

# Saugatuck District Pinewood Derby Championship



**Saturday, March 29, 2025**

**Starts 9:30 AM — See Race Schedule page 2**

The SONO Collection, 100 N. Water St. Norwalk, CT 06854

**Find us at M&T Bank Magnificent Room Level 2**

**Scouts Racing pay \$10.00\* — All others FREE**

**Registration <https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1342>**

(\*Fee includes patch, participation certificate and awards.)

Registrations ends March 25, 2025

Cub Scout families are invited to the Annual District Pinewood Derby Championship Race. Join us for a day of races and fun family activities. **Bring a buddy** to join the fun and learn about Cub Scouting.

Who Can Race? The top three racers from each rank in your Pack's Pinewood Derby—1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for Lions, Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos, and Arrow of Light (a total of 18 racers per pack). **If any of the top three racers cannot attend, alternates may participate in their place.** All registrations must be verified by the Cubmaster or Committee Chair.

**Family Fun In between the races... Bring a Buddy!**

- ★ **LEGO DERBY RACE** — Open to the public for boys and girls of any age to build and race a LEGO Pinewood Derby Car as well as Scouts and Family Members.
- ★ **Fun table top activities** and more!

Shop SONO Collection many merchants and restaurants including Pinstripes Pizza & Warby Parker

**Questions: [Saugatuck-activities@ctyankee.org](mailto:Saugatuck-activities@ctyankee.org).**



**Three District Championship Races  
being held on March 29**

- \* Aquila District Bethel Fire Dept
- \* Saugatuck District SONO Collection
- \* Quinnipiac District IKEA New Haven

We will have a ZOOM "portal" at each location for fun communications between the three races.





## SAUGATUCK Pinewood Derby Championship Saturday, March 29, 2025

**SONO Collection Mall, Norwalk**

**Who can race?** The top three racers for each rank from each Pack — 1st, 2nd, 3rd place for Lions, Tigers, Wolf, Bear and Webelos. Scouts must be paid and registered to race.

**PACK RACE COORDINATOR:** Each Pack is asked assign one adult to serve as the Pack Race coordinator. Responsibilities:

- Quarantine winning cars to hold for the District Derby.
- Coordinates with Pack Leaders the group reservation.
- **Conducts the Pack car check-in, eliminating the needs for parents to wait in a check in line.**

**QUARANTINE:** We are asking Packs to quarantine the winning cars following the Pack race to check-in all cars from 8:30 to 9:30 AM. This will allow that registration, inspection, and check-in are all known well ahead of time and avoid long check-in lines.

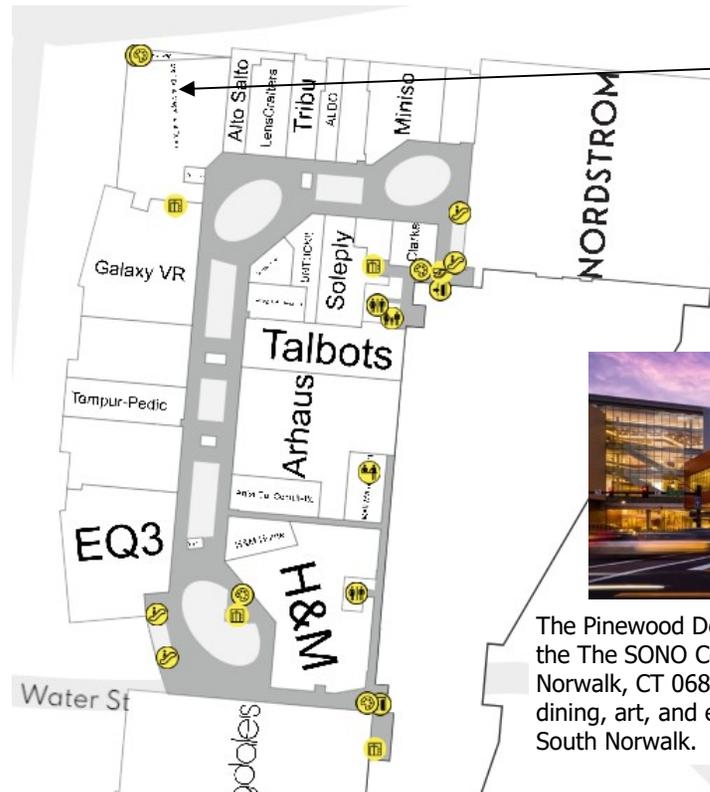
**2ND Check-in option:** Cars can also be checked in 30 minutes prior to their scheduled race. See Race Schedule to the left.

The following Awards will be presented.

- \* 1st – 3rd Lion
- \* 1st – 3rd Tiger
- \* 1st – 3rd Wolf
- \* 1st – 3rd Bear
- \* 1st – 3rd Webelos
- \* 1st – 3rd Arrow of Light
- \* 1st – 3rd Overall
- \* Best In show for each heat.

Race Schedule	CHECK-IN	RACE START	RACE ENDS
<b>Pack Check in all cars</b>	8:30 to 9:30 AM		
AOL/WEBELOS	9:30 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM
WOLF/BEARS	10:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM
BREAK	12:00 TO 12:15 PM		
LION/TIGERS	12:15 PM	12:30 PM	1:30 PM
RACE ENDS	1:30 PM		

No championship race. Software will determine the top overall winners. Awards presented at the May Roundtable.



