

Cataloochee District Spring Camporee 2026 – Rescheduled to **One Day Event -August 22, 226**



Pinewood Derby

Hosted by 585 units

When:	August 22, 2026 (ONE DAY EVENT)
Where:	Paschal-Carter Park 9218 Carter Mill Dr Knoxville, TN 37924
Cost:	\$10.00 Per Person if registered online No unregistered Adults or youth *** Register & Pay Online Only – link to follow***

*** This event may be rescheduled due to inclement weather.
If it is, we will communicate with the unit leaders ***

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DIRECTIONS:

Paschal Carter Park is in east Knox County at 9218 Carter Mill Road, adjacent to Carter Community Swimming Pool.

Directions from Gov. John Sevier Hwy: Turn east on Strawberry Plains Pike and travel ~6 miles until the road intersects with Asheville Hwy (25W/70). Turn right on Asheville Hwy and travel ~ 1 mile and turn first right on Carter School Road. Travel ~1/4 mile to Carter Mill Road and turn first right. Carter Community Swimming Pool is ~1,200 feet on the left. Enter the pool parking lot, up the hill and through the gate.

Directions from I-40: exit at #402, Midway Road: Turn north on Midway Road until the intersection with Thorngrove Pike. Turn right on Thorngrove Pike and travel ~1/2 mile to Carter School Road. Turn left on Carter School Road and travel ~1.5 miles and turn left on Carter Mill Road. Carter Community Swimming Pool is ~1,200 feet on the left. Enter the pool parking lot, up the hill and through the gate.

Directions from Morristown: Take I81 South towards Knoxville. Exit at #402, Midway Road: Turn north on Midway Road until the intersection with Thorngrove Pike. Turn right on Thorngrove Pike and travel ~1/2 mile to Carter School Road. Turn left on Carter School Road and travel ~1.5 miles and turn left on Carter Mill Road. Carter Community Swimming Pool is ~1,200 feet on the left. Enter the pool parking lot, up the hill and through the gate.

If you wish to Map Quest/Google directions, the address is: 9218 Carter Mill Drive, Knoxville, TN

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IMPORTANT

Registration will be online this year. Please ensure that all attendees are registered online by Monday, April 20th, 2026

SPL/ADULT LEADER MEETING

This meeting will be held at 9:00pm in Troop 58's green building.
(First Building to the left as troops enter the Campsite area)

SERVICE PROJECT

Bring non-perishable food items for the local food bank

CAMPSITES

If you do not have a permanent and established campsite already, we highly encourage you to contact Adam Willson NOW to make arrangements to pick out a campsite and to schedule a day to get your campsite ready BEFORE camporee.

CHECK-IN

On site check-in will begin on **Saturday, August 22 at 8am**. Please turn in your Derby cars during this time.

PARKING

Only the vehicle with the troop trailer or troop equipment will be allowed in the camping area. All other vehicles will be parked in the designated parking area. Event coordinators are not responsible for vehicles, or any valuables left in vehicles. Vehicles with trailers will need to wait for an escort before proceeding to their campsite.

****Only one vehicle and trailer will be allowed to stay in the campsite. All other vehicles need to park in the parking lot at the designated parking area.****

FIRES

This camporee will be low impact camping. Campfires are permitted, but please use a fire container. Only use designated firewood or deadfall. Cutting of live trees is not permitted. Troops need to bring their own firewood.

WATER

Each troop must bring their own water supply.

MEALS

Camp will not provide food. Each troop must meal prep and cook their own meals within their unit. All units are expected to practice safe food preparation, storage and disposal. OA will sell hotdogs and snacks.

GARBAGE

All troops are responsible for their own trash pickup and disposal. Please try to keep your campsite and event area clean. The Carter Solid Waste Center is located at 8515 Asheville Hwy. Hours 7am-3pm Saturday/Closed Sunday

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

Alcohol and drugs are simply not allowed. Just say no.

