

WANTED

Cub Scouts

FOR YORK DISTRICT'S

Chuckwagon Derby

June 21st, 2025
Gowen Park Sanford, ME
Check-in starts at 1pm

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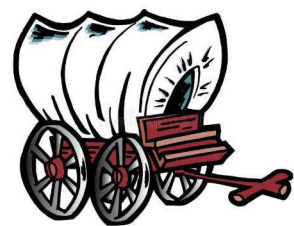
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Den leaders will report to
Cubmaster about which
Cubs will be attending and
Cubmaster will send roster
to "Cookie"

YorkDistrictCubEvents@gmail.com

WHAT IS THE CHUCKWAGON DERBY?



Chuckwagon Derby is a Council wide, friendly competition of Scouting knowledge and spirit.

This is the day that the Cubs in your Pack will meet Cubs from all over the District, and spend a day sharing “Cub Scout Spirit.”

Chuckwagon Derby offers the cubs in your Pack a day filled with Scouting, Scouting, and more Scouting !!

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Different colored beads will be given out at each town for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place during the event. And there are other chances to shine - Cub Scout Spirit, general Cub Scout knowledge, knot knowledge, wagon display, and tool knowledge, to name a few.

However, it is very important to instill in the Cubs not only a sense of good, healthy competition, but the fun and challenge of “doing your best” - which is the Cub Scout motto !!



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE “ HIT THE TRAIL”?

Wagon Crews will be given a map and a score sheet. The map will tell the wagon crew where to start. Wagons will travel in a clockwise circle, starting at their assigned town. There will be 5-10 towns to visit. Visit as many towns as possible, and in the order given. However, if you are at a town that has a very long wait, the Cubs could approach the “mayor”, ask to advance to the next town, and get permission to return to that town later in the day.

Okay, so now you're on the trail... what to you do ?? The Cubs are pushing the wagon along the trail... have them sing - LOUD!! - this shows Scout spirit !!- What do you sing? Anything Patriotic... “She's a Grand Old Flag”, “I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy”, or anything you can think of. Change any

wording to Chuckwagon themes. REMEMBER ONLY CUBS MAY PUSH OR PULL THE WAGONS!! This is an important fact to remember. As the Cubs are pushing the wagons, they should also pick up all the trash they see !! “A Scout is Clean”. (Mayors from all towns and the Sheriffs are watching all the wagons - all the time)

Follow the map - A Cub must be in charge of the map and the score sheet. This job can rotate, so all have the honor of leading the wagon. When you arrive at your town, there is usually a short (or maybe not so short) wait. Take advantage and rest. If you are far enough away from the mayor, you may have the cubs quietly discuss the subject of the town.

THIS IS IMPORTANT: Prior to entering the town, the cubs should agree on their ‘spokesman’. There should be only 1 speaker in the group. The MAIN OBJECTIVE of Chuckwagon is to see the wagon crews working together, having a good time, and maintaining high spirit. The cubs will approach the mayor of the town and ask to enter - they can not enter the town without being invited in !!! Then they go and are tested on skills and knowledge for their crew. The mayor will present them with a subject, question, skill, or problem... the Cubs should then take a few steps away from the mayor - huddle together and discuss the situation - (another BIG point maker) - then the spokesman will speak - no one else should comment - even if the speaker gives misinformation!! The wagon will be scored. One score for Scout knowledge & another score for Scout spirit. They are then given their “ beads” and proceed to the next town -

**** DON'T FORGET TO HAVE YOUR ROUTE SHEET SIGNED!



Wagons



The Chuckwagon Derby is a “spin off” of the ‘ Klondike Derby’, which is a BSA Scout event where Scouts compete similar to the Chuckwagon. BSA Scouts push “ Dog Sleds”; Cub Scouts push and/or pull “Chuckwagons” - The style of wagon is left up to your imagination, but remember you will be pulling it a long distance during the derby. It can be any decorated wagon-store bought or hand-made. It should not be shorter than 18” or longer than 48”.

Wagon crews are at least 4-6 Cubs pulling the wagon and 2 adults per wagon. Don’t forget that Scout policy requires “two-deep” or better for all Scout functions, and Tigers require “one on one”.

No running! Let’s keep it safe for everyone.

Running will result in lost points.

Wagon crews should be determined at your Pack prior to the Chuckwagon - Therefore, leaders should report to the Cubmaster or Assistant Cubmaster names of Cubs attending, 2 weeks prior to Chuckwagon. Please be sure to have the cubs bring the required equipment listed below:

WAGON EQUIPMENT LIST (what each wagon needs)* LEADERS PROVIDE*

* Pencil & Pad of paper * Water bottle and cups for drinking

*Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, AOL books *

* Litter bag *

* Wagon banner with pack number and home town location

* Small first aid kit

* Den cheer and/or song & Scout Spirit!

* Very Important!! “Points” may be awarded to your team for having these items!!

EQUIPMENT EACH CUB NEEDS TO BRING

* Water bottle *

Sturdy shoes for the trail

* A piece of rope 36 inches long for making knots

* Western attire encouraged, with Scout neckerchief

****NOTE**** Do not bring any guns or other weapons. They will be confiscated!



WHAT LEADERS NEED TO KNOW

The Chuckwagon Derby is a fun filled day for Scouters - big and small !! There is a wonderful feeling of Scouting fellowship that fills the air. The Chuckwagon Derby is meant to be fun! Many leaders panic when they hear about the skills needed to score high that day. But, the point isn't to win - just to go and have a lot of fun. Remember the Cub Scout motto - "Do Your Best" this is the biggest thing you as a leader can instill in the cubs.

HOW DO I PREPARE THEM FOR THE DAY?

As a parent, we only want to see our Cubs do well. As a Cub Scout leader, this is also true. The Chuckwagon Derby is geared to the skills learned as a Cub, therefore preparation for Chuckwagon is all the fun things you have done all year. The work the Cubs have done to earn their current rank is the backbone of The Chuckwagon. Don't sweat it!! Remember it's all in fun! Some towns are designed simply for fun and the promotion of teamwork.

A SCOUT IS CLEAN. ANY MEMBER OF A WAGON WHO LITTERS RISKS BEING FINED UP TO 5 POINTS ON THE OVERALL SCORE! THE LITTER BAG SHOULD CONTAIN LITTER WHEN THE CHUCKWAGON IS OVER. IF YOU SEE LITTER ON THE TRAIL... PICK IT UP.

