



2024

Hornet's Nest District

Klondike Derby

Sled Team Handbook

For Patrol Leaders

Camp Grimes
Mecklenburg Scout Reservation

2024 Hornet's Nest District Klondike Derby

Location: Camp Grimes - Mecklenburg Scout Reservation

Date: February 23, 2024 – February 25, 2024 (Fri-Sat-Sun)

Event: The Klondike Derby is a Scouts BSA competition for younger Scouts with a focus on Tenderfoot through First Class skills, and a leadership event for older experienced Scouts who are eligible to participate as “staff” members or Yukon Rangers. Patrols of scouts pull a Klondike style dogsled on a course that passes through cities and stations named for cities in Alaska and perform tasks to accumulate points.

Registration

Deadline: Your Troop's registration must be completed online and the associated camporee fees are due in the Council office by Friday February 2, 2024. Registration opens Monday, December 11, 2023.

Fees: The advance registration fee is \$19 per person and covers the event and all camporee fees.

Age

Requirement: Scouts who are under the age of fourteen as of February 25, 2024 will be eligible to compete as part of a Klondike sled team. Scouts who are fourteen or over by February 25, 2024 are eligible to participate as a City staff member or a Yukon Ranger.

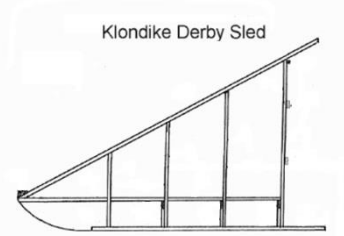
In past years, due to COVID issues, Scouts over 14 were allowed to participate in sled teams. That time has passed. The traditional age guidelines are now in place.

Patrol Size: A patrol (or sled team) may have no more than 8 and no less than 5 members to participate. (Klondike Chief may grant an exception with advance notice.)

Check-in: All patrols and troops are required to check-in prior to camp setup to insure you receive the latest Klondike information. Check-in is by Scoutmaster and Patrol leader at the Health Lodge where your final patrol roster is confirmed, camping location, duty roster responsibilities and review important Klondike information with the patrol leader. (For example, maps, schedule, home base and late breaking news) Troops and Patrols should plan to check-in between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM on Friday of the event. (Late arrivals may delay your ability to set up and be prepared.)

Sled Specification:

Sleds must be designed to carry your supplies and be pulled using a rope or tow bridle. Sleds should be about 6 feet long, 1-½ feet wide and resemble the sled on the right. Sleds should be sturdy enough to carry your patrol's provisions during the event. The frame including runners must be made of wood to reflect the history of the Klondike gold rush. Your sled should have your patrol name and troop number displayed. A tow bridle can be made of rope or webbing.

**Compétition****Basics:**

The Klondike trail passes through cities named for cities in Alaska. Your patrol will start at a “home base” hike to your first City. Every City has three opportunities to score points:

City Score of 20 points: Leadership, Teamwork, Patrol Spirit, and the City Task.

Station Score 10 points: You must either complete or give up on, the City Task, to move onto the Station. The station is academic in nature and will be composed of ten questions. Patrols should keep track of their time in order to attempt the task at both the city and the station.

Every 40 minutes you will be instructed to pull your sled to the next city and perform the task. Along the trail, your patrol will need to use scout skills, leadership, and teamwork to complete tasks and score points. The intention is that the Cities will test you on First Class Scout Skills and below, such as camping, cooking, first aid, hiking, knots, lashings, compass. Keeping your patrol sled in good working order is always a plus. Last but not least, Scout Spirit will take you a long way!

Breakfast - Your patrol will fix a hot breakfast which will be **judged by the staff in your camping location**. This breakfast should be prepared, served, consumed, and cleaned up before the patrol gathers and travels to your Patrol's assigned home base.

Your patrols will eat lunch in the Klondike city you are in at 1:00 PM. (a bag lunch that the patrol has prepared before the start of the event.) This meal will not be judged, but must be properly cleaned up when finished.

