

2025 Prairie Fox Pinewood Derby Q&A

What is the date and location of the Derby? Saturday, May 3, 2025, will be our Second Annual Derby. The location is planned to be at the St. Mary's Catholic Church gym in Waukesha and we do welcome other family members to join in and cheer on your Scout. The venue should be completely wheelchair accessible, and we will have convenient wheelchair viewing areas.

About how long will this take? The Scouts will race in a scramble format starting as soon as all racers clear check-in, we estimate sometime between 9:30 and 10:00 AM. Check-in begins as soon as the table is set up, approximately **8:45 AM**. Depending on the number of racers we anticipate the races will take 2-3 hours followed by awards by scout rank.

What is the last date a Scout can be registered for the Derby? A parent or Cubmaster should register a Scout as soon as possible, but Wednesday, April 30, 2025, is the last day to register Scouts for the Derby. Registration is done via signup genius at <http://prairiefoxpinewoodderby.esitec.net> beginning February 1, 2025. Cars will be assigned numbers based on the scouts rank which will be applied to the top rear of the car at check-in on Saturday May 3, 2025.

Who is eligible to register a Scout for 2025 Prairie Fox Pinewood Derby? A parent or Cubmaster can register a Scout. One Scout per Pack for each Cub Scout Rank (Lion through Arrow of Light) plus 1 additional Scout from the Pack's race. A Scout must have an adult volunteer that signs up at the same time. An adult volunteer will help out in an area assigned to him or her based on interest/ability. There is something for everyone. Volunteers will have about a two-hour responsibility at the event and it may directly overlap with some of the race heats. All volunteer positions have a direct line of sight for the racing activities so they can see their Scout race. Scouts cannot race if their volunteer (or a replacement volunteer) does not show up.

What will the volunteers be doing? We will need volunteers to oversee the car check-in process, arrange the cars for racing and put cars on and off the tracks for racing. We will find out from the volunteers where their skill sets will be the most appropriate fit. Other roles we will need to assign to volunteers may include announcers, greeters, photographers, race marshals, etc.

While I am volunteering will I be able to watch my other young children? Generally no. You should plan on other arrangements or oversight for younger children. Each parent needs to make his/her own determination about oversight. It is fine to invite other friends, family members or bring older siblings to help oversee younger kids. There are a few volunteer roles that will accommodate parents that have to watch younger kids, so please request that as soon as possible.

Does the Scout have to use the same car he raced at his Pack Derby? No, Scouts do not have to use the same car that was raced in their Pack Derby. A Scout can change his/her existing Derby car or build a new Derby car for the Prairie Fox Derby.

Can I bring in beverages? We anticipate be selling hot dogs, snacks and beverages at the event with the proceeds going to Prairie Fox Friends of Scouting. Please help us by timely disposing of your trash. There are water fountains and restrooms available for everyone.

What type of a track will we be racing on for the Council Derby? Everyone will race on the same track throughout the day. The track is a 42 foot (37 foot racing distance), aluminum, 4-lane track with electronic timers and integrated software for accurately maintaining everyone's racing statistics. Every Scout will race on all 4 lanes of the track and an average time for each Scout will be calculated based on their 3 best times. This average time is used to determine the top 3 Scouts overall and the top 3 rank scouts.