TRANSPORTATION

When transporting scouts in vehicles, they must be in proper passenger seats wearing seat belts. **Leaders must complete the online training, Safe Travel.**

PETS

No Pets are allowed.

BICYCLES

Bicycles are not permitted.

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MOVING AROUND THE PARK

Foot traffic should stay off road as much as possible and use trails.

FIREARMS / WEAPONS

No firearms or weapons of any sort. This included any TOY weapons. DO NOT BRING THEM!

SHEATH KNIVES

Youth may not bring or wear sheath knives.

TRAINING

All Adult leaders attending camp must have a current **SYT and Weather Hazard Training**. Both trainings are mandatory for all registered leaders and will be verified upon arrival.

WEATHER

This event will be postponed due to inclement weather.

FIRST AID / CAMP HEALTH OFFICER

The Camp Health / First Aid Officer will be located near registration and will administer First aid if necessary.

Troops should be prepared to handle minor needs. If a Scout is injured and needs to see the Health Officer, the unit leader must bring the injured Scout and the health form to the first aid officer at same time.

MEDICATIONS / LIMITATIONS

All medications are the responsibility of either the individual taking the medication or that individual's parent or guardian. We also ask that the unit leader notify the camp director of any campers with limitations, allergies, special needs or life-threatening conditions.

MEDICAL AB FORMS (All Participants must have an up-to-date Med AB form at Camp)

Each Unit will be responsible to keep and manage their unit's medical forms. Forms will be verified at check-in. If a Scout is injured and needs to see the Health Officer, the unit leader must bring the injured Scout and the health form to the first aid officer at same time. Medical Privacy Interests will be protected and health Information will only be shared on a need-to-know basis.

EMERGENCIES & CAMPER SECURITY

- Our Camp has written policies & procedures in place for Emergencies & Camper Security. These procedures have been communicated with all attending volunteers & staff.
- In the event of severe weather or other camp wide crisis, an emergency siren or horn will be sounded throughout the camp.
- Campers above the field will report to Troop 58's site and take shelter in the green building. Campers in or below the field will report to the building by the pool.
- In the event of any other emergency (ie lost camper), all campers will report to the field for accountability until the crisis is over.
- In Case of lightning, shelter in vehicles! **See BSA: Hazard Trees & Lighting Risk Reduction (Pages 12 & 13).**

EMS & EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

The nearest EMS is 1.3 Miles from the event. (3 mins)

Rural Metro Fire Dept Station 26 - 8707 Strawberry Plains, TN 37924

HOSPITAL

The nearest Hospital is 15.3 miles from the event. (22 mins)

Fort Sanders Regional Medical - 1901 Clinch Ave, Knoxville, TN 37916

CHAPEL

Chapel will be held on Sunday morning at each unit's campsite. (The unit is responsible for their own Chapel program)

PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF THIS PROPERTY AND PRACTICE LOW IMPACT CAMPING!!

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Special Pinewood Derby Rules for Scouts

- Each troop enters **2 cars per patrol**.
 - 1 Car to race
 - 1 Car to enter in “Best in Show”
- Cars built at troop meetings prior to camporee.
- Standard pinewood derby kits but with optional modifications:
 - Max weight: 6 oz (instead of 5 oz).
 - Creativity encouraged (paint, themes, patrol identity).
 - All wheels must touch track.
- Follow the same rules as our District Cub Pinewood Derby with the exception of max weight of 6 oz instead of 5 oz. **See Next Page for the District Cub Rules**

Schedule

Saturday, August 22 nd		
Time	Description	Location
7:30-8:30 AM	Check-in	Event Parade Field
8:30 AM	Flags	Event Field at Flag Pole
9:00-11:00 AM	Knox Rescue Squad Jaws of Life Demonstration	Parking Lot
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch *OA will be selling Hot Dogs, Walking Tacos & Snacks*	Troop Campsite or Parade Field
1:15-4:30 PM	Pinewood Derby Race	Event Field
4:30-5:00 PM	Awards 1st, 2nd, 3rd & Best of Show	Event Field
5:30 PM	Clean-up and head home	Troop Campsite

