

# KONZA KLONDIKE 2026



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

Fees:

**SBSA Youth - \$20 (before Feb 8<sup>th</sup>)**

**Adult - \$15 (before Feb 8<sup>th</sup>)**

**Webelos Youth/Adults - \$15 (before Feb 8<sup>th</sup>)**

**All fees increase by \$10 after Feb 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Registration Closes Feb 13<sup>th</sup>**

## Hello Klondike Musers!

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

1:30 - 3:30 pm - Mushing ends

5:00 pm - Awards @ Flags

## Sunday, February 22nd

8:30 am Vespers - At ManKan Shelter

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 ¼" 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://www.boyscouttrail.com/library/wintercampingtips.asp>
- <https://www.slideshare.net/djdarkbeat/cold-weather-camping-bsa-scouting>

## KONZA KLONDIKE DERBY – Station Scoring Sheet

Station Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

### SCORING INSTRUCTIONS

- Score each category from 0–4 points based on patrol performance.
- Focus on what you observed at THIS station only.
- Partial credit is encouraged.
- Add all four category scores for a total out of 16 points.
- Convert the total score to Gold Nuggets using the table below.
- Award the Patrol the physical Gold nuggets earned

### STEP 1 – Score Out of 16 Points

Category	Max Point Score Awarded
Skill Execution	4 _____
Teamwork	4 _____
Leadership & Communication	4 _____
Scout Spirit & Attitude	4 _____

**TOTAL SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_

### STEP 2 – Convert Score to Gold Nuggets

Score Range	Nuggets Awarded
0 – 3	0 Nuggets
4 – 7	1 Nugget
8-11	2 Nuggets
12-14	3 Nuggets
15-16	4 Nuggets

Nuggets Awarded:



# River Pond & Riley Point Campgrounds

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

Non-Designated Primitive  
24HR Generator

These are the only  
Bathrooms available.

Camping Area

Klondike Town Areas

### Legend

Park Office	
Gatehouse	
Self Pay	
Cabin	
Shelter	
Shower House	
Bathroom	
Dump Station	
Boat Ramp	
Fish Cleaning Station	
Swimming Area/Beach	
Archery Range	
Kayak Rentals	
Camp Store	
Playground	
Dog Park	
Laundry	
Camp Host	



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