LEVEL 2  
M&T Magnificent Room.  
Parking tip. Follow the ramp towards Nordstrom until L2 (the level before the roof). Use the mall entrance to the left of Nordstrom.



The Pinewood Derby Championship is hosted by the The SONO Collection, 100 N. Water St. Norwalk, CT 06854 — a spectacular shopping, dining, art, and entertainment destination in South Norwalk.



## Car Check-in Qualifications

Scout Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pack #: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

- To race in the District Pinewood Derby Championship, all Scouts must be paid in full by Sunday, April 14.
- Agree to the District/Council Championship Race guidelines

### Car Inspection

- Please remove all race numbers off the car. The car will be renumbered by District.
- The overall length of the car shall not exceed 7 inches.
- The overall width of the car shall not exceed 2  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches.
- The car must have 1  $\frac{3}{4}$ " clearance between the wheels.
- The car must have 3/8" clearance underneath the body so it does not rub on the track.
- The car must not be taller than 3" tall.
- The wheelbase (distance between front and rear axles) is 4  $\frac{1}{4}$  (4.250) to 4  $\frac{5}{8}$  (4.625) inches.
- The car weight shall not exceed 5.00 ounces.



## CYC Official Pinewood Derby Guidelines

These are the Guidelines for District and ConnJam Races

### General Rules:

- You must use the Official BSA Pinewood Derby Kit. No other body, axles or Wheels will be accepted.
- The car MUST have been created in the year that the race is taking place.
- The car MUST have been created by the CUB SCOUT racing it.
- As each car is registered, it will be weighed in and checked for the following inspection points:

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### Derby Car Weight

- ◊ The car weight shall not exceed 5.00 ounces.
- ◊ The official race scale that is used at car check-in shall be considered final.

### Wood, Wheels and Axles

- ◊ The official pine wood block must be used. The block may be shaped in any way.
- ◊ Bending of the axel will be allowed. **The four wheels must be in contact with the track** and it meets the wheel-width guideline. The axles may not be altered except for polishing and lubrication.
- ◊ Official BSA wheels must be used. The wheels may not be cut, drilled, beveled, or rounded. You may only remove the seams and imperfections from the wheels. Excessive sanding will be considered "lathing" and may be disqualified based on decision of the Racemaster.)
- ◊ The official nail axles must be used and may not be altered except for polishing and lubrication.
- ◊ Dry lubricant is the only type of lubricant that will be allowed.

### Car Modifications Not Allowed

- ◊ Wheel bearings, washers or bushings are prohibited.
- ◊ The car must not ride on any type of springs.
- ◊ No starting devices. The car must be freewheeling.
- ◊ No liquids or loose material of any kind, such as lead shot, may be used.

### Other Pinewood Derby Race Rules

- Once a car passes inspection and is entered into the race, only race committee members can touch it.
- If the car loses a wheel, or is otherwise damaged, the racer shall have 5 minutes to make a repair.
- Each car must pass inspection by the official inspection committee before it will be allowed to compete.
- Lubrication must be done before arrival (no graphite allowed in Race site).
- The Inspection Committee has the responsibility to disqualify those cars that do not meet these specifications. All decisions of the Racemaster are final.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct by any participant or spectator will be grounds for expulsion from the competition or the race area.



## PLEASE JOIN THE TEAM

Council Coordinator  
John Hanks

Saugatuck Activity Chair  
Charles Colfer

Here's where we could use some help:

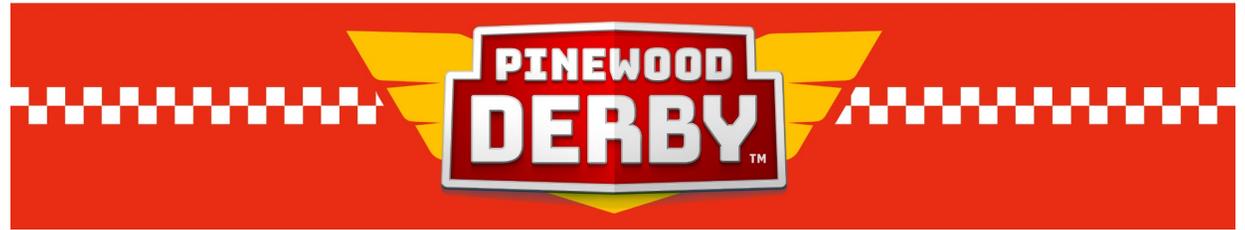
- \* Car check-in
- \* Help with the Lego Track
- \* Track Official
- \* Run a table activity
- \* Fix-it Table
- \* General help

Please select:

- \* Morning shift 8 AM TO 12:15
- \* Afternoon shift 12:45 PM to 2 PM

**Volunteer at**

[Saugatuck-activities@ctyankee.org](mailto:Saugatuck-activities@ctyankee.org)



## Connecticut Yankee Council BSA Pinewood Derby Council Championship Race

**Saturday, May 17, 2025**  
**CONNJAM 2025**  
**Orange Fairgrounds, Orange**

The top three winners from each rank (Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light) in the District Championship Races will qualify to compete in the Council Championship Race at ConnJam. Registration link

Questions?

