

# YMCA of Arlington Father Child Programs

## Pinewood Derby Race Information

This event is designed to be fun and to provide a way for you and your child to spend quality time together. By working together as a team to design, plan, shape, and decorate the car, you will have an opportunity to know your child better and improve their skills and knowledge. Help your child to see that there is more to this event than winning and losing. All cars should be newly constructed for this year's race. The reentry of cars that were constructed for previous year's races or handed down from older siblings or friends is not in keeping with the spirit of this event.

This year's pinewood derby event will be held on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at the Central YMCA. Races will be conducted within five divisions: Pre K, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and Above. **All cars must complete registration at least 1 hour prior to the start of the child's division.** The scheduled start times for the races in each division are:

<u>Pre K</u>	<u>Kindergarten</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Grade</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</u>	<u>4<sup>th</sup> Grade &amp; above</u>	<u>Grand Champion</u>
9:30a.m.	10:30a.m.	11:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:45 p.m.

*Speed* trophies will be awarded for the first, second, third and fourth place finishes in each of the five divisions. The fastest four cars in each division will compete in a runoff for a *Grand Champion Speed* trophy. Trophies will also be awarded in each division for *Most Indian Like*, *Most Unique* and *Best of Show*. Cars must appear as if a child was involved in the design/construction to be eligible. **If you would like for your car to be considered for appearance awards it must be checked in by 9pm on Friday night the 5<sup>th</sup> of March!**

The computerized race format based upon a "low point" scoring system will be used again this year.

1. Points are awarded for first through sixth place finishes in each race. 1 point for first through 6 points for sixth place.
2. Cars race until they have accumulated 18 or more points. This assures that every car will run in at least three division races.
3. Individual cars competing in a given race are chosen through a random selection process and all lane assignments are random.
4. The six remaining cars within a division will run in a series of races to determine the division champion. Accumulated point totals from all prior races will be set to zero. These cars will run six races, each in a different lane. The car with the fewest points after the six races is the first place winner and so on. Ties for a given place will be broken by a sudden death race.
5. The race format for the Grand Champion will be the same as that for the division championship.

**Good Luck**, but most importantly, have a good time!

The "Fine" Print

All efforts have been made to ensure that the events are run as fairly as possible. The race committee, however, reserves the right to make changes in the race format as circumstances dictate. Their decisions will be final.