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Official Pinewood Derby Rules

Car Specifications:

- 1 Width - 2 3/4 inches
- 2 Length - 7 inches
- 3 Gross weight - shall not exceed 5 ounces
- 4 Width between wheels - 1 3/4 inches
- 5 Clearance between car bottom and track - no less than 3/8 inch
- 6 Height 4 inches maximum
- 7 Wheel base can not be modified
- 8 **MUST USE OFFICIAL SCOUTING AMERICA PINEWOOD DERBY KIT**

6 ounces



Car Rules:

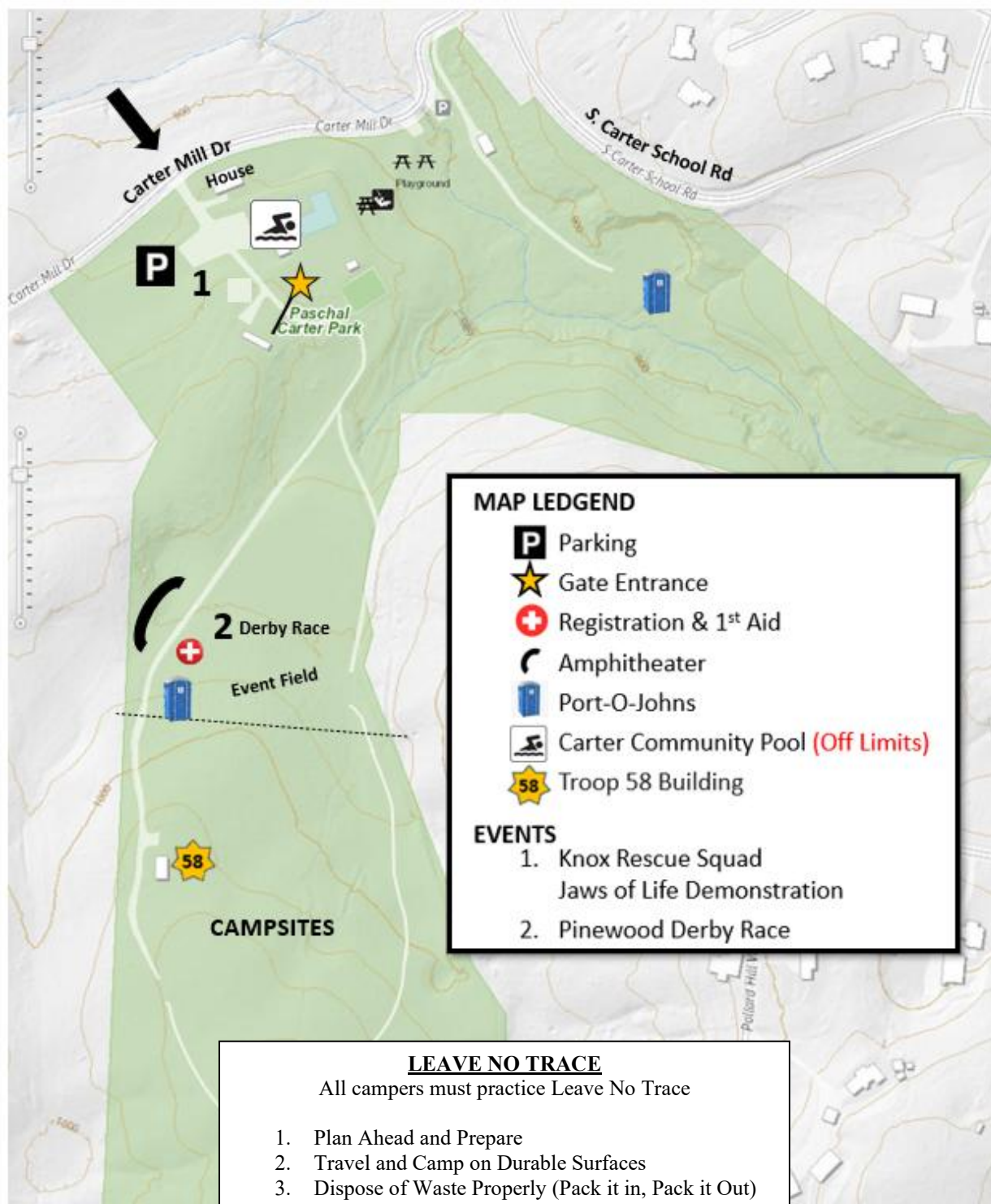
- 1 All 4 wheels must be on the track at all times.
- 2 Only dry type lubricant is permitted (i.e. graphite)
- 3 Only official cub scout Grand Prix Pinewood Derby wheels and axles are permitted.
- 4 The car shall be freewheeling with no starting device(s)
- 5 Weights must be fastened securely, and paint shall be dry.
- 6 Wheel bearings, washers, bushings, and springs are prohibited
- 7 Wheels and axles may not be altered. Wheels and axles may be polished to remove imperfections. No changes to the size or shape of the wheels and axles are permitted.

