

KLONDIKE 2025



February 7-9, 2025
Tuttle Creek State Park

Fees: SBSA Youth - \$20 (before Jan 24th)

Adult - \$15 (before Jan 24th)

\$10 late fee starts Jan 24th

Registration Closes January 31st

Hello Klondike Mushers!

We are very excited to invite you to the 2025 Klondike Derby. This year we will be utilizing the beautiful Tuttle Creek State Park. The Klondike Derby is an annual event held by many Scouting America Councils during the winter months. This established on the heritage of the Klondike Gold Rush. The Klondike Gold Rush was a migration of an estimated 100,000 prospectors to the Klondike region of the Yukon Territory in northwestern Canada between 1896 and 1899. Local miners discovered gold there on August 16, 1896. When news reached Seattle and San Francisco the following year, it triggered a stampede of prospectors. In their rush to the gold, they experienced numerous challenges. Due to being unfamiliar with the weather, many prospectors found themselves needing to **BUILD IMPROVISED SHELTERS** and **FORAGE FOR FOOD**. Securing their sleds with numerous **KNOTS** enabled them **to RACE** through the Yukon Territory. Only the most proficient navigators were able to use primitive **MAPS** and **COMPASES** to **NAVIGATE** from town to town. BSA units have been running Klondike Derbies since 1949. The Klondike Derby consists of several stations where patrols/units must test their Scout craft skills and their leadership abilities, earning points towards a total score. Often, one or more races are included while the Scouts navigate between stations. The unit must transport their gear on a homemade sled pulled by the Scouts.

All Scouts and leaders must be registered with the BSA.

This completion is going to be a point system so please **DO NOT LOSE** your NUGGETS. So, get your sleds packed and your winter gear on. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Adults

The Klondike Derby needs YOU!

We need adults to help staff the Klondike towns and provide support. If you have not been asked to volunteer, call your Governor.

Each station offers an educational opportunity for Scouts by using the time-tested Scouts BSA method of learning by doing. For this to work, we ask the adults not to help complete the task the Scouts are given. If adult help is needed, a mayor or one of their assistants will be available. Patrols that go through the course without adult participation will be judged more favorably and will learn more because of this.

General information

Klondike Derby will be a day of Scouting fun with a mixture of competitive spirit and outdoor fellowship. The following information will help you plan for this district event.

1. The Klondike Derby will take place at Tuttle Creek State Park. We have been given the opportunity to camp in 45/46 row campsites (see map last page).
2. Each unit must register online. Early registration fee closes Friday, Jan 24th at 11:59pm. Final registration closes Jan 31st at 11:59pm.
3. All troops are encouraged to camp out Friday and Saturday evening.
4. All Meals are provided by your unit.
5. Due to the change in National programing standards, Arrow of Light Scouts (5th graders) are not welcome to come visit on Saturday.
6. While there is no camping fee, there is a \$5 fee per vehicle to enter the park unless you have a yearly pass. This is paid to the park, not us.
7. Pay particular attention to "Equipment Needed"! This is vital information.

CAMPING/EVENT DAY

Check-In

When you arrive, please have your Senior Patrol Leader and one Troop Leader check-in at the Main Tent (Headquarters) before going to your campsite. Please bring your BSA Health & Medical forms (A&B). *Late registrants can be added at this time.

Camping

This is an excellent opportunity for Cold Weather camping. Friday and Saturday night camping is available. Winter camping requires special preparation and more than basic camping skills. Patrols should keep this in mind when packing for camp. We ask you to use low impact camping methods. All fires must be in fire barrels or fire rings. Please bring your own fire barrels or fire rings, if possible, as we are limited.

Water

Water will be available on the grounds.

Sled Teams

Teams should be 4 to 6 Scouts per sled grouped by age. The ideal number is 6. Each Scout must be a registered Scouts BSA member.

Scouts and leaders

Health forms are mandatory for all attending. Health forms may be turned in at the discretion of the unit leader. If turned in, they will be kept at the Main Headquarters for easy access if needed. Troop leader may pick them up when leaving camp.

