



Troop 33 13th Annual Soap Box Derby

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WHO: Takoma Park Boy Scout Troop 33

WHAT: Family Fun at the 13th Annual Soap Box Derby

WHEN: Saturday, June 2, 2018, Rain or Shine Event is 10AM -2PM

WHERE: Birch Avenue between Dogwood and Cedar Avenues

TAKOMA PARK, MD, May 15, 2018 — Takoma Park Boy Scout Troop 33 invites Takoma Park residents and supporters to the 13th Annual Soap Box Derby on Saturday, June 2, 2018 from 10AM to 2PM, rain or shine. The race will be held on Birch Avenue between Cedar and Dogwood Avenues. Birch Avenue will be closed from 8AM Saturday (June 2nd) to 3PM. Baked goods, lemonade and hotdogs will be on sale at the race with proceeds going to support the activities of Troop 33.

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 driverless down a small track, but should construct large cars to sit in, steer and navigate down hills.”

Lanar’s dream continues to provide the boy scouts the ability to design and build their own cars, learn about utilizing the proper tools and materials, with a focus on safety. For example, 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.

This year’s Volunteer Race Director, Rick Swan, sums up the experience nicely. “It is a way to foster relationships with the community while promoting craftsmanship and good sportsmanship among the scouts.”

Sponsors for this year’s race: Murray's Auto Clinic, RS Automotive, Trattoria De Luna/Gusto, Mark's Kitchen, Finn Family Group, Fifth Estate Communications, LG Autobody.

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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.

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