

## 2024 National Pike Klondike Derby

**Date:** Saturday, January 27th, 2024  
**Place:** McKeldin Area of Patapsco State Park  
**Event Start Time:** 8:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Scout Trail  
8:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. Cub Scout Trail  
**Fees:** See registration sheet  
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**Registrar:** Steve Cooperstein 240-674-3133  
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**Registrations** are due by Friday January 19, 2024. Registration is not complete until the fees are received for the number of participants registered. Units may register and [pay on the registration page](#).

**Staggered Start Times:** Your unit may request a start time on its registration form; requests will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. You will receive a preliminary start time via email shortly after you register; your registration POC will be notified of your unit's final assigned start time(s) by email on Sunday, January 21st.

**Car-Pooling** is required. Parking at McKeldin is very limited. Patapsco Park Staff and National Pike District Staff may turn units away when all available parking is filled. ***Each unit is required to identify its car-pooling coordinator. Units will be limited in the number of vehicles they can bring to the event! The unit car-pooling coordinator must plan on assigning at least four individuals (including driver) to each vehicle.***

**Clothing:** The Klondike Derby is an all-day outside activity; the only shelter available is off the trail at the Upper Gulch Warming Station (with a roaring fire all day). All participants must be dressed appropriately for the weather – gloves, hats, and layers. Appropriate footwear is critical. The Scout trail is rugged, and the Cub Trail may be muddy; sneakers should not be allowed in any weather. Unit leaders are responsible for the safety of their Scouts and must enforce these rules.

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**Food:** The Ulcer Gulch canteen will provide Scout Meals (all-beef hot dog, chips, and drink) at the Upper Gulch Warming Station between 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM. **Due to changes in the enforcement of park policies, all Ulcer Gulch meals must be pre-ordered and pre-paid (only \$4.50) via the [registration system](#).** We recommend packing additional snacks and water to consume along the trail.

**Firewood:** Due to the continuing wood borer infestation, no firewood may be brought into the park.

### Unit Registration Form

Unit Number:		Pack or Troop:	
Unit Registration Point of Contact:			
Registration Contact Phone:			
Registration Contact Email:			
Unit Carpooling Point of Contact:			
Carpooling Contact Phone:			
Carpooling Contact Email:			

	Number	Fee	Subtotal
Scouts <sup>1</sup>		\$15.00	
Scout meals <sup>7</sup>		\$4.50	
BSA Registered Adults <sup>2</sup>		\$0.00	
Non BSA Adults		\$5.00	
Extra Patches <sup>3</sup>		\$4.00	
Camping Nights <sup>4</sup>		\$2.00	
Park Pass Discount <sup>5</sup>		-\$0.50	
Total			

#### **Fee notes:**

- 1) Each Scout registration is \$15.00 and includes one patch
- 2) Registered adult leaders are free; others ("Non BSA" or non-registered adults) are \$5
- 3) Extra patches are \$4
- 4) Camping fee is \$2 per camper per night (this is the park's camping fee)
- 5) Park Pass Discount: If your unit has a valid Maryland Park Service Youth Group Pass (YGP) on the date of the event, you receive a \$0.50 discount for each Scout and adult registration, and you may camp for free. If you are not registering via the

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web, please provide your YGP number and expiration date to the registrar via email.

- 6) *If your unit is running a station (or parking, or first aid), all people (Scouts, Scouters, and Non BSA adults) who run the station are free and receive a patch.*
- 7) *All food served by Ulcer Gulch must be pre-ordered and pre-paid via the [registration system](#). Each scout meal will include an all-beef hot dog and bun, bag of chips, and drink (choice of hot chocolate, hot coffee, hot tea, bottled water, or soft drink).*

### Trail Registration:

	Trail	# of Scouts	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
Group #1					
Group #2					
Group #3					
Group #4					

Use one line for your Cub Scout Pack on the Cub Trail and one line for **each sled** on the Scout Trail. For starting times, please enter times in ten-minute increments. If you do not enter a starting time for a group, they will be started at the earliest available time based on when your registration is received.

