

Kennebec Valley District

Klondike Derby

SURF'S UP!



January 17, 2026
at
Camp Bomazeen

GOLD!!!!!!

ALOHA! GOLD CHUNKS have been found. SCOUTS FROM ALL OVER, RUSH TO STAKE A CLAIM!!!

At Camp Bomazeen, Kennebec Valley District has planned the District's Annual Klondike Derby to be held on Saturday, January 17, 2026 at 656 Horsepoint Rd., North Belgrade. The following pages will DOLE out the basic information you and your patrol members will need to help get you started. Your scoutmaster will SPAM you up-to-date on further developments.

Just what is a Klondike Derby? Well, it's like this. The Klondike Derby is a fun-filled activity patterned after the days of the Yukon Gold Rush. Patrols build sledges like the early prospectors used as they hunted for gold. The members of your patrol serve as a team of huskies to pull your patrol's sledge around the course. Your patrol will visit a number of stations, each having a themed town name. At each town your patrol will be confronted with a problem that is COCONUTS to solve using your scout skills and knowledge as you get ROASTED. Depending on how well your patrol works out the problem, you will be DOLED out points. Adults this is the scouts time to put their skills to the test.

DON'T HELP DURING THE EVENT WITHOUT THE JUDGES PERMISSION!
POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED.

HERE IS HOW IT WORKS:

1. Register online at [Surf's Up Klondike Registration Form](#) and pay at the door.
2. Patrols send in one copy of the enclosed roster sheet with the name of the patrol and patrol members to Julie McKenney by January 15, 2026. Don't snail mail! julie.m.scouts@gmail.com
3. If you don't already have one, build a sledge for your patrol using the enclosed drawing as a guide.
4. Brush up on your scout skills and knowledge.

You should arrive an hour prior to the start of the Klondike race. You will check-in at registration. Your patrol and sledge will be inspected to ensure you are ready for the competition. This includes a safety inspection of all members of the patrol. If a member is not winter-prepared for the course, they will not be allowed to participate.

All patrols will be given a different starting location. The patrol will need to complete the course as instructed. When you have completed the course, your patrol will return to headquarters, and have your trail scores tallied. Scoring will be based on the number of Gold Nuggets (points) earned on the trail.

Don't forget—if your patrol is to take part, fill in the enclosed roster and mail or email it right away! The deadline for pre-registration is **January 15, 2026**. All paid pre-registered patrols will earn bonus nuggets. Any units registering **after January 15th**, contact Julie immediately!

2026 KLONDIKE DERBY

WHEN:	<p>Saturday, January 17, 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Troop Check-in will be at 7:30am. • Opening is at 8:30 am. • Competition 8:45am- 3pm. • Late arrivals may not have time to complete the course. After the competition, judges will compile scores and units can store away equipment while waiting. • The closing ceremony begins at about 4pm. Feel free to load while you wait.
WHERE:	Camp Bomazeen, 656 Horsepoint Rd., Belgrade. Parking is along the waterfront.
WHO:	<p>ALL Scouts, ALL patrols from ALL troops, crews, sea scouts, explorers in any district may participate in the day's activities based on the appropriate level. Fun, Competition and Camaraderie.</p> <p>All patrols should be natural patrols that function within a troop. Patrols should consist of 4 to 8 scouts. If necessary, we can connect you with another unit if you need. Please inform us ASAP.</p> <p>NOTE - AOL's may be invited by a Troop to participate with them in the race.</p> <p>Unit leadership will provide judges at stations. If you have a station idea, please contact Julie for approval so we don't have duplication. Contact Julie McKenney for approval of volunteers before registering online.</p>
REGISTRATION:	<p>All participants MUST PRE-REGISTER on Surf's Up Klondike Derby Registration Form Paper Registration</p> <p>You may add additional scouts/scouters to your list after the registration deadline by registering in person at the Klondike. Bring the latest Roster Form to check-in. Keep in mind 2 deep leadership needs.</p> <p>Registration fees before Jan. 15, 2026: \$5.00/person</p> <p>Patches will be charged at the door - \$10.00</p>
Mailed-in payments for registration fees to: Julie McKenney Attn: KV Klondike Derby 788 Smithfield Road, Belgrade, Maine 04917	Online Pre-registration Surf's Up Klondike Derby Registration Form Paper Registration & Roster are included in this guide. Paper Registration

