

...EVERYDAY ADVENTURE



PINEWOOD DERBY

Saturday 7th December 2013

To all Scouts,

Would you like to make a little wooden car and race it against other scouts? Then enter the Hemel Hempstead District Scouts Pinewood Derby 2013.

What is it? A District competition; you purchase a kit (wood, wheels and nails) for £3 via your Leader and make a car or vehicle of some sort. This is then raced on a special track (two cars at a time) to see which car is the fastest. The track has a steep slope at the start then a flat section before the electronic finish. Each car must lose to at least two others to go out of the competition, and by process of elimination we arrive at the very exciting finals!

Find out more from <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XHrbQYCVew!> ! for info of the track from a previous derby.

There are also prizes for the fastest cars overall and for the best designs split into two age bands.

Who can enter? Any invested Scout

What about the designs? It can be a fairly simple design or as elaborate as you like. Most entries are cars but we have had boats, trams, carriages, vans, skateboards, rockets, etc. PLEASE NOTE BY LEADERS REQUEST THERE WILL NOT BE A WORKSHOP ON THE DAY OF THE RACE, SO IF YOUR CAR WILL NOT RUN TO THE FINISH THEN IT WILL NOT RACE. Instead we will be running a workshop for a couple of hours on Saturday 30th November from 10.00 a.m. at 1st Hemel HQ in Queensway where you can test your car on the race track, and to assist in fine tuning. You can discuss ideas and be shown how to do something by an adult but essentially **it must be your own work not Dad's**. There is **no special theme** this year. If you want it to go quick, consider wind resistance!

Can two people share? Sorry, there are no joint entries.

Can we use kits left over from previous years? No, nor cars or parts from previous years either.

When/where exactly is it? 1st Hemel Hempstead scout HQ (Queensway). Check in times are from 10.00 till 10.45 a.m. We will start with qualifying runs then the races. NO WORKSHOP AVAILABLE. The event usually finishes about 1.30 p.m, depending on the number of entries. Spectators are very welcome on the day – refreshments will be available from the Tuck Shop. Prizes are presented at the end and cannot be awarded to a car if it has been removed.

How do we enter? You need to ask your leader to reserve a kit for you, or email me directly with your name and scout troop. The number of kits is limited, so entry is on a first come, first served basis.

Are you up for the challenge? We hope so!

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