stand-by" for ferries if you choose "flex". The tickets do not allow access to climb to the crown, only to the base. Climbing to the crown has to be scheduled in advance, normally several months. The ferries will take you to both Liberty Island and Ellis Island. Once you are on either island, you can stay as long as you would like before departing. The ferries run on a set schedule. The museum at Ellis Island is an amazing collection of America's history of immigration, with displays that cover hundreds of years. Contact Clay Shumay at the GNYC Office at (212) 651-2858 for these discounted tickets.
- **Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum:** (\$18.50/Scout, \$21/Adult) The Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum in New York City is the only museum where visitors can experience the legendary aircraft carrier, *Intrepid*, the first space shuttle, *Enterprise*, a Cold War-era submarine Growler, A British Airways Concorde, and the world's fastest jets. Contact Clay Shumay at the GNYC Office at (212) 651-2858 for these discounted tickets.



## **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

### **Bus directions From Alpine Scout Camp to Times Square:**

- Transportation via Rockland Coaches Bus Line – The bus runs from Alpine, NJ to the Port Authority Bus Terminal in Manhattan (West 41<sup>st</sup> Street & 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue). We can pre-purchase tickets and will pass it along to you at cost (approximately \$9.00 per ticket).
- Walking directions from the Port Authority Bus Terminal to the Broadway Plaza – exit from West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street & 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue exit. Head north on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, walk 4 blocks to West 46<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn right onto West 46<sup>th</sup> Street and walk 1 block to Broadway.

## **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 48<sup>th</sup> Street. Continue on West 48<sup>th</sup> Street until you reach Broadway. Make a left onto Broadway, go 1 block to West 47<sup>th</sup> 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 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. Turn left at the 2<sup>nd</sup> cross street onto 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Turn right onto West 48<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn right at the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> cross street onto East 39<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn right onto Madison Avenue. Take Madison Avenue to East 47<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn right on East 47<sup>th</sup> Street. Continue on East 47<sup>th</sup> 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 48<sup>th</sup> Street. Continue on West 48<sup>th</sup> Street until you reach Broadway.



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

- Resource Parking – 164 West 46<sup>th</sup> Street (on West 46<sup>th</sup> Street between 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Avenues)
- Quik Park – 223 West 46<sup>th</sup> Street (on West 46<sup>th</sup> Street between 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Avenues)
- Icon Parking – 145 West 47<sup>th</sup> Street (on West 47<sup>th</sup> Street between 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Avenues),
- Champion Parking – 251 West 45<sup>th</sup> Street (on West 45<sup>th</sup> Street between 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Avenues)
- Icon Parking – 1515 Broadway (on Broadway between West 44<sup>th</sup> & West 45<sup>th</sup> 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/>. You can also use [www.hopstop.com](http://www.hopstop.com) to help you plan your route using public transportation.

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

- 42<sup>nd</sup> 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 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and Broadway. Exit station and walk north on Broadway to West 46<sup>th</sup> Street and the Broadway Plaza.
  - 1, 2, 3 & 7 trains will take you to West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street & Seventh Avenue. Exit station and walk north on Seventh Avenue to West 46<sup>th</sup> Street and the Broadway Plaza.
- 47<sup>th</sup> – 50<sup>th</sup> Streets/Rockefeller Center Station – serviced by the B, D, F & M trains.
  - Exit station at West 47<sup>th</sup> Street. Walk west along West 47<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> Street. Walk south 3 blocks along Seventh Avenue to West 47<sup>th</sup> Street. Or take the M104 bus to Seventh Avenue and West 47<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Buses coming from the south (northbound buses): take the M5 or M7 bus to West 47<sup>th</sup> Street & the Avenue of the Americas (6<sup>th</sup> 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 one way due to tolls and traffic.