

Cub Scout Derbies

Racing in a Cub Scout derby is great fun. Boys get to design the racing vehicle, work with a parent or family friend to build it, and see it perform on race day. Win or lose, Scouts take pride in having done their best. When boys race in a Cub Scout derby, they learn craft skills, the rules of fair play, and good sportsmanship—things you will remember all your life.

The annual Pinewood Derby

The pinewood derby is one of the most popular and successful family activities in Cub Scouting. Pinewood derby cars are small wooden models that Cub Scouts make with help from their families. Then they race the cars in competition. The cars are powered by gravity and run down a track. Most packs have a pinewood derby every year. It can be run indoors or outdoors. Every Scout can design and build their own "grand prix" car to enter in the race.



Pinewood Derby Supplies

If your Pack plans to conduct a Pinewood Derby or any other kind of derby, contact the Everett or Bellingham Scout Service Center to order the gear you'll need. That includes car kits, trophies, medals, weights, decals and lots of other items to help your Cub Scouts to create some amazing vehicles that they will be proud to race! Please allow about 2 weeks to receive your order from our National Supply warehouse. You may get free shipping and handling from ScoutStuff.org if you order from one of our Trading Posts (Scout Stores).



What is the annual Pack Blue and Gold Banquet?

If you've heard stories of aptly colorful Cub Scout banquets and never really understood what all the buzz was about, this post is for you. So what is a blue and gold banquet? Here's what [Scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org) has to say:

Most Cub Scouts celebrate Scouting Anniversary Week in February with a "birthday party" called the blue and gold banquet... It brings families together for an evening of fun and cheer. It's often the pack meeting for February.

Blue and gold banquets are a tradition within packs, celebrating the leaders and parents who volunteer to make Cub Scouting fantastic. Sometimes former pack members return to blue and gold banquets. Often special Scouting or community leaders are invited to attend or speak to

Cub Scouts in attendance. Some packs also use the banquet as a chance to celebrate the accomplishments of Scouts, themselves. A pack meeting can be used to host a blue and gold banquet. But sometimes the banquet is a separate event.

One misconception is that blue and gold banquets are intended to celebrate the Boy Scouts of America's birthday on February 8th. While the BSA's birthday may be an additional reason to host the banquet, the theme of the day is celebrating the pack's anniversary and everyone involved in making Scouting possible for members of the pack.

There's no lack of clarity on this, however: blue and gold banquets, from small to large, bring on creative decor, exciting entertainment, and delicious food. The months of planning that go into a successful blue and gold banquet are the perfect time to scour Pinterest and Instagram for kids' party inspiration.

For ideas on how to host a blue and gold banquet, or if you're still looking to learn more, visit these sites:

- **Eight Themes for a Blue and Gold Your Cub Scouts Will Love!** Found at:
<https://cubscouts.org/8-themes-blue-gold-cub-scouts-will-love/>
- **Nine Clever Food Ideas for Cub Scouts for Blue and Gold** found at:
<https://cubscouts.org/9-clever-food-ideas-for-cub-scouts-for-blue-and-gold/>
- **Eleven Impressive Cub Scout Cakes for Blue and Gold that Look Amazing!**
https://cubscouts.org/cub_scout_cakes/

Getting Supplies for your Blue and Gold Banquet

Order special Cub Scout plates, napkins, decorations and other great accessories from the Everett or Bellingham Scout Trading Post. Allow 2 weeks to receive special orders.