

Northern
New
England



600



Royal Ranger Grand Prix

THE "Pinewood Derby" event of the year.



From the desk of the PWD Coordinator,

It's that time again. You've got boys asking about **Pinewood Derby** and it's a great time to begin planning and making preparations for one of the most exciting events for your Outpost. When it comes to Pinewood Derby in the NNE, **"All roads lead to Biddeford!"** That's where the racing season will culminate for many Royal Rangers in your Outpost.

Our District Staff has set forth guidelines for the Outposts of the NNE Royal Rangers to follow so that when it comes time to race in the District finale, your boy's cars will qualify for fair racing.

This year's race will be held at a new venue that should be easy access for everyone. **New Life Church in Biddeford, ME (See directions in Packet)** will be the host church for our Grand Prix 600. For the second year we will race 2 separate divisions. The **Champions Division** Race will allow **ONLY** those cars that placed in the top 3 positions of their respective Outpost group races. An **Open Division** will allow all other racers to participate and earn a trophy to boot!

There are a few questions that are always asked that I would like to address, especially for those Outposts that may be new to Pinewood Derby.

What do I use for a car kit?

The NNE District Royal Rangers has settled on the **BSA (Boy Scouts Of America) kit design as a standard.** It is the most commonly used kit and most readily available. The **GPH kit is not allowed** to compete in races at the District level because of it's distinct axle and wheel design which differs drastically from the more commonly used BSA style kits.

Where Can I buy car kits for my outpost?

Your local craft store often has these type kits available or a **Boy Scout supply center**.

Are there a set of rules that my boys must follow in building and racing their cars? And, where can I find those rules?

Yes, there are a set of rules that can be found either on the NNED **Royal Rangers web site** or by contacting the **District PWD Coordinator**. Or, you could always read the set that is attached to this letter. We cannot always police these rules to the strictest letter of the law but ask that Senior Commanders and Outpost commanders make every effort to teach the importance of fair competition. We all like trophies, but they mean much more when they are earned in fair competition.

*******NEW RULE*******

Beginning 2010 -

All cars racing must be accompanied by it's driver in order to compete.

What is the Pinewood Derby Schedule in the NNED for 2009?

The schedule for events begins at your Outpost's convenience! Many of your boys may have already begun planning & building their 2010 cars. Your Outpost should schedule and complete your Outpost race before the District Derby in May so that you are able to select those cars from your outpost to compete in the **Champions Division**. Sectional or Divisional races will be held in April and serve to building momentum as we approach the **Northern New England 600** on **May 1st in Biddeford, ME held at New Life Church just off I-95**. There the final race of the season is held and the fastest cars in the District are on display.

Here are some details & logistics you will need to be aware of as you prepare for this event.

- Please issue a copy of the rules to all participants of the race.
- Every Chartered Royal Ranger, dad, and Royal Ranger leader is invited to participate in the race.
- We will include a group in the open division to accommodate the **Young Ladies** from Girl's Ministries. Whether they be daughters of commanders, sisters of Rangers, MPact girls, Missionettes, or just others who have a car to race, they will have the ability to demonstrate their speed on the track.
- The Derby will be held as scheduled on **Saturday the 1st of May**
- The Venue for the event is **New Life Church – Biddeford, ME** (Directions enclosed)
- Registration & Inspection will begin at 9:30AM

- Opening Ceremonies will be at 11:15 AM
- First heat scheduled to run at 11:30 AM
- We will have a concessions booth with food and snacks available with modest prices on food. Please display the attached Menu.
- As usual we will have some great prizes to hand out.
- Directions to **New Life Church** are enclosed.
- It is important that you [return the pre-registration](#) form to Commander Kendall Sperrey by either snail mail or email.
- We have some great event centers and attractions planned for this year's event, so plan to **Join us for all of fun.**
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Pinewood Derby Coordinator