Klondike Derby
Camp Bomazeen, Belgrade, Maine
January 17, 2026

TROOP SCHEDULE

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Registration inside McCurdy with PL and SM & sledge/patrol inspection at Sportsfield.
8:45 am	Opening Ceremony at Flag Pole
9 am – 11:30 am	Klondike (20min. Station/10 min. Travel)
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch & Clean-up (meal is judged)
12:30 pm	Klondike continues
3:00 pm	Klondike Ends - All Score Sheets turned into McCurdy when finished.
4:00 pm (approximate)	Load equipment while waiting for Scoring tabulation. Awards to follow.

PLAN:

1. Patrols will check-in at least one hour before start time.
2. Troop Klondike will start at 9am. When the signal is given, patrols will open their orders and proceed to the first station on their orders. They will then proceed as instructed. Make sure you go to the 1st station you're assigned and then proceed in that order so only 1 unit is at a station.

DERBY REGULATIONS:

1. Registration:
 - a. Pre-Register online at [Surf's Up Klondike Derby Registration Form](#) AND follow the prompts. Multiple pay options available. Door Payments are preferred.
2. Patrols should be natural patrols (as much as possible) and consist of 4 to 8 scouts. We can combine units together. Let us know.
3. Scouts **must** be properly dressed for the weather. They will be inspected. If, in the judge's opinion, a scout is not properly clothed with proper footwear (boots or overshoes) or winter hat (knit cap or hat to protect the ears), that scout will not be permitted to participate..
4. Each patrol must present a roster of patrol members (actual participants) signed by the scoutmaster at check-in. **THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE ONE FILLED OUT ONLINE IN ADVANCE.** The PL must also be wearing an arm band identifying themselves to the Mayors in each town. [Paper Registration Form](#). **Attached is the roster form to this guide.**

CLOTHING

One of the most important parts of a Klondike Derby is keeping warm and dry. Each Scout must know what to wear. Winter weather is very changeable, requiring preparedness for almost any condition. A nice day can turn into a raging blizzard.

Your best protection is common sense. **Dress in layers.** Avoid working up a sweat, and keep yourself comfortable by removing or adding layers of clothing. **No cotton clothing—this includes jeans!** Cotton wicks moisture and loses all insulation properties when wet. Cotton can kill in cold weather! **Any scout who arrives wearing jeans will not be allowed to participate.**

Waterproof boots are essential. Wear wool socks or other wicking material such as polypropylene that wicks away moisture. **NO SNEAKERS!!!** A **wool stocking cap** or similar headgear with ear coverings is necessary during the event. **A hood will not be accepted in substitution for a hat only as an addition.** **Scarves are recommended** to protect the face from the cold and biting wind. Scouts should wear wool mittens covered with a waterproof shell. Gloves may be worn, but are not as warm as mittens.

Scouts are most vulnerable to the cold at meals, because they do not move around as much. **Prior to any meal, ask every scout if their clothing is dry.** If not, have them change into dry clothes before eating.

Warming stations will be available if needed. Headquarters at Dawson City (McCurdy) and most towns will have a fire going.

JUDGING

The word of the Judge in each town is final. Every patrol will know if they have succeeded in that town. Every unit is expected to provide at least one judge per patrol.

NUGGET POUCH

Each patrol will need a sturdy, homemade leather, canvas or cloth pouch to carry their gold nuggets. Mark it with your troop number, patrol name, and totem. It should be roughly 9 by 3 inches with a drawstring.

HOW TO PREPARE (Troops)

For the most part, patrols should brush up on all skill areas. Areas of concentration should be Scouts Scouting America Requirements up through First Class including: Knots, First Aid & Fractures, Knife & Ax, Compass, Cooking, Lashing, Height & Width Estimates, and Fire Building.

