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**CUB SCOUT CHUCKWAGON DERBY
LEADER'S GUIDE**



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 !!

The Cubs are in groups of 4 - 8 per wagon.

They push, and/or pull their wagons around, stopping at “Towns” to have fun and demonstrate basic Scout knowledge and skills - appropriate for their rank. The Chuckwagon Derby is a lot of fun, and leaders should encourage all their Cubs to attend.

Different colored beads will be given out at each town for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place during the event. 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.

REMEMBER ONLY CUBS MAY PUSH OR PULL THE WAGONS!!

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 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 "nuggets" (beads) and proceed to the next town -

****** DON'T FORGET TO HAVE YOUR ROUTE SHEET STAMPED******



The Chuckwagon Derby is a “spin off” of the ‘ Klondike Derby’, which is a BSA Scout event where Scouts compete in events. 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 adult supervisors per wagon. (Don’t forget that Scout policy requires “two-deep” or better for all Scout functions, and Lions/Tigers require “one on one”.)

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

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!!