

Contest day schedule

- 1:00 to 2:00 PM Contestants **drop off creations** and **have their cars weighed and measured.**
- 2:00 to 4:00 PM **Races** – Races will be held for each age group. Before an age group’s race begins, each bobsled will have the chance to test their bobsled after which all competitors in that age group will be put into a bracket and compete until there is a winner.
- 4:00 PM **Awards** will be presented for each age group following the conclusion of all races. Competitors are asked to remain present for the duration of the competition, if possible.

Note: If the competition ends before 4:00 PM, participants will be allowed to run their bobsleds on the track in races they choose, such as amongst families, as time permits.



Thank You

to **Boy Scout Troop 412**, the provider of our pinewood derby track.

Disclaimers:

- Rules and prizes are subject to change without advance notification.
- Judges’ decisions are final.
- While every effort will be made to safeguard contest entries, Olathe Public Library cannot be held responsible for damage to or theft of items entered in this contest.

Olathe Public Library’s Winter Olympics Programming Presents Pinewood Bobsled Competition

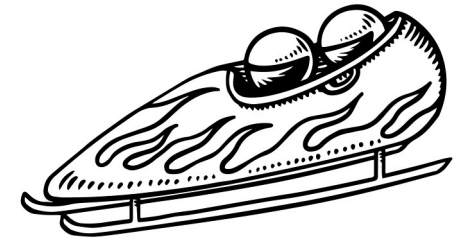
Sunday, February 20, 2022, 2-4 PM

Olathe Indian Creek Library

Rules & FAQs

Who may participate?

- Children in 1st through 5th grade
- Teens in 6th through 12th grade
- Adults



Races will be held within age categories. As such, children will compete against children, teens against teens, and adults against adults. As time allows, families may be able to compete against each other at the end of the competition for fun.

How do I enter the contest?

First, you MUST register for the contest. There is separate registration for children, teens, and adults. While younger competitors may need some adult supervision and assistance in constructing their bobsleds, registrants should sign up according to who will be the creative mind behind the project. Space is limited.

You may register online at www.olathelibrary.org/events or call the library at 913-971-6835 or register in person at either Olathe library.

On the day of the competition, you will check in your bobsled with staff to have it weighed and to be entered into the schedule of races.

What kind of vehicle should I make? Is there a theme?

To go along with our Winter Olympics theme, this Pinewood Derby is for bobsleds instead of cars. As such, your vehicle should look like a bobsled, though you may determine what that means to you.

What are the dimension requirements of my bobsled?

When you bring your bobsled to the competition, it will be checked-in, measured, and weighed. Your bobsled can be up to 7 inches in length, 2 inches in width, and 3 inches in height. Additionally, your bobsled should not exceed 5 ounces in weight.

What materials may I use?

The library has a limited number of pre-cut wooden bobsled kits. These kits contain six wooden pieces that require minimal assembly with glue to put together. Kits will be available to registrants on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning on TBDDDDDDDD.

You may also supply your own materials for your bobsled. We recommend that you use wood of some sort. The parameters for size and weight of your bobsled still apply.

In addition to the framework of your bobsled, you are free to add weight or decorations within the limits listed above. Weights can be attached to the inside or underside of the bobsled and decorations can go on the sides and top, including stickers, coloring, or carving. Please, nothing pointy or appendages sticking out or down.

May my parents, siblings or friends help me make my creation?

Yes, within reason. Adults should definitely supervise and help children and teens for safety purposes when using certain tools (anything from hot glue guns to hammers to power tools), but each bobsled should be mainly designed and built by the person entering the contest within those safety boundaries. Customizations such as coloring or painting, for instance, should be done by the registrant.

May I build my creation at the contest?

No, your creation must be completely assembled when you arrive at the contest. If your bobsled is outside of the size limits, you will be asked to make adjustments before competing.

Who are the judges?

Library staff will be running the competition (with support potentially TBDDDD).

What are the prizes?

Each of the three age groups will have a 1st place winner according to the fastest time as recorded by the judges. Additional winners for timed races as well as Best of Show may be decided on the day of the competition as determined by the judges and at their discretion.

Prizes for first place in each age category will be Gold Olympic Medals. Prizes will be awarded immediately following the conclusion of the competition.

Will you keep my bobsled after the competition?

No. We may ask to take pictures of your creations, but your bobsled will be yours to keep.

Questions?

Please double-check this paper to see if it answers your questions. If not, please contact the Teen Department at 913-971-6805.



Keys to success:

Be creative and original! Do your own work!
Stay within the size limits! Have fun!