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Scouting America Garden State Council Hosts Thrilling Pinewood Derby Championship

Deptford, NJ [March 18, 2025] – The Scouting America Garden State Council brought the excitement of racing to the Center Court of Deptford Mall as hundreds of Cub Scouts from South Jersey competed in the highly anticipated Pinewood Derby Championship.

“This event is more than a race—it’s a celebration of creativity, sportsmanship, and the Scout spirit,” said Patrick Linfors, Scout Executive/CEO of the Scouting America Garden State Council. “Seeing the excitement on the Scouts’ faces as their cars speed down the track is what makes the Pinewood Derby such a special tradition.”

Scouts proudly showcased their handcrafted race cars, each designed and fine-tuned for maximum speed, in a spirited competition to determine the fastest racers. Families, friends, and supporters gathered to cheer on participants as they put their engineering skills to the test on the track.

Brian Domzalski, Field Director of the Scouting America Garden State Council, added, “The Pinewood Derby is a fantastic way for Scouts to learn about teamwork, perseverance, and problem-solving. Every car on the track represents a Scout’s hard work and dedication, and we are proud to provide them with this opportunity to test their skills and have fun.”

As Scouting America celebrates its 115th birthday in 2025, events like this reinforce Scouting America’s mission. Since 1910, Scouting America has provided transformative experiences for over 130 million youth nationwide. As the organization embraces this milestone anniversary, it reaffirms its commitment to providing young people with opportunities for growth, leadership, and adventure.

For more information about Scouting programs in South Jersey, visit www.gardenstatescouting.org.

About Scouting America Garden State Council:

The Scouting America Garden State Council is chartered to provide comprehensive support and programs for Scouts across South Jersey. Serving communities in Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem, and parts of Atlantic counties, the council offers a range of Scouting programs, including Cub Scouts (grades K–5), Scouts BSA (ages 11–17), Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Exploring (all co-ed, ages 14–20). Through engaging activities that emphasize outdoor adventures, leadership development, and community service, the Garden State Council prepares youth to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

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An aerial view captures the excitement of the Pinewood Derby in action, showcasing the track, racers, and cheering crowd.



Excited spectators gather at the Deptford Mall to cheer on the Scouts as they race their handcrafted Pinewood Derby cars.



A colorful display of Pinewood Derby cars lined up and ready to compete, each uniquely designed by Scouts.



Scouts watch in anticipation as the Pinewood Derby cars speed down the track in a thrilling race.