

Cub Scouts race in Pinewood Derby

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Ten Central Oregon Cub Scout packs are expected to participate in Saturday's event

Would-be NASCAR drivers (cleverly disguised as Cub Scouts) have their first shot at fame on the racetrack Saturday, March 10 as they compete in a time-honored scouting event, the Pinewood Derby.

Miniature hand-crafted wooden Derby cars will zoom down the track starting at noon at Trinity Lutheran School, near the corner of Butler Market and 27th Street in Bend. Members from ten different Central Oregon Cub Scout packs are expected to field entries in the event.

Cub Scouts and their parents or guardians spend dozens of hours together designing and building Pinewood Derby cars to exacting specifications. In the process, they learn teamwork, discipline, pursuit of excellence, and how to cope with the challenges of head-to-head competition.

The public is invited to view the races and there is no admission charge. Registration begins at 10 a.m.

The Pinewood Derby has been a part of Cub Scouting since 1953. Since then, an estimated 40 million fathers, mothers, guardians and their Cub Scout sons have worked hand-in-hand on the simple cars and the lessons they teach. Each Cub is provided with a block of wood, four nails for axles, four plastic wheels, and the creative license to decorate his racer any way he pleases. The shapes and colors are as unique as the Cub Scouts who built them, but the competition is always red-hot!

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