FEED THE MAYOR (Troops)

Each Patrol will need to prepare their meal in the Town that they are visiting at Lunch-time. They will need to prepare enough for themselves and to “Feed The Mayor” who will also be the judge for how well they prepared, served, and worked together making lunch! The focus is on the method.

- **This year's meal needs to have 1 of the following ingredients: SPAM, Coconut or Pineapple incorporated in the main meal.**

TROOP PATROL EQUIPMENT

Equipment needed for each patrol. It is to be carried on your sledge and used as your patrol presses along the Klondike Route in your search for gold nuggets.

1. Pouch to carry gold chunks (nuggets)
2. Two notebooks and two pencils
3. Two camp blankets
4. Six 5 to 6 ft scout staves or poles. 2 inch maximum diameter.
5. Cooking equipment necessary to cook lunch of your choice.
6. Eight 10ft lengths of rope (no nylon). Recommended rope includes sisal or hemp.
7. Two tarps or ground clothes of roughly 12ft x 20ft each.
8. Adequate clean-up material for cooking.
9. One can of chicken noodle soup per two patrol members to be turned in at registration check-in.
10. Disposable paper cup for each scout.
11. Water pot and **cocoa** for each scout.
12. Two gallons of water.
13. Fuel for cooking and fire building. No liquid fuels. Fuels and fire starters should be of natural material.
14. A compass for each scout.
15. First Aid Kit to meet first aid requirements through First Class Rank and splint material.
16. Matches
17. One #10 can
18. A refuse bag—for charred wood, paper, garbage, etc.(which is to be transported home for disposal.)
19. Axe, knife, file and whetstone
20. Neckerchief or bandanna for each patrol member.
21. Two pairs of snowshoes.
22. One gallon ziplock bag to hold orders, claims deed, and score sheet.
23. Scout Handbook
24. Fuel for lunch fire.
25. Enough aluminum foil to cover cooking area under charcoal (24" X 24" doubled)
26. Boogie or Surf Board like

SLEDGE

Suggested sled design is on the following page. The unit type/number, town and sponsor should be clearly labeled somewhere on the sled along with the patrol name. One way to mark the patrol name is to have a patrol flag.

Add other decorations to add to the theme Surf's Up! Think of warm beaches!

SLEDGE SPECIFICATIONS:

1. Sledges are recommended to be 6 feet long. Sledge plans are enclosed. They are suggestions only, and need not be followed. Sledges built to these specifications will meet length requirements. They will also prove serviceable. Patrols may substitute their own design as long as the sledge is 6 feet long and resembles the general design of dog sledge. There are no weight requirements.
2. Sledges must display a patrol flag, troop number, town/city, and sponsoring organization.
3. **WHEELS ARE PROHIBITED!**
4. Sledges must be pulled over the finish line by the entire Patrol with all equipment still on board.

Suggested Sled Information

The sketch below should be used as a guide by teams in designing their sleds. Don't be afraid to use your own imagination. Your own design will be accepted, if it conforms to the specified dimensions. Just make sure the sled is strong enough to bear the weight of your driver and your equipment.

TIPS:

Use screws instead of nails. Drill first to avoid splitting. Varnish the bottom of the runners, then wax before the race. If you wish, add a canvas snow curtain to keep your equipment dry.

