

2026 Black Otter District Pinewood Derby

Saturday May 16th, 2026. Rimrock Mall Center Court, 10am

This year the Black Otter Pinewood Derby will feature two classes of racing. Cub Scout Class and Open Class. They must follow the Montana Council Pinewood Derby Rules. There will also be two show classes. Cub Scout Show Class and Open Show Class. Each Pack can submit up to four cars in each speed class, and up to three in each show class for a total of 14 cars per Pack.

Cub Scout Class

For all registered Cub Scouts, Lion through Arrow of Light. The cars must comply with the Montana Council Pinewood Derby rules for Cub Scout Class. This class is for speed. Send (up to) your 4 fastest cars.

Open Class

Open to all cars that comply with the Montana Council Pinewood Derby rules for Open Class. This class is for speed. Send (up to) your 4 Fastest cars.

Cub Scout Show Class

For all registered Cub Scouts Lion through Arrow of Light. This class is for show and these cars will not run down the track. Send (up to) your 3 showiest cars from your Pack. Voting will take place at the Scout Show.

Open Show Class

Open to all cars. This class is for show. Send (up to) your 3 showiest cars from your Pack. Voting will take place at the Scout Show.

All cars must be labeled with the owner's name and Pack number.

Please pick your cars up following the race. It is recommended that youth have a parent/guardian with them when they pick up their car.

Deadlines:

Cars must be registered no later than 5:00PM on Wednesday, May 14, 2026. If you have any questions or are unable to get your registration to the Scout office, please e-mail your entries to: z_simenson@hotmail.com ALL ENTRIES MUST BE IN BY 5:00PM May 14th.

Packs must submit their cars to the District Derby in "RACE READY" condition between 10AM and Noon on race day May 16th.

No lubrications or modifications will be allowed on race day. If a car is found to not adhere to the Official Montana Council Pinewood Derby rules, the representative on the registration form will be contacted immediately and have the option of running the car in the open class (if the rules are met) or in the show class as no modifications are allowed to bring the car into compliance prior to the beginning of the race.

There will be no exceptions to the rules at the District Derby. It is the Pack's responsibility to ensure the rules are adhered to before submitting the cars for the race.

The Pinewood Derby will be held at Rimrock Mall center court from Noon to 3PM or until all races complete. Registration will begin at 10am. The Pinewood Derby uses a timer system having each car run down the track in each lane at least once (could be more depending on number of entries). Speeds are measured for each car each time it runs a heat, and the computer system determines the results of the speeds.

Please remember that the Pinewood Derby was created to allow parents to teach their scouts how to use tools such as hand saws. Sanding blocks and hammers to build their own car. Our goal is to teach Scouts how to be proud of their accomplishments and how to show good sportsmanship. The open class exists for siblings and "BIG KIDS" who want to build their own car. Let's make sure our Scouts are proud of their accomplishments as the motto we teach them to live by is 'DO YOUR BEST.'

Please return this portion with your payment to the Black Otter Scout Office

Registration Information

Scout Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Pack # Rank: __Lion __Tiger __Wolf __Bear __Webelos (Check One) __Open Class

Phone Number: _____ (in case we need to discuss the cars inspection status)

Email address: _____

There is a \$2 entry fee for each car entered to help pay for trophies. Paid:
Make checks payable to the Montana Council