

2026 Cardinal District Pinewood Derby Information Packet

Fuquay-Varina UMC

100 S Judd Pkwy SE, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

When: Saturday, March 14, 2026



Congratulations and welcome to the 2026 Cardinal District Pinewood Derby.

If you have questions, please reach out via the District PWD email address at: cardinal-district-pinewood-derby-group@ocscouts.org

On behalf of the entire Cardinal District Program Committee, thank you for your participation in this event.

This Pinewood Derby represents the best cars from each of the Cub Scout Packs that make up our district. The derby will take place on Saturday, March 14, 2026 at Fuquay-Varina UMC in Fuquay-Varina, NC. This event is for the Scouts – not the parents. Packs are responsible to make sure that each Scout was involved in the design and construction of their car. Former Scouts remember this race as either the best or worst part of their Cub experience, so make sure your Scout focuses mostly on the fact they made it to this event and not on whether or not they win. This event will have races and judging on six levels: Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos and Arrow of Light. Each pack should send its top three speed finishers in each of these levels. In addition, the “Best Design” and “Most Original” cars for each level will be judged, so please also send one car in each of these categories from each Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos and Arrow of Light level. In total your pack may send eighteen (18) speed representatives and twelve (12) design representatives.

Descriptions of “Best Design” and “Most Original” categories can be found in the Official Car Rules. This should help you decide in which category these cars should be entered. Entrants may not compete in both speed and appearance (i.e., Most Original and Best Design).

SCHEDULE

We hope to keep to the following schedule and will communicate any changes if needed.

Car check-in and inspection will take place on Fri. March 13, from 6-9 pm at the Fuquay-Varina UMC gym. If a participant absolutely cannot check-in during that time, they must request a day-of check-in (Sat. March 14, 7:30-8:45 am) at the following link no later than Wednesday, March 11: <https://forms.gle/Cam1mVp9dmdp6381A>

Sat. March 14

Event	Time
Day-of Check-In (must request in advance)	7:30 – 8:45 am
Opening Ceremony	8:45 am
Lion & Tiger Races	9:00 – 10:00 am
Webelos & AOL Races	10:30 – 11:30 am
Wolf & Bear Races	12:00 – 1:00 pm

Cars not registered during the specified registration times will not be allowed to compete. Award ceremonies will occur shortly after each den finishes racing, once results have been compiled. Please note: Since we have no way of knowing how many Cub Scouts will pre-register or how many actually will show up for the district derby, starting and ending times are estimates; however, the committee will do its very best to keep the race on schedule. Your help with promptness is greatly appreciated.

THINGS YOU NEED TO DO

Please read the following instructions carefully. If you have any questions, contact us immediately. Please do not wait until race day to ask questions.

- 1) If you are a Scout who won a race or judging category in your Pack Pinewood Derby, please notify your Cubmaster and Pack Pinewood Derby coordinator of your intent to race as soon as possible. If you have won in more than one category, please choose which category you intend to compete in. You may only compete in one category.
- 2) If you are a participating Scout, you should have received and **carefully read the rules for the district event to make sure that your car complies with the district rules. All cars, whether they are racing for speed or being judged for design must comply with the district rules.**
- 3) **Packs must pre-register their entrants by Sunday, March 8, 2026.** Registration is done via Blackpug and the link will be shared on the district web site (cardinal.ocscouts.org). **Please make sure that every scout who is listed on that form has received a copy of the 2026 district rules and these instructions.**
- 4) Packs who are participating must **pay a registration fee (\$5 per scout) via Blackpug.**
- 5) This year's fees are **\$5 per scout.** The registration fees are used to cover the cost of the trophies, patches and materials for running the race.
- 6) You will receive an email confirmation of registration sign up. If you do not see this within a week of registering, or by March 9, please contact us at: cardinal-district-pinewood-derby-group@ocscouts.org
- 7) **Participants, please arrive at the event at least 15 minutes prior to your den's scheduled race start.**
- 8) **Class A Uniforms are required for participation in this event.** Please wear your uniform. If you are a uniformed volunteer with your pack and are attending this event, please also wear your uniform.
- 9) **Each Pack is required to send one volunteer for the event!** The volunteer sign up link will be shared closer to the event. During your pack's registration, you will be asked to verify the volunteer's name and contact information and that they have signed up for a volunteer shift.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions, concerns, complaints, recommendations, or suggestions please contact the Cardinal District Pinewood Derby Committee at cardinal-district-pinewood-derby-group@ocscouts.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!