### Cub Trail

For those who participated in the National Pike Klondike Derby Cub Trail in previous years, the general format this year remains the same, though the content of some of the individual stations will be different. Cub Scouts will learn about the 1898 Klondike Gold Rush while having fun and playing games!

**Description:** The Cub Scout Klondike trail is an outdoor trail activity approximately 1.5 miles long and is intended for Lions, Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos (note that Webelos may also participate on the Scout trail). The Klondike Derby Cub Scout trail will have approximately eight stations; each station will feature a group activity or game. Units should be able to complete the entire Cub Trail in about three hours (not allowing for a meal stop). Parent participation is recommended for the youngest Scouts.

**Staggered Start Times:** Your unit may request a start time between 8:30 A.M. and 1:30 P.M.; requests will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. Your registration POC will be notified of your unit's assigned start time by email on 01/21/2024.

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off the trail, at the food stand (Ulcer Gulch). All participants must be dressed appropriately for the weather – gloves, hats, and layers. Appropriate footwear is critical. The Cub Trail may be muddy; sneakers should not be allowed in any weather. Unit leaders are responsible for the safety of their Scouts and must enforce these rules.

**Food:** Pre-ordered pre-paid Scout Meals consisting of an all-beef hot dog, chips, and drink (only \$4.50!) can be picked up from or eaten at the Ulcer Gulch Warming Station between 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM. It is recommended to bring an insulated bag to keep the hot dogs warm during the event as well as high-energy trail snacks and plenty of water for your group. ***Due to changes in the enforcement of park policies, all Ulcer Gulch meals must be pre-ordered and pre-paid via the [registration system](#).***

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### Scout Trail (often referred to as the Sled Trail)

For those who participated before Covid in the National Pike Klondike Derby Scout trail, the general format this year is the same, though the content of some of the individual stations will be different.

**Description:** The Scout trail is intended for Webelos, AOLs and Scouts below the rank of First Class. The Klondike Derby Scout trail is a three-mile hike with multiple stations designed to test scout skills required for First Class. The stations may include but are not limited to the following:

First Aid	Knots	Lashing
Fire starting	Matchless fire starting	Knife, axe & saw
Orienteering	Sled & travel safety	Nature/outdoor code
Team spirit	Communication	

Each patrol/den will be judged on their spirit and how they function as a team. Teamwork is a must!

**Equipment:** Each patrol/den must have the following equipment while on the trail:

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Sled, compass, patrol first aid kit, matches, means to start a matchless fire, a metal hubcap or metal trash can lid to start fires on (no ground fires), a 15-foot rope for throwing, patrol flag, pot for boiling water.

### PERSONAL EQUIPMENT:

Paper & pencil, scout book, a 6' piece of rope for knots & lashings, weather suitable lunch (may be cooked on trail) and water (one to two quarts per Scout), pocketknife, large garbage bag, appropriate clothing for the weather (**no sneakers**). **Sled Requirements:** Each patrol/den must have an equipment sled that accompanies them along the trail. The sled should have the troop/pack number and patrol/den name displayed prominently. Any safe design is acceptable, and many different types of sled plans are available on the web. **Webelos may build their sled, but manufactured sleds are acceptable; Scouts must build their sled.** If a manufactured sled is used a milk crate or similar box should be attached to the sled to hold patrol equipment. Sleds may be built out of any materials, but no metal is allowed except as fasteners (no steel runners). **No skis may be used as runners due to the sharp metal edges.** Easily removable wheels may be affixed to the sled. PVC pipe sleds are allowed. Sleds are to be scout powered and harnesses or pull ropes should be safely constructed. A pull rope on the rear is necessary for controlling descents. The course is very rugged – be forewarned.

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**Lunch:** Pre-ordered and prepaid lunches from Ulcer Gulch (all-beef hot dog, chips, and drink) for only \$4.50 can be picked up from or eaten at the Upper Gulch Warming Station between 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM. We recommend bringing an insulated bag to keep the hot dogs hot while transporting them. **Due to changes in the enforcement of park policies, all Ulcer Gulch meals must be pre-ordered and pre-paid via the [registration system](#).** Otherwise, pack appropriate high energy trail snacks and plenty of water.

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