2020 Indiana State Museum “Best in Show” Contest

All “Best in Show” participants should be familiar with these categories and rules prior to entering the Indiana State Museum’s Pinewood Derby\(^\text{R}\) “Best in Show” contest. The “Best in Show” contest will be separated into three categories: youth (ages 5-9), junior (ages 10-16) and adult (ages 17+).

**Youth & Junior Categories:**
1. **Scouts:** These cars must be representative of scouts or scouting.
2. **STEM:** These cars must be representative of Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math.
3. **Most Creative:** Uniquely designed cars that do not fit into one of the previously stated categories.
4. **Crazy Contraptions:** These cars should be inspired by our experience, Rube Goldberg: The World of Hilarious Invention.

**Adult Categories**
1. **Indiana State Museum:** These cars must be representative of the Indiana State Museum or its State Historic Sites, its collections, areas of research or expertise, mission or values.
2. **Most Creative:** Uniquely designed cars that do not fit into the previously stated category.

**“Best in Show” Rules**
- Participants must register into the appropriate age bracket in order to compete: youth (5–9), junior (10–16), and adult (ages 17+).
- The overall length of the car shall not exceed 7 inches.
- The overall width of the car shall not exceed 2¾ inches.
- Four wheels must be on the car.
- Car must be made of wood.
- All entries must be registered by 2 p.m. at the “Best in Show” location. All entries will be available for pick up at the conclusion of the “Best in Show” contest.
- All entries for the “Best in Show” are for the “Best in Show” contest only; they are not eligible for the official Championship Race.
- Only one car per museum admission can be entered into the “Best in Show” contest.

**“Best in Show” Awards**
- Awards will be presented to one winner in each category.
- Honorable Mention cars will be awarded in each category.
- An award will be presented for the Overall “Best in Show.”
- All winners of the Championship Race and “Best in Show” contest will be announced at the conclusion of the day’s event.
- Participants must be present to receive award.