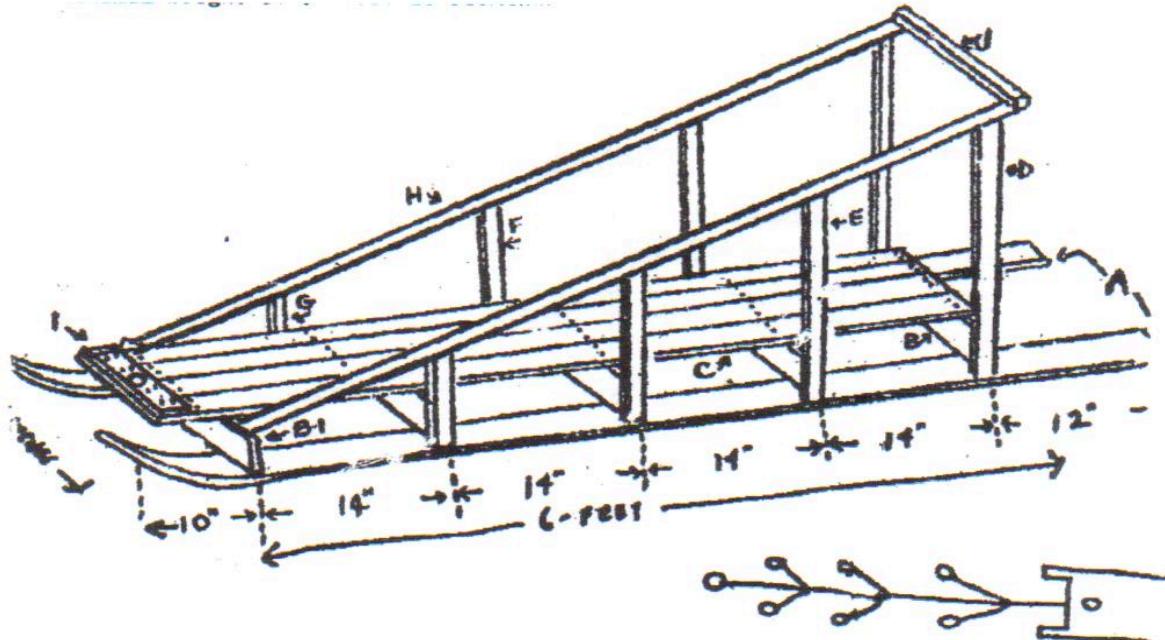
Secure towing bridle firmly so "huskies" don't get separated from the sled.

Length: 6 feet, 6 inches

Width: 20 inches

BILL OF MATERIALS:

- A) 2 pcs. 4" x 1/2" x 6' 6" runners
- B) 4 pcs. 1" x 4" x 18" cross supports;
- 1 pc. 1" x 4" x 20" cross support
- C) 4 pcs. 1/2" x 4" x 5' floor planks
- D) 2 pcs. 1" x 2" x 40" rear uprights
- E) 2 pcs. 1" x 2" x 31" second rear uprights
- F) 2 pcs. 1" x 2" x 22" second front uprights
- G) 2 pcs. 1" x 2" x 13" front uprights
- H) 2 pcs. 1" x 2" x 6' hand rails
- I) 1 pc. 1" x 4" x 16" tow bar
- J) 1 pc. 1" x 2" x 20" handle bar



All Participants

Bring this page or the information on it to Julie McKenney for every patrol in your unit that is participating in the Klondike. Following directions and pre-registering will result in bonus nuggets.

Bring a copy of this page with you to check-in on January 17, 2026

DO NOT MAIL THIS PAGE TO THE COUNCIL OFFICE!

Troop/Pack Number: _____

Adult Contact Name: _____

Contact Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact Email: _____

Patrol Name: _____

Patrol Leader Name: _____

Patrol Member Names:

This information must be brought on Saturday, **January 17, 2026**.

*Bonus nugget opportunity if postmarked or emailed by **January 15, 2026***

Mail or email a copy of this page for every patrol to:

Julie McKenney
julie.m.scouts@gmail.com
207-530-0362
788 Smithfield Road
Belgrade, Maine 04917

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REGISTRATION FORM

This form must be completed and turned in before by mail or at the registration tent when you arrive at the event. Make additional copies of this as needed.

Troop# _____ Scoutmaster _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____

Town _____

State _____ Zip _____

This Registration form can be sent either way:
K-Valley Klondike
CO Julie McKenney
788 Smithfield Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

Email to julie.m.scouts@gmail.com

Registration Troop Scouts - Patches not included

Number of Youth _____ x \$5 _____

Number of Adults _____ x \$5 _____

TOTAL PAID _____

Fees are to be paid at the door by check or cash.

Payable to Julie McKenney

Cash **Check #** _____

Do not mail! Bring Registration with you on January 17th.

PATCH ORDERS ONLY

#of Patches X \$10.00= _____

Payable to Julie McKenney

Cash **Check #** _____