Scout leaders are discouraged from “coaching” patrols beyond the “first city” as this may take away from the competition for your patrol. The staff at each Klondike city is responsible for answering questions and providing instructions for their city task. All staff members and Yukon Rangers should assist or redirect patrols lost on the trail.

Awards will be presented at the Campfire Saturday night for overall score and best spirit, in addition, each Klondike city may present a “city award” for the patrol that performed well in their city.

Leadership /**Camp Manners:**

Patrol leaders are responsible for the behavior of their patrol. If a patrol leader is experiencing problems, he is encouraged to ask for assistance from staff members or Yukon Rangers.

Yukon Rangers:

Yukon Rangers should be posted in each city to assist the troop hosting the city. Yukon Rangers are event staff and must be treated as such by competing patrols.

- Chapel Service: Sunday Morning Worship will be at 8:30 AM at the Chapel Area. Class A uniform is expected.
- Closing Ceremony: Closing is at 9:00 AM on Sunday morning or immediately following worship. Class A uniform is expected.
- Checkout: After breaking camp, Patrols will have their campsite inspected and their assigned camp duty roster responsibility completed and approved by Klondike staff before departing.

2024 Klondike Derby Schedule of Events

Friday, February 9 th	Registration Deadline
Friday, February 23 rd	<p>7:00 PM Check-in at the Health Lodge</p> <p>7:00-10:30 Dining Hall Activities: Karaoke, inside climbing wall, snacks</p> <p>9:00 PM Yukon Ranger Meeting – Dining Hall</p> <p>10:00PM Staff and Leader Meeting – Dining Hall</p>
Saturday, February 24 th	<p>7:00 AM Reveille, Breakfast and Clean-up</p> <p>8:40 AM Sled Team arrives at their assigned home base (NOT their 1st City!)</p> <p>9:00 AM Competition Begins</p> <p>1:00 PM Lunch</p> <p>5:30 PM Competition Ends</p> <p>8:30 PM Campfire **</p> <p>11:00 PM Taps</p>
Sunday, February 25 th	<p>7:00 AM Reveille, Breakfast and clean-up</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship Service **</p> <p>9:00 AM Closing Ceremony **</p> <p>Complete assigned duties</p> <p>Checkout process</p>

** Class A Uniform

2024 Klondike Derby Sled Team Roster

Patrol Name: _____

Patrol Leader: _____

Members: _____

2024 Klondike Derby Prospectors Gold Rush Breakfast (Sample Score Sheet)

On Saturday morning the staff in the campsite will judge your patrol's morning breakfast. Make sure that your patrol fixes enough food for the patrol, as well as some for the staff members to sample.

The scoring is 1 point for each item. If the task is successful, 1 point will be awarded, if not, 0 points.

Patrol Leader in charge _____

Good Scout behavior _____

Fire ring / cooking area preparation _____

Scout leads blessing before meal _____

Hot meal served for all _____

Fruit + Protein + Bread + Dairy served _____

Patrol followed Leave No Trace principles _____

Stoves, utensils, and personal gear clean-up _____

Fire ring / cooking area clean-up _____

All Scouts work as a team and eat as a group _____

Total Score: _____

2024 Klondike Derby Sled Team Equipment Checklist

The following equipment should be neatly packed on your sled.

- Blanket
- Compass
- Map of Course (*Will be provided by Klondike Staff*)
- Rain gear for each team member
- Notebook and Pencil
- Scout Handbook and/or Field book
- Flashlight
- 100 Feet of Twine
- Three 6 ft. staves (no hooks on ends)
- Kindling or fire starters. No liquid fuel or anything soaked in a combustible substance.
- Matches in a waterproof container or flint and steel or hot sparks
- Seven 8 ft. lengths of 1/4" or 1/2" rope
- First Aid Kit (including at least 3 dressings, 2 compresses, 8 cravats or triangular bandages, and 16 Band-Aids)
- Lunch for all team members
- Nugget Bag