- Proper clothing is a must and should be layered so the Scout can remove some layers if too hot or add layers if cold.
- Scout uniform is not required on the trail.
- No inappropriate shoes (sandals, crocs, or go-ahead shoes, etc.) will be allowed.
- All Scouts must have appropriate clothing and sleeping gear. Individuals will be sent home if inappropriately dressed.

This should be covered at Scout meetings for those attending. This event will not be canceled because of cold weather. Bring plenty of clothing to change into to keep dry if necessary.

Sleds must be lashed to complete the course and need to finish with all gear stored on board. All sleds must be assembled by the Troop. No premade kits will be accepted. Sleds must have skis! No wheels will be allowed even if there is no snow on the ground. Scouts may look up pictures and plans at the library, encyclopedia, etc. Any traditional dog sled design may be used. Remember that all the supplies on the supply list must fit on your sled. Items may be used at the events then put back on the sled. Items must be on the sled for every event.

The “Best Sled” will be awarded for the best-looking sled. Each sled will be judged on how it is put together and how creative the scouts are with it. This also includes the Patrol Flag!

Scoring

Each team will earn ‘Gold’ for competing at the events. Each team will need a sturdy container to carry their gold, marked with the troop number and patrol name. All scoring will be based upon the number of nuggets at the finish line.

First Aid

All sled teams should carry a First Aid kit and be prepared to use it for simple cuts and scrapes. Please let adults or the mayor at the closest town know of any injury requiring first aid so they can help determine if more help is needed at the main first aid station at HQ. In the event of a major medical emergency, there will be a Camp First Aid kit and AED on site at the Headquarters.

Service Project

In order to camp at Tuttle Creek for no additional fees, we are asked to perform a service project for the park. Service project time will be announced at check-in and may take place Sunday morning, depending on the project.

KLONDIKE 2025 Schedule

Friday, February 7th

5:00 – 8:00 pm - Registration check-in

Camp set up after check-in.

Saturday, February 8th

8:30 – 8:50 am - Registration/ check-in

9:00 am - Opening flags, final briefing

9:30 am - Begin Mushing

12:00-1:30 pm - Lunch (Sleds will be consolidated at a central point for lunch, Sleds are not to return to unit camping areas)

4:00 pm - Mushing ends

5:00 pm - Awards @ Flags

6:00 pm – Troop dinner

Sunday, February 9th

9:00 am - Break Down Camp

9:30 am - Checkout

Please check the lost and found before you depart

Sled Equipment List

Patrol Flag on a Staff Lashed to the Sled
Scouts BSA Handbook or Field book
Notebook, Pencil and Clipboard
1 Cup/Mug for Each Member, Hot Drink Mix or Drink Mix
1 Gallon Water (per person) minimum
Trash Bag (No Littering)
Survival Necessaries
Watch Set to Klondike Time
8 – 6' Lengths of $\frac{1}{4}$ " Rope *
1 Each – Rope 25' Long *
2 Each – Big #10 Tin Cans Open at One End – (1 gallon)
Fire Starter Kit (including Firem'n Chit card)
2 Bundles of kindling
First Aid Kit (including splint material)
Two Blankets (Camp Type)
Tarp 8' X 8'
6 - 6' Poles or Scout Walking Staff
Pocket Knife
Can Opener (Totin' Chip)
Compass
Tent stakes (8) & Hammer
Cooking pot or Dutch oven

* ALL ROPES SHOULD BE NATURAL FIBER - Equipment is to be secured to sled at all times while the sled is being mushed. *

