

**18TH ANNUAL
CHAIN BRIDGE DISTRICT KLONDIKE DERBY
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2023**

INFORMATION FOR ADULT LEADERS

KLONDIKE MEETING BEFORE FEBRUARY ROUNDTABLE: You are invited to attend in person or by zoom an **informational meeting from 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm on Thursday February 9, 2023 before Roundtable. This meeting is not mandatory, but it will be helpful and useful.**

ONLINE REGISTRATION: **Please register your unit on NCAC's Chain Bridge District website no later than midnight Sunday, January 29, 2023.** Pay fees online when you register. NCAC does not issue refunds except for extraordinary circumstances, so we suggest you pay only for the participants you are sure will attend. Bring a check to the event to make up the difference if more attend than you registered online. Note: if you have a scout family who has trouble coming up with the registration fee or a patrol who has financial trouble coming up with a sled or sled equipment, please contact Rob Faris or Randy Bender.

We reserve the right to assign start times based on when you submit your registration. We can accommodate a maximum of a certain number of patrols. If we end up being over-registered (which hasn't happened in our 18 year history but could happen in the future), patrols will be cut based on order of registration (first come, first served).

GENERAL OUTLINE OF THE COURSE: All patrols will begin at Headquarters (the high ropes course) and follow a counter-clockwise path. However, patrols will be sent on a shorter route or a longer route depending on average rank – with higher average rank patrols taking the long course. All patrols will visit four towns in common: Big Skookum Gulch – Scout Knowledge, Bonanza Creek – Camping Skills, Cripple Creek – First Aid, and Dead Horse – Land Navigation. However, higher ranked patrols will visit a faraway fifth town Dawson City – Pioneering, whereas lower ranked patrols will not visit Dawson City but will instead visit a closer town Scagway – Archery. Each patrol will be issued a passport and map corresponding to the path they are to follow. Your younger scouts should be comfortable on the shorter course. The longer course is not exceptionally long but with a stream crossing and a long downhill through the woods will be a fun challenge for your older scouts. The trail may be muddy so please make sure all of your scouts wear waterproof boots.

BE ON TIME: We will send you your assigned reporting time(s) by email sometime during the week before the event and start times will be available at the information meeting before Roundtable. We will expect you to have your sleds ready to go at the Chilkoot Pass registration table at your assigning reporting time. If you are late, be prepared to be bumped to the end of the starting lineup (which may be hours later). Please do not expect to be able to drive to the registration table – the road will be closed to all traffic except sleds. If you are arriving on Saturday morning, we recommend that you get to Camp Highroad 30 minutes before your reporting time.

MAXIMUM TIME: No Patrol will be allowed to remain on the course more than 4.5 hours (excluding wait time). Most patrols finish well before then.

PROPER CLOTHING: **Your scouts' clothing will be inspected along with your sleds to ensure that their clothing is consistent with the weather conditions.** Please make sure

your scouts are dressed appropriately. This means hats, gloves **waterproof BOOTS, and rain gear if it is raining or likely to rain.** Sneakers or any footwear other than boots are NEVER acceptable. **Scouts not wearing boots will not be allowed on the trail – no exceptions.**

No Boots – No Start!

FOOD/WATER: Your scouts should bring a trail lunch. Scouts may or may not be offered use of a fire in the town they eat lunch in. Hot water may be available in some towns. All sleds must carry adequate water (see sled equipment list) to ensure scouts stay hydrated. Each patrol or crew member should also have a cup to drink from (the towns will not supply cups).

CHECK-IN:

- I. Unit Leader Checkin: Unit Leaders should be prepared to present the following to our Klondike Registrar upon arrival on Saturday morning:
 - (1) Total number of unit participants (scouts and adults);
 - (2) Check payable to NCAC for any additional participant fee (memo line: 2023 CBD Klondike Derby)
 - (3) Cell Phone number of person onsite who **possesses current BSA Med forms for each participant** (you may drop off your med forms at first aid and pick them up at the end of the event if no adults remain onsite).
 - (4) At least one staff volunteer per sled (will be assigned as needed).
- II. Patrol Checkin
 - Each patrol leader should present a final Patrol List to the registrar:
 - a. Patrol/Crew name
 - b. Rank of each scout.

Note: we request at least one (1) staffer from your unit who can devote the day to help staff the event.

WINTER CAMPING: Your unit may camp on Friday night. Your unit will be responsible for taking appropriate Covid precautions along with Leave No Trace. Do not dig fire pits. Water is available at a red spigot at Chilkoot Pass Headquarters and also on the camping field. If cold is forecast, please ensure that your campers are prepared (at minimum, this means a good ground pad and an extra sleeping bag or blanket in addition to a cold weather sleeping bag). Please tell your scouts to bring a complete change of clothes for sleeping in – perspiration from the day's activities will chill them in the middle of the night.

