



# World Championship Pinewood Derby Program Guide

**Thank you** for attending the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual World Championship Pinewood Derby! This year's event is happening at the world famous Marriott Marquis Hotel, located in the heart of Times Square. Event will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor at the Westside Ballroom. Our race team is excited to see everyone in their Scout uniforms and we look forward to making the day great. Let the races begin!

## Our Timeline for the Day:

- 8:00am World Pinewood Derby Championship check-in opens
- 9:00am Preliminary Racing begins
- 2:00pm Preliminary racing ends, followed by a short intermission
- 3:00pm The World Pinewood Derby Fast Fifteen
  - The Pro-stock Fast Fifteen Race
  - The Stock Fast Fifteen Race
- 4:00pm The Winners' Cup Award Ceremony & Trophy Presentation

\*Please note, times are subject to change.

## Attendees & Staff:

We are expecting close to 350 Cub Scout Champions and over 1,500 total attendees. Competitors and their families represent 22 states, 66 Boy Scout Councils and over 130 Districts.

Our event staff is made up of close to 100 BSA volunteers from 5 different Councils within New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Texas! Our volunteers have dedicated their time and talent and are committed to making this event an amazing experience for you and your Cub Scout Champion.

## Check-In:

As stated above, cars will be able to check-in beginning at 8am. We will have a large amount of cars that will go through a thorough inspection, so not everyone needs to arrive at 8am. If you are staying in the Marriott or another nearby hotel, it might be better for you to arrive closer to 8am, while if you reside in the NYC metropolitan area, you might want to plan to arrive closer to 10am.

## Car Inspection:

Our volunteer inspectors will review each car based on the regulations in the 2018 World Championship Pinewood Derby Official Rules. If a car successfully qualifies for either the Stock Car or the Pro Stock Division, it will be assigned a car number and a race number. If a car does not qualify for either Stock Car or Pro Stock, it will be returned to the Cub Scout. The Cub Scout, with the help of an adult, can either make the necessary adjustments and re-enter the car through the Re-Inspection Line, or race on the Exhibition Track.

- **A car is allowed only two entries through the Re-Inspection Line (for a total of three inspections). After that, if the car still does not qualify, then the Cub Scout and his party must go back and wait on the check-in line to get the car inspected again.**
- **Cub Scouts from the Greater New York Councils (GNYC) will also be competing for the GNYC Championship. However, all GNYC cars MUST qualify for STOCK CAR in order to qualify for GNYC Championship awards. A GNYC Cub Scout may enter the Pro Stock Division, but then that Scout would only be in the running for the World Championship Pinewood Derby Pro Stock Division awards, not for the GNYC Championships.**



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## Racing Format:

Cars will race in the order that they check-in. They will be broken out only by their Racing Division, not by Rank. So, your Cub Scout will be sharing a track with other Cubs ranging from Tigers to Webelos II. Cars will be broken out into groups of 32 cars for their races, so we can start racing as soon as possible. Once we have 32 cars within the same Division checked-in, we will begin racing.

After each race of 32, the final times will be recorded and compared with all the other races within that Division. At the conclusion of the days preliminary races (each group of 32 has raced), the top three Cub Scouts in each of the five ranks, in each Division will receive World Championship trophies. Those 15 Scouts (per Division) make up the Fast 15. The Fast 15 will have another, elimination-style race amongst themselves. The final winner of each Division's Fast 15 will receive an additional trophy – the Champions Cup.

## Car Return:

At the conclusion of each race of 32, the cars will be held while the results are gathered and compared to all other cars within that Division. At that time, they will also be reviewed by our volunteer design judges. We will hold only the cars that are currently in the running for a trophy. All other cars will be brought to the Check-In/Check-Out area. If your car finished racing, and it not at Check-Out that means your car is still in the running for a trophy!

## Other Activities:

There will be downtime during the event, especially while waiting for your car to race. Please see below for information about nearby attractions outside of the Marriott. Feel free to take advantage and return for when your car is expected to race.

Also, inside the ballroom, we will have an Exhibition Track. Scouts and siblings can race a car they brought from home as many times as they would like, or they can build a car using PRO Brick Wheels and Zinc Brick Weights provided by Pinewood Pro (<http://www.pinewoodpro.com>) that will be on hand. **(The LEGO bricks are for all attendees to use. After you finish building and racing, we ask that you please take the car apart and return the pieces).**

The Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum will be on hand for a Flight Deck Game where children can build paper airplanes and attempt to “land” them on the “Intrepid’s Flight Deck”.

