

## **PINEWOOD DERBY INFORMATION**

The Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday, January 23rd in the First CRC Activity Center. Pinewood Derby car kits were sent home with the boys at the last meeting in December. If you did not receive one let us know. If you are unfamiliar with the Pinewood Derby, more info is included below!

The Cadet Room at First CRC will be open for car building on Saturday, January 9 and Saturday, January 16 from 8:30am-12:00pm. Parents are encouraged to build the car with their son, however if you need help or have questions Cadet counselors will be available.

For Saturday, January 24th:

Cadets should arrive at church by 9:00 for weigh-ins and racing will begin at 10:00am.

9:00-10:00 all weigh-in

10:00 5th/6th grade race

11:15 3rd/4th grade race

12:45 7th/8th grade race

These times are approximate but please make sure to be ready by the time listed for your group! Each group will race and receive trophies and will then be free to leave.

If your son would like to race a car but you are not comfortable coming to the event, please let us know and someone will race the car for him.

Concessions are available for snacks and lunch.

Pinewood Derby Race: The Cadets are given a block of wood, screws, axles and wheels that they turn into a race car according to the rules and requirements provided. Generally, the materials are handed out in November with the final races happening on a Saturday in late January. Cadets can work with their dad, mom or other adult to build the car. There are 2 Saturdays in January, where we open the Cadet room at church to use the equipment we have like band saws, sanders, drill press, etc.). Trophies are awarded in 3 categories – speed (the fastest car), traditional show (a normal looking race car) and non-traditional show (that might be a car that is shaped like a railroad car, a coke bottle, a submarine, a tape measure, a tank or whatever else the boys come up with). The 3rd and 4th graders race against each other, as do the 5th and 6th graders and then the 7th and 8th graders. There is also a race after that for counselors and dads that have built a car. We have a 6-lane computerized, aluminum track and so each Cadet will race his car at least once in each lane.

Please let us know if you have any questions!