CLASSIFYING YOUR PATROLS: Our sorting hat will classify patrols and crews as IDITAROD or YUKON QUEST based on rank information. IDITAROD and YUKON QUEST patrols/crews will encounter different challenges on the trail and have different length trails. IDITAROD Patrols will compete against each other, and YUKON QUEST Crews will compete against each other. Note: no competitors may be over 17 years old -- if you have scouts 18 and older, we welcome them to our event staff.

VEHICLES: Carpool and use 4WD vehicles if you can. No motor vehicles will be allowed past the Horse Paddock into the Outback during the competition itself. Please have your scouts pull their sleds from the parking area to Chilikoot Pass – do not attempt to drive them to Chilkoot Pass (the road will be blocked).

PATROL METHOD: The course is closed to adults and no adult coaching is permitted. We encourage adult leaders to join our staff. If you have a special need such as a disabled scout that requires an adult escort, please discuss with the Registrar in advance.

SLEDS: Must be scout-built. Please resist to temptation to tweak your scouts' sled design – adults typically overbuild, requiring scouts to drag a tank around a long course while the “responsible” adult comfortably sips coffee in front of a blazing fire. Lighter is better. Screws are better than nails. Glue is good. Wheels are optional. While we expect that you will not build a sled for your scouts, please do mentor your scouts to test their sled before the event while there is still time to adjust and strengthen it. Patrols are known to become demoralized if their sleds fall apart in the middle of the event.

SLED EQUIPMENT: Please see sled equipment list. An adult leader may mentor patrol or crew leaders on sled equipment and how to keep it on the sled, but please refrain from supplying all the sled equipment to your scouts. By doing so, you deny your patrol/crew leaders a leadership opportunity. The patrol or crew leaders should be working through the Troop Quartermaster (a scout) to obtain the equipment needed. No adult-provided firestarting materials are permitted – if scouts bring firestarting materials, they must gather or prepare the materials themselves. Once again, mentoring is appropriate but please do not do it for them.

RAIN OR SHINE: Bad weather will not be a reason to stay home. If roads are impassable and you want to know if the event has been postponed, please call 703.577.1360 for more information and also watch your email.

CONDUCT/DISCIPLINE: Scouts are expected to follow the scout oath and law. Your scouts will be disqualified if they tamper with trail signs or markers or try to interfere with the progress of another patrol.

PLEASE REMIND YOUR SCOUTS TO RESPECT THEIR FELLOW SCOUTS: Different troops in our district have very different cultures. The scouts you will meet on the trail or in the towns are likely to have different ages, experience levels, genders, etc. Please remember that we are all scouts. Please show respect and treat everyone as scouts.

FIRST AID STATION: All injuries should be reported to the first aider at Chilkoot Pass or to a town mayor in radio contact with the first aider.

LOST & FOUND: At Chilkoot Pass, then at March Roundtable. Please label items with troop number to facilitate return.

2023 CBD KLONDIKE DERBY RULES

1. REGISTER. All participants must register.
2. ADULT PARTICIPANTS: All adult participants must have completed youth protection training within the last two years (can be done online at www.my.scouting.org)
3. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TEAMS. First come/first served -- those who register late may lose out.
6. Patrol/Crew SIZE. You need at least 6 scouts but no more than 9. If you have a special situation, please contact the registrar in advance.
7. BE ON TIME. The first teams will begin registering at 0800 a.m. Please arrive at the Chilkoot Pass registration point at your assigned time. If you arrive late, you may be bumped to the end of the line.

8. CLOSED TRAIL. No adults are allowed on the trail except by special arrangement for health and safety purposes. No motor vehicles are allowed in the backcountry.

9. All scouts must have:

- Proper foot gear (boots are required)
- Hat, gloves and coat
- Rain gear (if raining or likely to rain)
- Adequate water – dehydration is a real problem
- Trail Lunch

10. LUNCH. Your scouts should each bring at least one (1) liter of water and the patrol should plan a trail lunch.

11. GARBAGE: Pack it in, Pack it out.

12. CODE OF CONDUCT: Follow the scout oath and law.

13. MAYOR'S DECISIONS are final.

14. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION. **There will be a sled inspection primarily for health and safety.**

15. SLEDS: Regardless of whether there is snow cover at the camp or not, sleds must have skis that run the full length of the sled.

16. NO IMPEDING: You may not intentionally impede the progress of any other patrol. That includes no moving of trail markings.

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