For younger children, we will have activity and coloring sheets with crayons provided as well.

## T-Shirts:

For those that pre-ordered and pre-paid for World Championship Pinewood Derby T-Shirts, those will be available for pick-up at the event. If you did not pre-order and would like to purchase T-Shirts, there will be a limited quantity available at the event that will be sold on a first-come/first-serve basis. After the event, we will place group order for T-Shirts. Information will be sent out via email in July.

## Lunch:

The Marriott Marquis has also setup a buffet lunch for our attendees inside their restaurant. Entrée options include: roasted chicken, chicken tenders, salmon, beef short ribs, beef sliders, mac & cheese, mashed potatoes and sautéed broccolini & cherry tomatoes potato wedges. The buffet costs \$18 + tax & gratuity. There is a limited supply of tickets for this lunch. They will be distributed on a first-come/first-serve basis. Other nearby food options are listed below.



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The information which follows will provide you the information you'll need to make your visit to New York City more enjoyable. If you need more info, please contact our Scout Experience Coordination Team at the check-in area. Welcome to New York City!

## Area Attractions:

- **Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum – 234 West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street between 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.'s** ([madametussauds.com](http://madametussauds.com)) allows children and their families the opportunity to get up close to models of their favorite stars, including Justin Bieber, Miley Cyrus and Taylor Swift. Children are even invited to pose for photographs inside the museum.
- **Ripley's Believe It or Not! - 234 West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street** This Times Square Odditorium stands out as another popular stop on Midtown's sightseeing trail. Ripley's Believe It or Not has more than 20 galleries of incredible exhibits and interactive multimedia. Visitors encounter historic memorabilia and strange artifacts from across the globe. Examples of Ripley's displays include genuine Olympic torches, shrunken heads, a six-legged cow and a chunk of the Berlin Wall. Rare and bizarre relics abound here, making for a unique tourism experience. The museum invites parents to bring along strollers as well, making exploration easier for its youngest visitors.
- **Midtown Comics - 200 West 40<sup>th</sup> Street near Seventh Avenue:** Located at the top of a narrow (and easy-to-miss) set of stairs, this Manhattan comic book shop chain has a great selection of titles for young readers like *The Incredibles*, *Archie* and *Tiny Titans*. 50 cents.
- **The LEGO Store - 620 Fifth Ave. between 49<sup>th</sup> & 50<sup>th</sup> Streets:** We might be stating the obvious here, but the Rockefeller Center LEGO Store is a brick lovers dream. Visit the Living Room, an interactive play area, or the Master Builder Bar to get your hands on some LEGOs. Kids can also marvel over the awesome displays, learn fun facts and find cool LEGO pieces at the Pick a Brick Wall
- **Nintendo World - 10 Rockefeller Plaza, 48<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave's:** Nintendo World is your very own Warp Pipe into the Mushroom Kingdom and beyond! 10,000 square feet of gaming goodness on 2 floors. Featuring memorabilia of your favorite gaming superstars, and other souvenirs. Nintendo World has something for everyone.
- **Rockefeller Center - 1250 Avenue of the Americas 212-632-3975 [rockefellercenter.com](http://rockefellercenter.com):** New York's iconic Rockefeller Center lies just three blocks from Times Square. Erected in the 1930s, this Art-Deco landmark ranks as one of the most famous buildings in the city. Rockefeller Center is considered the world's largest privately owned business-and-entertainment center. Shops and cafes dot the promenade leading to the lower plaza, where you'll come across the Rockefeller ice-skating rink and New York's official Christmas tree during the winter. This plaza transforms into an outdoor dining area in the summer. Head inside the granite and marble building for the NBC Studio Tour. The tour schedule varies, but guests can see the sets of many well-known programs, like the Today Show, Saturday Night Live and Dateline. The Rockefeller Center also features a beautiful observation deck between floors 67 and 70. Take the glass-ceiling elevator up to the Top of the Rock observatory for panoramic views of Central Park and the Empire State Building.

