

Cub Scouts Pack 94 Newsletter

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Upcoming January Events

January 6th: Hiking Club

Hickory Creek Preserve 10537 W. LaPorte Rd, Mokena
1:00pm

January 6th: Pack Swim

Challenge Fitness 2021 Lawrence Ave, Lockport
4:00 – 6:00pm

January 12th: Pinewood Derby Workshop

Jensen Household 19649 Stonehenge Dr., Mokena
12:00 – 4:00pm

January 19th: Pinewood Derby Test & Tune and Pre-registration

Union Elementary School 1661 Cherry Hill Rd, Joliet
12:00 – 4:00pm

January 20th: Pinewood Derby

Union Elementary School 1661 Cherry Hill Rd, Joliet
12:00 – 5:00pm

January 24th: Committee Meeting

VFW 323 Old Hickory Rd, New Lenox
7:00pm

Please check our website for more information and sign-up links. www.Pack94.com

The Pinewood Derby and Pack Night

January 20, 2019 12:00pm to 5:00pm

It's that time of year again for the annual Pinewood Derby. Your scout should have received his pinewood derby kit at the December Park Night. If you do not have one, please contact your Den Leader, they were given the kits for the scouts who could not attend.

The Pinewood Derby is broken down into 3 days; no one is required to attend all three days. It is a Cub Scout tradition dating back to the 1950's but it is not a requirement.

Day One – January 12th

Jensen Household 19649 Stonehenge Dr., Mokena
12:00 – 4:00pm

This is our Pinewood Derby Workshop or Pinewood 101 as we lovingly call it. In case your garage does not contain all the wood working equipment one may like to have in designing your car, this is your chance to use ours. Well not ours, but Camille and Sean Jensen parents of one of our Webelos have opened up their garage for those of us who are lacking.

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Day Two – January 19th

Union Elementary School 1661 Cherry Hill Rd, Joliet
Set-up 9:00am any volunteers would be welcomed
12:00 – 4:00pm

This will be our test and tune event as well as pre-registration. You will have a chance to try out the car on our racing track and fix or adjust whatever needs tweaking. Of course your car may be perfect at which you can pre-register your car for the event and avoid the headaches of registering on Sunday. I jest; there are no headaches in Cub Scouts. The test and tune will make sure your car complies with the BSA standards and makes the weight, height, and width. The official Pack 94 Pinewood Derby rules are on the last page of this newsletter; this has been taken from our website. Lastly, once you pre-register, your car will be placed in the holding area. There will be no transporting of cars from one place to another to knock around the axels or any other catastrophe.

Day Three – January 20th

Union Elementary School 1661 Cherry Hill Rd, Joliet
12:00 – 5:00pm

The big day!! Please bring camping chairs or any other items you wish to sit on.

We will be racing by rank from youngest to oldest. Each rank will be racing as a whole. Wolves will be against every Wolf regardless of Den and so forth. If you have a Webelos you do not have to be there at 12:00 pm unless you have not registered your car. If your car does not place in the top three for their rank you may leave the event. You don't have to leave but you can. The winner of the Pinewood Derby can represent our Pack in the Rainbow Council Derby. We will have more information for you if that happens.

The Pinewood Derby Please and Thank You

We need volunteers to help make this derby run as smooth and as fast as possible. Please reach out to anyone of our Den Leaders, Assistant Den Leaders, or Committee Members if you wish to help. Or just show up, we will take the help you are willing to give us.

The Pinewood Derby Bake Sale and Snacks

We are asking each Den to please bring in two batches of sellable baked items for our bake sale. These could be cookies, muffins, or brownies (just examples) that are individually wrapped or placed in zip lock storage bags. Please do not bring in whole pies or cakes.

We will also have chips and other snack food for sale.

We will not have access to a kitchen for this event so the hot dogs we had in the past are not available. Please feel free to bring in any food or you can leave and get food. There will be no eating in the race area but we will have tables available for this.

So that's Pinewood...

Want to have a say? Join the Committee

We have a number of committee positions that are open and a few that need to be filled as soon as possible.

Assistant Cub Master – our Cub Master will be here for just one more year. His scout crosses over February 2020 and he will be leaving at the same time. Our Assistant Cub Master will take his place and a new Assistant Cub Master will come forward to help you out. You will be the face the kids will see and look up to.

Committee Chair – our current Committee Chair will be leaving October 2019. Yes 2019! The committee chair runs the committee meetings and is our representative to the council. You would be the behind the scenes person.

Treasurer – Our Treasurer is leaving in February 2020. You would be in charge of the funds and allegations. How much more fun could you ask for? If you sign up now you would be able to work with our current Treasurer and realize it's not as scary as it sounds.

