

Gravity picks winners in Scout derby



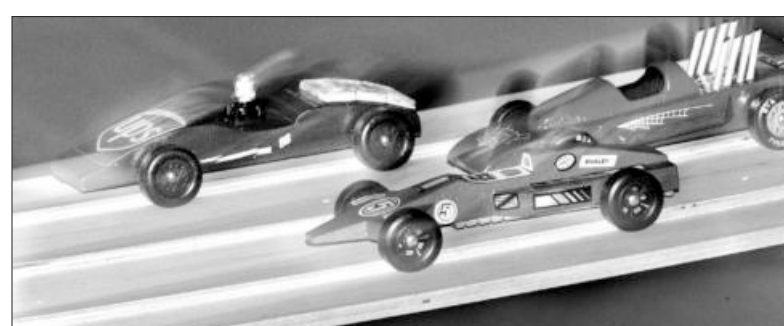
Eight-year-old **Haitya Gunna** (from left), **Christopher Burgett**, 7, **Tom Dalluge** and **Brent Chen**, 7, weigh Gunna's car Saturday before the 2007-08 Cub Scout Pack 491 Pinewood Derby.



Jack Harris (from left), **Andrew Weinbaum** (leaning over) and **Will Bentley**, all 7, cheer on their cars. Cubs Scouts from first through fifth grades built or helped build their Pinewood Derby cars for racing down the three-lane track.

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Cub Master **Blake Batley** (left) serves as master of ceremonies as **Robert Bentley** starts a race. About 30 Cub Scouts from five dens participated in the event. The Pinewood Derby is one of the most popular events in Cub Scouting. Every year more than 1 million boys and parents team up to carve, decorate, weigh and finally race a Pinewood Derby car. The first Pinewood Derby was held in 1953.



Three cars compete in the Cub Scout Pinewood Derby, held in the New Prospect Elementary School cafeteria in Alpharetta.



Ten-year-old **Clay Batley** makes adjustments to his "Knights in Shining Armor" car before the derby begins.

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