

KONZA KLONDIKE 2026



February 20-22, 2026
Tuttle Creek State Park
River Pond Area

Fees:

SBSA Youth - \$20 (before Feb 8th)

Adult - \$15 (before Feb 8th)

Webelos Youth/Adults - \$15 (before Feb 8th)

All fees increase by \$10 after Feb 8th

Registration Closes Feb 13th

Hello Klondike Mushers!

We are excited to invite you to the **2026 Klondike Derby**, which will be held at the beautiful **Tuttle Creek State Park**.

The Klondike Derby is a long-standing winter tradition in Scouting, hosted by councils across **the United States and Canada**. The event is rooted in the heritage of the **Klondike Gold Rush**, a historic migration in which an estimated 100,000 prospectors traveled to the Klondike region of the Yukon Territory between 1896 and 1899 after gold was discovered on August 16, 1896. When news reached Seattle and San Francisco the following year, it sparked a massive stampede north.

Scouting units have hosted Klondike Derbies since 1949, continuing this legacy through outdoor adventure, teamwork, and leadership development.

The Klondike Derby features a series of skill-based stations where patrols test their Scoutcraft knowledge and leadership abilities while earning points toward an overall score. Scouts will navigate between stations—often including races—while transporting their gear on a **homemade sled pulled by the patrol**.

This event challenges Scouts to work together, think creatively, and demonstrate the skills that define Scouting—all while embracing the spirit of winter adventure.

All Scouts and leaders must be registered with **Scouting America**.

This competition will use a **points-based system**, so **do not lose your nuggets!** Pack your sleds, bundle up in your winter gear, and get ready for an exciting weekend of teamwork, challenge, and adventure.

We can't wait to see you there!

General information

The **Klondike Derby** will be a day of Scouting fun that blends friendly competition with outdoor fellowship. The information below will help units plan for this district event.

1. **Location:** The Klondike Derby will take place at **Tuttle Creek State Park**.
Units will have the opportunity to camp in the Primitive Area campsites (see map on the last page).
2. The Shower house is closed for the winter, please see map for bathroom facilities locations.
3. **Registration:** Each unit must register online.
 - 1) **Early registration closes Friday, February 8, 2026 at 11:59 PM**
 - 2) **Final registration closes Friday, February 13, 2026 at 11:59 PM**
4. **Camping:** All troops are encouraged to camp on **Friday and Saturday nights**.
5. **Meals:** Units are responsible for **Troops** will provide their own food
6. **Webelos / Arrow of Light Visitors:**
 - 1) **Arrow of Light Scouts (5th grade)** are welcome to visit the Klondike Derby on Saturday. If they wish to participate in the events, they must be registered.
 - 2) Overnight camping for Arrow of Light Scouts may take place **only if weather conditions are favorable and** must follow all **Cub Scout camping guidelines**. Participation is for experience and transition purposes only; **activities do not count toward Scouts BSA advancement**, and credit toward Arrow of Light advancement is not guaranteed.
 - 3) **4th-grade Webelos Scouts** may visit for the day but may not camp overnight.

7. **Park Entry Fee:** While there is no camping fee for this event, **Tuttle Creek State Park charges a \$5 per-vehicle entry fee**, unless you have an annual pass. This fee is paid directly to the park.
8. **Equipment:** Please pay close attention to the “**Equipment Needed**” section—this information is vital for a successful weekend.

CAMPING/EVENT DAY

Check-In

Upon arrival, please have your **Senior Patrol Leader** and **adult troop leader** check in at the **Main Tent (Headquarters)** before proceeding to your campsite. Be sure to bring **BSA Health & Medical Records (Parts A & B)** for all participants.

***Late registrants may be added during check-in.*

Camping

This event provides an excellent opportunity for **cold-weather camping**, with camping available on **Friday and Saturday nights**. Winter camping requires special preparation and skills beyond basic camping, so patrols should plan and pack accordingly.