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Want to have a say? Join the Committee Continued

Secretary – Our Secretary is leaving in February 2020. You would take notes at the committee meetings and send out letters to sponsors.

Fundraiser – We have NO fundraiser. Everyone is pitching in right now to help out but we really need one as soon as possible. You would help organize remote sales, call businesses for sponsors, those types of things.

Hiking Club News

Outdoors all year round... Everyone does well with some fresh air. Your scout has the opportunity to join Pack 94 on our monthly hikes. If being outside and wearing our scouts out isn't enough incentive than how about earning a hiking patch? Mile markers for every 10 miles hiked? Still not enough? How about their very own hand crafted hiking stick? OK, not really hand crafted but assembled by our very own Hiking Chair. Still not enough? How about hiking stick medallions. See, we have you now...

Please join us on our upcoming hikes:

Sunday January 6, 2019 1:00pm: Hickory Creek Preserve - LaPorte Road Access, 10537 W. LaPorte Road, Mokena, IL

Saturday February 2, 2019 10:00am: Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center - 9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs, IL

Sunday March 3, 2019 1:00pm: Hadley Valley - Gougar Road Access, 18311 Gougar Road, Joliet, IL

Saturday April 13, 2019 10:00am: Fullersburg Woods Nature Education Center, 3609 Spring Road, Oak Brook, IL

Contacts and Questions

We all have questions from time to time. If you have a question about something and cannot find the answer, please e-mail your question to hikes@pack94.com and we will try to answer your questions or send the e-mail on to someone who can. Please allow 5 days for a response.

Important Contacts:

We are all important here at Pack 94 but we can't all be Chiefs. Here are the people you should know how to contact:

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Treasurer: Katie Vuckovich
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Secretary: Tricia Counter
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OFFICIAL PACK 94 PINEWOOD DERBY RULES

1. ONLY CARS BUILT FROM AN "OFFICIAL BSA KIT" WILL BE ACCEPTED.
2. CARS MUST BE ORIGINAL IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND NOT FROM PAST DERBIES.
3. LENGTH, WIDTH AND CLEARANCES:
 - a. Maximum overall width (including wheels and axles) shall not exceed 2-3/4 inches.
 - b. Minimum width between the wheels shall be 1-3/4 inches so that the car will clear the center guide strip.
 - c. Minimum clearance between the bottom of car and the track shall be 3/8 inches, so that the car will clear the center guide strip.
 - d. Maximum overall length shall not exceed 7 inches.
 - e. Maximum overall height shall not exceed 3-1/2 inches.
 - f. The wheelbase (distance between front and rear axles) may be changed; however, the overall length of the car (including wheel protrusion) may not exceed 7 inches.
4. WEIGHT AND APPEARANCE:
 - a. Weight shall not exceed 5.000 ounces. The reading (5 seconds) on the official race scale will be considered final. The car may be hollowed out and built up to the maximum weight by the addition of wood or metal. Any additions must be firmly affixed or built into the car. No loose materials of any kind are permitted in or on the car. MERCURY, BB's, OR ANY OTHER MATERIAL USED TO HELP PROPEL THE CAR CANNOT BE USED.
 - b. Details such as lights, steering wheels, drivers, spoilers, painting, and decals are permitted, as long as these add-ons do not make the car in violation of any clearance specifications and are securely attached.
 - c. Cars with wet paint will not be accepted.
 - d. Tape may only be used for detailing or decoration. Parts or weights may not be attached solely by tape. Hot glue works well. Super glue is too thin and may bond something you did not want glued – like wheels to axles.
 - e. SEVERE undercutting (< 45 degrees), notching, and "V" shaped front ends (designed to give the PWD car an advantage at the starting pin) are strictly prohibited.
5. WHEELS AND AXLES:
 - a. Only official "SCOUT GRAND PRIX DERBY KIT" wheels and axles can be used. SOLID OR GROOVED AXLES ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN!
 - b. Wheels and axles may be modified by light sanding and polishing. The original thickness of the wheels must be maintained. Some of the original tread of the wheels must be visible.
NO LATHING or CUTTING ALLOWED!
 - c. Wheel bearings, washers, or bushings are prohibited.
 - d. The car must be freewheeling with no starting device or other means of propulsion.
 - e. The car shall not ride on any type of springs.
6. LUBRICATION:
 - a. Only dry powdered lubricants such as graphite may be used. Regular oils and silicone sprays may soften the plastic wheels, dissolve paint, and alter the track surface affecting car performance.
 - b. Cars may be lubricated before inspection. AFTER INSPECTION, NO FURTHER LUBRICATION WILL BE PERMITTED.
 - c. LUBING MUST be done in Gasoline Alley ONLY to prevent graphite stains and messes on the facilities floors.