

2026 National Pike Klondike Derby

Registration and Program Guide

Date:	Saturday, January 24th, 2026
Place:	McKeldin Area of Patapsco Valley State Park, Marriottsville, MD
Event <u>Start Time</u>:	8:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Scout Trail (These are <u>starting</u> times) 8:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. Cub Scout Trail (These are <u>starting</u> times)
Fees:	See registration sheet
Event Coordinator:	Don Campbell (doncampbell1966@comcast.net)
Cub Trail Coordinators:	Ed Wollack (ejw3p1415@verizon.net) Jerry Budai (jerry.budai@gmail.com)
Scout Trail Coordinator:	John Barrett (cdrjandmsm@comcast.net)
Camping Coordinator:	Christian Cao (christiancao@gmail.com)
Registrar:	Don Campbell (npdkdregistrar@gmail.com)

Please check your spam or junk folder regularly for correspondence from [npdkdregistrar](mailto:npdkdregistrar@gmail.com) and other event related contacts.

Registrations are due before midnight on Friday January 16, 2026. Registration is not complete until the fees are received for the number of participants registered. Units may register and pay on the registration page at: scoutingevent.com/220-2026npklondike

Staggered Start Times:

Your unit may request a start time on its registration form. Trail schedules will be determined based on the number of scouts registered by the unit (units with eight or more scouts will receive priority) and the order in which the fully completed registration is received. 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 Monday, January 19th.

Car-Pooling is required. Parking at Patapsco Valley State Park 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 to assign 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.

Food:

The Ulcer Gulch canteen will provide Scout Meals (all-beef hot dog, chips, and drink) for only \$5.00 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.** We recommend packing additional snacks and plenty of water and other drinks to consume along the trail.

Firewood:

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

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Information Required for Unit Registration:

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:			

Registration Fees	Number	Fee	Subtotal
Scouts on the Cub or Scout Trail ¹		\$15.00	
Scouting America (SA) Adults ²		\$0.00	
non-SA Adults		\$5.00	
Extra Patches ³		\$4.00	
Camping Nights ⁴		\$2.00	
Youth Group Park Pass Discount ⁵		-\$0.50	
Scout Meals ⁷		\$5.00	
Total			

Fee notes:

- Each Scout registration is \$15.00 and includes one patch.
- Scouting America registered adult leaders are free; others ("non-SA" or non-registered adults) are \$5.
- Extra patches are \$4.
- Camping fee is \$2 per camper per night (this is the park's camping fee) unless your unit provides a valid Youth Group Pass (YGP) number.
- YGP 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 registered for the Cub or Scout Trail, and you may camp for free. If you are not registering via the web, please provide your YGP number and expiration date to the registrar via email.
- 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.**
- All food served by Ulcer Gulch must be pre-ordered and pre-paid. Each scout meal will include an all-beef hotdog and bun, bag of chips, and drink (choice of hot chocolate, hot coffee, hot tea, bottled water, or soft drink).**

Trail Registration:

	Trail (Cub or Scout?)	Number of Scouts	Preferred Trail Starting Time		
			1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
Group #1					
Group #2					
Group #3					

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

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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 1.0 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. Trail schedules will be determined based on the number of scouts registered by the unit (units with eight or more scouts will receive schedule priority) and the order in which the fully completed registration is received. Your registration POC will be notified of your unit's assigned start time by email on Monday, January 19th.

Clothing:

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Food:

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Car-Pooling is required.

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SCOUT TRAIL (also referred to as the Sled Trail)

For those who participated in the National Pike Klondike Derby Scout trail in the past, 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 approximately a two-mile hike with multiple stations designed to test scout skills required for First Class. Each patrol/den will be judged on their spirit and how they function as a team. Teamwork is a must! 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	

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Equipment:

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

Den Equipment:

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.

Patrol/Scout Equipment:

Scouts running on the scout trail may pack their equipment in backpacks instead of sleds. Scouts may pack personal and patrol equipment and utilize the scout trail as an opportunity to complete requirements up to first class. This includes using backpacking stoves to cook meals and complete other requirements. We recommend talking to a merit badge counselor before working towards any merit badge requirements.

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**).

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Sled Requirements:

Each den or patrol 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 and AOLs may build their sled, but manufactured sleds are acceptable.** 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 for fasteners (no steel runners). **No skis may be used as runners due to the sharp metal edges.** Easily removable wheels affixed to the sled are strongly preferred in case the trails are dry or muddy. 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:

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