## Family friendly food near Times Square:

- **The Kiosks** located within the World Pinewood Derby footprint area great choices and come highly recommended. They are:
  - Mighty Quinn's – smoked BBQ
  - Nuchas – empanadas, pastries
  - Wafels & Dinges – Belgian waffles w/ toppings
  - Snackbox – hotdogs
- **Olive Garden** – 2 Times Square - 7<sup>th</sup> Ave between 47<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> streets.
- **Applebee's: two locations:** 234 W. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave's 205 W. 50<sup>th</sup> Street between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave's.
- **Bubba Gump Shrimp Company** – 1501 Broadway between 43<sup>rd</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> streets.



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- **Junior's Restaurant** - 1515 Broadway at 45<sup>th</sup> Street or 1626 Broadway at 49<sup>th</sup> Street  
Whether you are seeing a Broadway show, touring the sights or just in need of a great stop in the heart of the city, Junior's on Broadway is the ideal location. Opened in 2006, this spectacular restaurant features outdoor dining on our patio during the summer, a full service bar, and beautiful new dining room. We like to call it a taste of Brooklyn in the heart of Manhattan. Yes, the legendary cheesecake is great, but so are the potato pancakes, burgers, brisket, even the salads.
- **Westway Diner** 614 Ninth Avenue between 43rd and 44th Streets  
Greek favorites like souvlaki and moussaka, pasta and meat entrees, and the ubiquitous burgers, sandwiches, salads and shakes.
- **Dafni Greek Taverna** - 325 West 42 Street between 8th and 9th Ave's.  
A good restaurant right on 42nd Street? It's true. Mouth-watering staples like *saganaki* (addictive baked cheese), *spanakopita* (spinach pie), *kalamaraka* (fried squid) and a variety of cold spreads.
- **Schnipper's Quality Kitchen** - 620 8th Ave. at 41st Street  
For the quickest, most kid-friendly meal in the entire area. But at Schnipper's, the wait is *much* shorter and the menu is much larger and includes tacos, Sloppy Joes, mac and cheese, fried fish and a wide array of salads in addition to burgers, fries and shakes.
- **Empanada Mama** - 763 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. between 51st and 52nd Streets  
Choose from an incredible variety of traditional empanadas stuffed with meats, veggies, cheese, rice and beans, plus unexpected multicultural combos like Mambo Italiano (roasted Italian sweet sausage with peppers and mozzarella), Reggaeton (Caribbean-style roast pork with seasoned yellow rice) or Polish (kielbasa and sauerkraut). There are even dessert options (chocolate and banana; figs, caramel and cheese, or guava with mozzarella).
- **Virgil's Real BBQ** - 152 West 44th Street between Broadway and 6th Ave.  
You'll find all the standards: ribs, pulled pork, fried shrimp or chicken, plus sides like mac 'n' cheese, baked beans, buttermilk biscuits, and mashed potatoes and gravy.
- **John's Pizzeria** - 260 West 44th Street between Broadway and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
The simple Margherita is your best bet for picky eaters but you can also choose from a variety of toppings. Pasta dishes, salads and meat entrees are also available.
- **El Azteca** - 783 Ninth Avenue at 52nd Street  
Cheesy quesadillas, horchata (a kind of spiced milk), and fried bananas topped with honey and whipped cream. This is traditional Mexican food, no fancy fusion variations, so fill up on burritos, tacos, chimichangas and other staples.



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## And for dessert...

- **Schmackary's** 362 West 45th Street at Ninth Avenue  
This dessert spot serves milk and cookies... and not much else. But oh, the cookies! The 45-plus varieties range from the mundane (chocolate chip, oatmeal, etc.) to the exotic like maple bacon, peanut butter banana crunch, candied yam and pumpkin spice. There are brownies and ice cream sandwiches, too.
- **Amy's Bread** 672 Ninth Avenue between 46th and 47th Streets  
There's a lot more than bread here. The cafe menu includes scones, muffins, biscuits, doughnuts, cupcakes, cookies and even pizza and quiche.
- **The Hershey's Store – Broadway & 48<sup>th</sup> Street** (thehersheycompany.com) lets children create their own candy mix and personalize a giant Hersey's Kiss under the store's large facade featuring an assortment of Hershey candies.
- **M&M's World – 1600 Broadway & 49<sup>th</sup> Street** (mymms.com) is a three-story shop with a special children's area, a green M&M Statue of Liberty and plenty of M&M's candy.

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