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Troop 33 12th Annual Soap Box Derby

WHO: Takoma Park Boy Scout Troop 33

WHAT: Family Fun at the 12 th Annual Soap Box Derby

WHEN: Saturday, June 3, Rain or Shine Event is 10AM -2PM. Street closure 8AM – 5PM

WHERE: Birch Avenue between Dogwood and Cedar Avenues

TAKOMA PARK, MD, May 22, 2017 — Takoma Park Boy Scout Troop 33 invites neighbors and other City residents to the 12 th Annual Soap Box Derby on Saturday, June 3 from 10AM to 2PM rain or shine. The race will once again be held on Birch Avenue between Cedar and Dogwood Avenues. Birch Avenue will be closed from 8AM Saturday (June 3) to 5PM. Baked goods, lemonade and hotdogs will be on sale at the corner of Birch and Barclay. Proceeds go to support the activities of Troop 33.

The boy scouts build their own cars learning about tools and the proper way to use bolts, nuts and screws to make a safe car. All cars are required to have a working brake, seat belt and a roll bar. The Scouts wear helmets and, in the water obstacle course, eye protection. The Soap Box Derby is the brainchild of Scoutmaster Emeritus Dave Lanar and was first held on May 8, 2005. Lanar recalls that his son and other scouts who had recently moved up from Cub Scouts complained that they were no longer able to participate in the popular Cub Scout Pinewood Derby. " I explained to the boys," says Lanar, "that now that they were bigger they

should not be building little cars to run driverlessly down a small track, but should construct large cars to sit in, steer and navigate down hills at lightning-fast, death-defying speeds.”

For the past eleven years, the scouts of Troop 33 have enjoyed this thrilling tradition of racing, community fun, and learning important lifelong skills.

Sponsors for this year’s race: Murray's Auto, Dolce Gelato, Community IT, Tires of Silver Spring, Takoma Auto Clinic, Mark's Kitchen, Finn Family Group, and Fifth Estate Communications.

Established in 1920, Takoma Park Boy Scout Troop 33 is a member of the Boy Scouts of America, National Capital Area Council and meets on Thursdays at the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church at 310 Tulip Street, Takoma Park, MD.