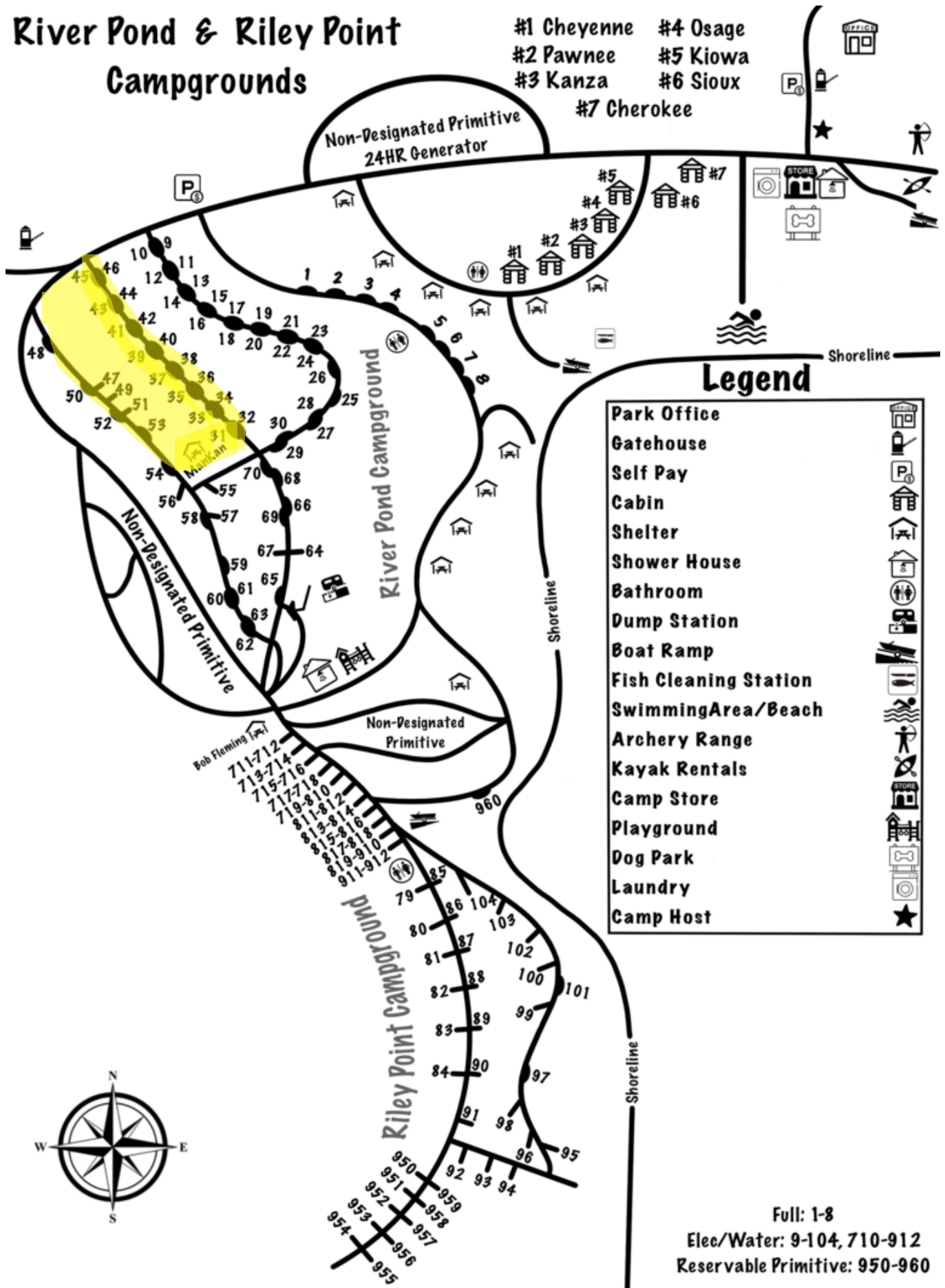
Cold-Weather Camping Resources Be Prepared!

For information on cold weather camping please review the BSA Field Book, p. 241-245. Or check out these online resources:

- <http://boyslife.org/outdoors/outdoorarticles/6981/checklist-for-a-basic-cold-weatherouting/>
- <http://www.boyscouttrail.com/library/wintercampingtips.asp>
- <https://www.slideshare.net/djdarkbeat/cold-weather-camping-bsa-scouting>

River Pond & Riley Point Campgrounds

- #1 Cheyenne
- #2 Pawnee
- #3 Kanza
- #4 Osage
- #5 Kiowa
- #6 Sioux
- #7 Cherokee



Full: 1-8
 Elec/Water: 9-104, 710-912
 Reservable Primitive: 950-960