# **Pinewood Derby**

- 1. Name the four basic components of a Pinewood Derby car.
- 2. Cars must meet the basic following requirements:
  - **a.** Must be made during the current calendar year or Pathfinder club year.
  - **b.** Width of car shall not exceed 2 3/4" or 70 mm
  - c. Length of car shall not exceed 7" or 178 mm
  - **d.** Weight of car shall not exceed 5 oz. (142 grams)
  - e. Width between wheels shall be 1 3/4" or 44 mm
  - **f.** Height from bottom of car to bottom of tires shall be 3/8" minimim or 10 mm
  - **g.** Use only axles, wheels, and wood provided in the kit you purchase.
  - **h.** Wheel bearings, washers, and bushings are prohibited.
- 3. Know how to safely use the following while building your project:
  - a. Saw
  - **b.** Wood rasp
  - **c.** Course sandpaper
  - **d.** Fine sandpaper
  - e. Wood plane
  - f. Hammer
  - g. Shaping stick
- 4. Know the basic steps in designing a car:
  - a. Design
  - **b.** Transfer of design
  - **c.** Building the car
  - d. Axles and wheels
  - e. Adding weight
  - **f.** Lubrication
- 5. Design and build to completion a Pinewood Derby car from a basic kit using the instructions in the kit or if no instructions, follow the directions in #2.
- 6. Participate in a sponsored Pinewood Derby event using the car you built in number five (5).
- 7. Define and practice good sportsmanship as it relates to your Christian walk.
- **Note:** If you are planning to participate in a conference Pinewood Derby event, be sure you use the correct specifications from your conference because some use different specifications than listed above.

### Where to Order:

S & W Crafts Manufacturing or	Pine Car
PO box 5501	PO Box 98
Pasadena, CA 91117	Linn Creek, MO 65052

Note: Pinewood Derby cars are usually available through the Boy Scout organization.

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# **Pinewood Derby, Advanced**

- 1. Have the Pinewood Derby Honor.
- 2. Know the Pinewood Derby race regulations for your district, area, or conference. NOTE: Many conferences have special Pinewood Derby events and the rules may vary as to length, weight and wheels.
- **3.** Be aware of the following:
  - **a.** Cars shall not ride on any kind or type of springs.
  - **b.** No loose materials of any kind are allowed in or on the car.
  - **c.** Official number must be clearly marked and visible.
- 4. Review tool safety.
- 5. Know the various ways to prepare and finish your project:
  - **a.** Sanding wood
  - **b.** Filling holes
  - **c.** Sealing new wood
  - d. Coloring wood
  - e. Gloss finishes
  - **f.** Enamel finishes
  - g. Stain finishes
  - **h.** Wax finishes
  - i. Acrylic finishes
  - j. Water colors
  - **k.** Leather look on wood
  - I. Decoupage
  - m. Forged foil
- **6.** Know the principle meaning of friction and how it can effect the performance of your car.
- 7. Know the three best ways to reduce friction on your car.
  - **a.** Axle lubrication
  - **b.** Aerodynamic design
  - c. Smooth finish
  - **d.** Proper wheel/axle clearance
  - e. Reduce wheel shaking
- **8.** Know the three theories of weight distribution and how it could affect the performance of your car.
- 9. Design and build to completion the following (not previously built):
  - **a.** Basic car kit with complete exterior finish
  - **b.** Deluxe/fancy car kit with complete exterior finish and decals
  - **c.** Be creative by building one of the following: tank, submarine, airplane, piano, ice cream sandwich, fire engine, vege-link, school bus, baby carriage, etc.
- **10.** Use details on your project such as steering wheel, driver, decals, etc. as long as these details do not exceed the maximum length, width, and weight specification.
- **11.** Participate in a club, district, or conference sponsored Pinewood Derby event with a current car.
- **12.** Define and practice good sportsmanship as it relates to your Christian walk.

Skill Level 2

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