



Racing Event Guide

Preston Socha
Pine Wood Derby Host

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801-472-8304 emergency (if the other number doesn't connect)

If you send an email to psocha@rushvalleyracing.com it will be forwarded to my phone.

What we need before race day

- Address or directions where the race is to be held.
- Contact information of person responsible for the race.
 - A cell phone number is helpful.

What we need on race day:

- Help pushing in the track. It's on wheels.
- Table for Computer & Projector.
- Church rolling whiteboard or chalkboard (The backside makes a great screen for the projector)

Race Day Items:

- **Set up** takes about 45 minutes including entering names into the computer. Once entered the racing can begin.
- **We'll be there the entire time.** In fact we like to host the race, acting as race official, comedian, and coordinator, but you are always welcome to do whatever you feel most comfortable. After opening exercises turn the event over to us and enjoy the time with your boys!
- After racing is complete I'll turn the time back to you to announce the winners. Immediately after the final heat we'll give you the results and at the same time you read the results the computer can show them on the board.

We have the following items: (We set all this stuff up)

- Complete Track with digital timer, LED displays, electronic gate release & accessories
- Computer with race management software
- Printer
- Computer Projector
- Very accurate digital scale
- Microphone with cords
- Church sound system interface box
- Traffic cones with rope. (Only if wanted)
- Tape to keep cords down

Check list of Items the Pack may want to provide:

- Trophies & Awards
- Certificates
- Decorations - Use the pack council to bring and set up decorations, awards, treats, etc.
- Treats or food

Other Tidbits

- We have done **over 250 races** and no one has cried or argued. There's simply nothing to cry over or argue about. The scoring is fair, unbiased, and it's just fun.
- **Free-for-all**s before and after are encouraged, with parental and leader permission.
- It is recommended pre-assigning a leader to **check in cars** and create a list of participants.
- Room layout seems to work best if the track runs down the center with a few rows of chairs on either side.
- Younger children are curious about the track, that's just fine. We ask parents to watch them so they don't get hurt.
- **It's just for fun and it's just Pine Wood Derby.** If someone cheats or enters an illegal car, they have to live with the guilt. It's more important that they participate (attend scouts) than get sent away. Besides most of the time the kids don't know it's wrong and items that are illegal can be quickly remedied before the racing begins. Getting uptight just makes things worse. If another parent takes issue with it, let me talk to them. We want everyone to have a great time!