Race Rules:

- 1 Cars must be this year's construction. **DO NOT PAINT THE BOTTOM OF THE CAR.**
Cubmaster signature/initials and the current year must be visible on the bottom of the car.
- 2 A Scout must be present for their car to be raced. Exceptions may be granted by the Race Director on a case-by-case basis.
- 3 Cars shall be inspected with the CD inspection sheet and weighed by race officials to ensure that all cars fulfill the race requirements. Once a car passes inspection, it will be impounded until its racing has been completed.
- 4 Only Race Officials are permitted inside the impound or track areas.
- 5 The top 3 Pack winners are eligible to enter the District Pinewood Derby race with the Packs 4th place winner as an alternate.

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In case of emergency, a horn will blast depending on the emergency.

1 LONG horn blast

- Regroup at current location, do a head count and report to registration through cellphone or walkie-talkie.

2 SHORT horn blasts, repeated

- Regroup back at camp, do a head count, take appropriate measures to ensure scout safety, and report to registration through cellphone or walkie-talkie.

1 SHORT followed by 1 LONG horn blast

- All clear, return to normal schedule

For ALL health issues or emergencies, you must report to the medical officer at registration. This is regardless of a parent being on site.

***** ALL health issues must be logged *****

Onsite Contacts for Emergencies:

Russ Patterson: 865-455-4284 (District Director)

Jason Collins: 423-258-3136 (District Executive)

Holly Barton: 386-624-8176 (Short Term Admin)

Amanda Rupright: 941-716-2342 (Event Chair)

Dr Hood: 423-721-4143 (Medical Officer)

KJ Wilder: 865-406-2948 (First Aid / Emergency / Logistics)

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Lightning Risk Reduction

In many parts of the country, Scouting activities in the outdoors will be at risk to thunderstorms and lightning strike potential. In a thunderstorm, there is no risk-free location outside.

First, to be prepared for your outdoor adventure, it is important to know the weather patterns of the area. Weather patterns on the Florida coast differ greatly from the mountains of New Mexico and the lakes of Minnesota or the rivers of West Virginia. In addition to patterns, monitor current weather forecasts and conditions of the area you plan to visit to modify your plans if needed.

The National Weather Service recommends that when the ***“Thunder Roars, Go Indoors! The only completely safe action is to get inside a safe building or vehicle.”*** When a safe building or vehicle is nearby, the best risk-reduction technique is to get to it as soon as possible. Move quickly when you:

- First hear thunder,
- See lightning, or
- Observe dark, threatening clouds developing overhead.

Stay inside until 30 minutes after you hear the last rumble of thunder before resuming outdoor activities.