Units are expected to always use low-impact camping practices. All fires must be contained in **fire barrels or established fire rings**. Please bring your own fire barrels or fire rings, as on-site availability is limited.

Lunch

Meals are the responsibility of the Units.

Water

Water will be available on the grounds.

Sled Teams

Teams should consist of **4–6 Scouts per sled**, grouped by age, with **six Scouts per team** being ideal. Each participant must be a **registered member of Scouts BSA**. **Arrow of Light Scouts (5th grade)** may attend and are welcome to participate as a team if registered. **4th-grade Webelos Scouts may attend as visitors but may not compete in the sled events.**

Scouts and leaders

Health Forms:

BSA Health & Medical Records are **mandatory for all attendees**. At the unit leader's discretion, forms may be turned in at check-in and will be kept at **Main**

Headquarters for quick access if needed. Troop leaders may retrieve the forms upon departure from camp.

Clothing & Personal Gear:

Proper clothing is essential. Scouts should dress in **layers** to adjust to changing temperatures. **Scout uniforms are not required.** Inappropriate footwear—such as sandals, Crocs, or similar shoes—will not be permitted.

All Scouts must arrive with **appropriate cold-weather clothing and sleeping gear.** Individuals who are not properly equipped may be sent home for safety reasons. These expectations should be clearly communicated at troop meetings prior to the event.

This event **will not be canceled due to cold weather.** Scouts should bring extra clothing to change into as needed to remain dry and warm.

Sled Requirements:

- Sleds must be **built and assembled by the troop; pre-made kits are not allowed**
- Sleds should be **lashed together** and should be able to complete the entire course
- All sleds must have **skis — wheels are not permitted**, even if there is no snow
- All required gear must **always be carried on the sled**
- Gear may be used at stations, but must be returned to the sled before moving on
- Items missing from the sled at any event may result in point deductions

Scouts are encouraged to research sled designs using books, libraries, or other resources. Any **traditional dog-sled style design** is acceptable.

Best Sled Award:

A “**Best Sled**” award will be presented for the most well-constructed and creative sled. Judging will consider craftsmanship, functionality, creativity, and **patrol identity**, including the patrol flag.

Scoring

Each team will earn “**gold nuggets**” by competing in the events. Teams must bring a **sturdy container** to carry their gold, clearly labeled with the **troop number and patrol name**.

Final scores will be determined by the **total number of gold nuggets** a team has at the **finish line**. **Do not lose your nuggets!**

First Aid

All sled teams should carry a **first aid kit** and be prepared to treat **minor cuts and scrapes**. Any injury requiring attention beyond basic care must be reported immediately to an **adult leader** or the **mayor at the nearest town**. They will help determine whether additional assistance is needed from the **main first aid station at Headquarters**.

Service Project

To camp at **Tuttle Creek State Park** without additional fees, units are asked to participate in a **service project** for the park. Details and timing of the service project will be announced at **check-in** and may take place on **Sunday morning**, depending on the project.

KLONDIKE 2026 Schedule

Friday, February 20th

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

Camp set up after check-in.

9:00 pm – Leaders Meeting

Saturday, February 21st

7:30 – 8:45 am - Registration/ check-in

9:00 am - Opening flags, final briefing

9:30 am - Begin Mushing

12:00-1:30 pm - Lunch

4:00 pm - Mushing ends

5:00 pm - Awards @ Flags

6:00 pm – Troop dinner

Sunday, February 22nd

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 of 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'
4 - 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://boyslife.org/outdoors/outdoorarticles/6981/checklist-for-a-basic-cold-weatherouting/)
- [**http://www.boyscouttrail.com/library/wintercampingtips.asp**](http://www.boyscouttrail.com/library/wintercampingtips.asp)
- [**https://www.slideshare.net/djdarkbeat/cold-weather-camping-bsa-scouting**](https://www.slideshare.net/djdarkbeat/cold-weather-camping-bsa-scouting)

River Pond & Riley Point Campgrounds

