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**Pinewood Derby Races to the National Naval Aviation Museum**  
*Saturday, Feb. 7*

**Pensacola, Fla.**– January 22, 2009 – The Pensacola Bay District of the Boy Scouts of America will hold its 2nd Annual Pinewood Derby Race at the National Naval Aviation Museum on Saturday, Feb. 7. An opening ceremony is scheduled for 9:45 a.m., with the races beginning at 10 a.m. in the Blue Angels atrium. More than 200 racers are expected to attend this year and prizes will be awarded to the top finishers.

The Pinewood Derby was created in 1953 by Don Murphy in an effort to “devise a wholesome, constructive activity that would foster a closer father-son relationship and promote craftsmanship and good sportsmanship through competition.” Modeled after the popular Soap Box Derby races, the Pinewood Derby features much smaller cars that are easier to build. Using only a block of pine, four plastic wheels and four nails, Cub Scouts must construct their own cars using all nine pieces, without exceeding certain weight and length requirements. Other than these basic design rules, the Cub Scout can customize his car however he chooses, carving the pine block into different shapes or adding bright decorations such as decals. The finished cars are raced along a track that slopes to the ground, using only gravity to power them first across the finish line.

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**About the National Naval Aviation Museum**

The National Naval Aviation Museum features nearly 300,000 square feet of displays and is one of the world’s largest aviation museums. Located aboard Naval Air Station Pensacola, the facility boasts more than 150 beautifully restored aircraft representing Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard aviation and is Florida’s most-visited museum. Among the countless things to touch, see and experience is a thrilling Top Gun flight simulator, a variety of special exhibits, as well as the drama and power of amazing IMAX® films. The Cubi Bar Café offers a unique dining experience, and the Flight Deck Store is the perfect place to find a memento capturing the spirit of Naval Aviation. Museum admission is free. The National Naval Aviation Museum is open daily from 9 a.m.–5 p.m., except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. For more information, visit [NavalAviationMuseum.org](http://NavalAviationMuseum.org).

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