Shelter—two forms:

- Safe Building—one that is fully enclosed with a roof, walls, and floor, and has plumbing or wiring. Examples of safe buildings include a home, school, church, hotel, office building, or shopping center.
- Safe Vehicle—any fully enclosed, metal-topped vehicle such as a hard-topped car, minivan, bus, truck, etc. If you drive into a thunderstorm, slow down and use extra caution. If possible, pull off the road into a safe area. Do NOT leave the vehicle during a thunderstorm.

Risk Reduction (when no safe building or vehicle is nearby):

- If camping, hiking, etc., far from a safe vehicle or building, avoid open fields, the top of a hill, or a ridge top.
- Spread your group out 100 feet from each other if possible.
- Stay away from tall, isolated trees; flag poles; totem poles; or other tall objects. If you are in a forest, stay near a lower stand of trees.
- If you are camping in an open area, set up camp in a valley, ravine, or other low area, but avoid flood-prone areas. Remember, a tent offers NO protection from lightning.
- Stay away from water, wet items (such as ropes), and metal objects (such as fences and poles). Water and metal are excellent conductors of electricity.
- If boating and you cannot get back to land to a safe building or vehicle:
On a small boat, drop anchor and get as low as possible. Large boats with cabins, especially those with lightning protection systems properly installed, or metal marine vessels offer a safer but not risk-free environment. Remember to stay inside the cabin and away from any metal surfaces.

If lightning strikes, be prepared to administer CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) so that you can tend to lightning victims quickly (they do not hold an electrical charge). Take anyone who is a victim of a lightning strike or near-strike to the nearest medical facility as soon as possible, even if the person appears to be unharmed.

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Scouts and their parents expect all Boy Scouts of America activities to be conducted safely. To ensure the safety of participants, the Boy Scouts of America expects leaders to use the four points of **SAFE** when delivering the Scouting program.

SUPERVISION

Youth are supervised by qualified and trustworthy adults who set the example for safety.

- Accepting responsibility for the well-being and safety of youth under their care.
- Ensuring that adults are adequately trained, experienced, and skilled to lead the activity, including the ability to prevent and respond to likely problems and potential emergencies.
- Knowing and delivering the program of the Boy Scouts of America with integrity.
- Using qualified instructors, guides, or safety personnel as needed to provide additional guidance.
- Maintaining engagement with participants during activities to ensure compliance with established rules and procedures.

ASSESSMENT

Activities are assessed for risks during planning. Leaders have reviewed applicable program guidance or standards and have verified the activity is not prohibited. Risk avoidance or mitigation is incorporated into the activity.

- Predetermining what guidance and standards are typically applied to the activity, including those specific to the Boy Scouts of America program.
- Planning for safe travel to and from the activity site.
- Validating the activity is age-appropriate for the Boy Scouts of America program level.
- Determining whether the unit has sufficient training, resources, and experience to meet the identified standards and, if not, modifying the activity accordingly.
- Developing contingency plans for changes in weather and environment and arranging for communication with participants, parents, and emergency services.

FITNESS AND SKILL

Participants' Annual Health and Medical Records are reviewed, and leaders have confirmed that prerequisite fitness and skill levels exist for participants to take part safely.

- Confirming the activity is right for the age, maturity, and physical abilities of participants.
- Considering as risk factors temporary or chronic health conditions of participants.
- Validating minimum skill requirements identified during planning and ensuring participants stay within the limits of their abilities.
- Providing training to participants with limited skills and assessing their skills before they attempt more advanced skills.

EQUIPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

Safe and appropriately sized equipment, courses, camps, campsites, trails, or playing fields are used properly. Leaders periodically check gear use and the environment for changing conditions that could affect safety.

- Confirming participants' clothing is appropriate for expected temperatures, sun exposure, weather events, and terrain.
- Providing equipment that is appropriately sized for participants, is in good repair, and is used properly.
- Ensuring personal and group safety equipment is available, properly fitted, and used consistently and in accordance with training.
- Reviewing the activity area for suitability during planning and immediately before use, and monitoring the area during the activity through supervision.
- Adjusting the activity for changing conditions or ending it if safety cannot be maintained.