



2025 Klondike Derby: Sled Patrol Leaders Guide

Gear each patrol should pack on their sled:

- Patrol sled – maximum 10 scouts per sled/patrol (5-7 ideal)
- Patrol flag
- Day packs with personal gear
- Ten essentials
- Personal hydration (water)
- Be prepared to make a warm healthy lunch for patrol on the Klondike Trail
- Compass
- At least one pocket knife and TOTIN' CHIP card for each person using an axe, knife, or saw
- A FIRE-N' CHIT card will be required for the person starting the fire
- Rope(s)
- Blanket(s)
- Tarp(s)
- Flashlight
- Scout handbook
- Ferro rod / or fire-starting device (Flint and steel, magnifying glass, bow drill, etc. No petroleum-based fire starters.)
- Fire building materials
- Cooking pot
- A way to tell time
- Pencil, or unfrozen pen
- First Aid Kit
- Materials for a Splint
- Utensils needed for cooking and eating
- Scouting Spirit!

Adults, please be aware that this is an opportunity for the Scouts to perform and demonstrate their skills. If Scouts receive adult assistance, they will lose points. Please provide this document to your sled patrol leaders so that they may be prepared. The sled patrol leader will be given important instructions for the day and a map.

When arriving at the Klondike for check-in, only one Sled Patrol Leader for each sled is to check-in at the registration table. The sled patrol leader will need to be prepared to provide Troop # & Sled Name.

Continually monitor your patrol members for signs of frostbite, dehydration, and hypothermia throughout the day. If a member of your patrol is in need of first aid, please assign someone to help that person and two others to seek out a registered leader. A Burn barrel with fire will be provided at each station throughout the day. If you have further concerns please contact the station leader. The First Aid station is at Bear Creek Lodge (where registration occurred). Bear Creek Lodge Will be off-limits to scouts and patrols except for First Aid, unless inclement weather dictates otherwise. This

is the Klondike Derby... and this is Scouting, afterall.

If you are unsure of any particular skill at any station, you may seek out the answers from your BSA Handbook. The Klondike is an opportunity for Scouts to demonstrate their skills. Adult assistance will cause a penalty to the sled team's overall score.

Upon arrival at each station, the Patrol Leader will announce their Troop number and Patrol Name. Patrols should give their yell immediately following and should arrive with strong Scout spirit and proudly display their flag at all times. All of these contribute to your patrol method points.

Remember to DELEGATE jobs to other members of your patrol and work together as a team. Part of your score is impacted by how well you demonstrate the patrol method at each and every station. Many of the situations have multiple tasks that need to be completed. Divide and conquer!

Assign parts to different patrol members so you don't have to wait around too long. Some stations are timed, and timing could be what makes the difference in where you rank against other patrols.

For lunch, the sled patrol needs to be prepared to fix a warm healthy lunch on the Klondike trail. Your warm healthy lunch is part of your overall score. There will be 40 minutes provided to prepare, eat, and clean for lunch. During registration, make note of where you will be having lunch. All adults present will be provided a lunch of pulled pork, macaroni and cheese, cornbread muffins, cookies and rice krispy treats. Coffee and hot chocolate will also be provided throughout the day. There will not be food/allergy accommodations. Please plan accordingly.

Maintain your route, and transition to the next station according to the schedule. Check your map and compass. Scouts will be given 40 minutes at each station and 10 minutes to travel between stations. DO NOT leave the station early.

Start	Finish	Activity	Location
8:00 AM	8:45 AM	Check-in	Bear Creek Lodge
8:45 AM	9:00 AM	Welcome - Flags Announcements	Bear Creek Lodge
9:15 AM	9:55 AM	Scenario 1	
10:05 AM	10:45 AM	Scenario 2	
10:55 AM	11:35 AM	Scenario 3	
11:35 AM	12:15 PM	Lunch	At Present Station
12:25 PM	1:05 PM	Scenario 4	
1:15 PM	1:55 PM	Scenario 5	
2:05 PM	2:45 PM	Scenario 6	
3:10 PM	3:55 PM	Awards	Bear Creek Lodge
4:00 PM	Dismissed		