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Eagle Scouts and Scouting Alumni

Scouting Purdue Pinewood Derby Press Release

The Scouting Purdue Pinewood Derby is coming this spring!

The Purdue Pinewood Derby is an event where students from every major and club on campus are invited to design, build, and race their own pinewood derby cars in a competition surrounding engineering and creativity.

What is a Pinewood Derby?

A pinewood derby is a racing event in the Cub Scouts program where participants build small cars out of a block of pine wood, add wheels and weights, and then race them down a 35-foot track. It's hands-on and easy for beginners, which makes it great for Cub Scouts. Packs often award prizes for speed and design.

Why You Should Join

This event is designed to bring students together across majors and organizations. Whether you're in engineering, an art major, or someone who just wants to build something cool, this event is for you. You might even walk away with a prize and trophy.

Building your Car

Scouting Purdue will provide the car kits and will host building sessions in Bechtal Innovation Design Center for participants to work on their cars. Racers will also be able to work on and decorate their cars as desired on their own.

Details

- Race Date: Saturday, April 18th, 2026
- Race Location: WALC Basement
- Cost: \$5 per car for students, \$10 for staff for the classic division, \$10 per car for the advanced division
- How to Sign Up: Come to a callout or reach out to scouting@purdue.edu
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 - Website: purduepinewoodderby.org
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