

Carroll District Klondike 2026

Troop Guide



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January 30th - February 1st

Carroll County Agricultural Center

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[Early bird registration ends January 4th](#)

[January 18th - Station activity and items needed due](#)

[Registration closes: January 18th](#)

INFORMATION FOR TROOPS

Fees: Adults – free

Early Bird Youth fee: \$10

Fee \$20 if registering after January 4th

All fees cover rental fees, insurance, competitions costs and a patch.

If adults wish to purchase a patch, or you wish to purchase extra patches, you may do so when registering. There may be additional patches for sale the day of the event.

Emergency phone number: Colleen Kelly Klondike Chair 410-236-3033

Timeline:

Jan. 4th early bird registration ends

Jan 18th - list due of what needs to be on the sled to complete your troops station

Jan 18th - Klondike registration ends

Jan 31st - 7:00am can start to pick up your unit packet and/or pole at Klondike admin, need to tell admin names of all patrols you registered and what the requirement will be to earn the 5th bead. You will not receive your packet or pole until I have the information requested.

INFORMATION

Pond: STAY AWAY FROM THE POND. Do not throw items on to it or go beyond or under the caution line.

Weather – Unless the Governor declares a “State of Emergency” or closes the roads – the DERBY WILL GO ON! Be Prepared

Stations/areas can be requested during online registration. Priority preference will be given based on units who register early.

All units are responsible for making sure all attendees are registered.

Leadership: Two Unit Leaders per unit, are required to be responsible for all youth accompanying a unit and be registered scouts and are required to be trained in BSA's Youth Protection Program. **ALL SCOUTERS THAT PLAN ON STAYING OVERNIGHT HAVE TO BE A REGISTERED ADULT!!**

Medical Forms: As stated in the Guide to Safe Scouting, leaders should have the Annual Health and Medical Form part A and B for each unit member participating in the Klondike.

Adult Participation: As with any scouting event, adults need to be present during the day.

Visitors: All visitors are required to check in at Klondike Headquarters for their respective grouping.

Trash - No trash facilities will be available at the AG Center, what you bring in you take out. THIS INCLUDES ANY HAY YOU USE AS GROUND COVER.

Fire - Ground fires are not allowed but raised fire pits are acceptable. Do not dig holes or trenches.

Water: There is no water source at the AG center. Bring plenty for any cooking/hot drinks and the ability to have each scout and leader have a full water bottle. Everyone needs to keep hydrated throughout the day!

Smoking: BSA National Policy states that smoking is not only a safety hazard but is also objectionable in the presence of Scouts. Therefore, we strongly recommend that there will be no smoking at the Derby. If you must smoke, please ask Klondike staff to point out a designated smoking area.

Trees: Cutting Live trees is prohibited

Lost and Found: Located at Klondike Headquarters. Please have scouts label all gear with their name and unit number.

Parking: DO NOT Park on the grass if there is a sign that says no parking on the grass!

Scouts BSA units that will be camping overnight can have 1 trailer and the vehicle towing it as well as 1 other vehicle parked near your unit as long as the cars/trailers do not interfere with the path the sleds need to travel. Parking will be in front of the Carroll Agricultural Buildings in the large parking lot.

First Aid – Minor issues go to your unit or the unit nearest you. In the event of a serious medical issue please call 911 and make sure to tell them you are at Carroll Agricultural Center. Please send runners to Klondike headquarters to let them know or call Colleen at 410-236-3033

Alcoholic beverages and drugs: Possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages or drugs are prohibited per Scout BSA rules. You will be asked to leave Klondike if found with either and may be prosecuted.

CLOTHING: Each Scoutmaster will tell their troop the clothing for the event.

UNIT AREAS

Please provide station information by January 18th so it can be sent to all units. Troops will then be responsible for having the necessary items on their sled rather than Klondike staff sending a generic packing list. If you register after January, depending upon what is needed for supplies, you may have to provide the supplies to complete the station yourself. The unit will decide

1. **Station Name**
2. **Items Needed**
3. **General skills needed/tested.**
4. **What is needed to be done to earn the 5th bead** - needs to be told to admin Saturday morning at packet pickup.

Every unit is encouraged to run an activity station, **if possible, set up a new station.** Some of these scouts have been attending for years and new stations are always a hit. Units may set up the night before or the day of Klondike.

You will receive a pole on Saturday at check in to place at the starting point of your station which should be away from your camping area. If you do not have a station, you will not receive a pole.

Each unit will be assigned an area for their station. Information about which site is yours will be emailed to the contact person of each unit soon after you register. Each unit is encouraged to set up a cooking/camping area near to but separate from their station. We want to make sure that the patrols know exactly where the stations are.

- There is no food for sale at this event, you need to provide all food and drinks for your unit.

Email Carrollklondike2023@gmail.com if you wish to set up early the day before.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. You may camp until Sunday, but there will not be any district members on site. You will be in charge of your unit just like other camping trips. District personnel will be there Friday into Saturday afternoon.
2. I need adults or older scouts, from each troop, on Saturday morning at 6:30am to help with the cub scout check in. Please come to admin for your directions.
3. We will have a runner show you where your site is. Please have patience Friday night and Saturday morning. You may show up as early as 4pm Friday afternoon to drop items off/put up something to show where your site is.
4. You need to register your station along with what items the sleds need to have on them to complete your activity before January 18th.
5. Leave distance between the camping/troop area and where your station starts. Put up the pole at the beginning of your station where the patrols need to report for the activity.

Scouts BSA

PATROLS: Out on the trail you will meet challenges that will require thought, skill, teamwork and Scout Spirit. To meet these challenges, you will need to work as a patrol and draw upon the skills of the patrol and its members. When you complete the activity, you will be rewarded with beads. These beads are to be strung on your rope thong and guarded throughout the day.
THESE BEADS ARE YOUR SCORE! DO NOT LOSE THEM!

When you arrive at a station, marked where the tall pole is, announce yourself with a loud patrol cheer, then proceed to the station Mayor and give the mayor your Troop number and Patrol name. Follow the instructions for the activity, have fun, and show your Scout Spirit! The goal is to complete all the stations. Move onto other stations if the lines are too long.

In your packet there will be a site map with all troop stations marked on them as well as a paper that shows approximately how many patrols are registered.

The number of patrols is to help the stations know about how many to expect during the day.

While it is a competition don't forget to enjoy the day and stay for the closing awards ceremony. Do not leave early and miss out on possibly receiving an award. The ceremony will be at admin at 4:45pm. Have a fun, safe, and great day at the Klondike!

Other information: Klondike staff will consolidate station information and send a customized material list for sleds to troops along with a list of the stations within a few days of January 18th date.

Stations: There will be about 15-20 stations. These stations are designed in such a way as to allow your patrol to show the skills, back country knowledge, teamwork and spirit that you have learned in Scout BSA.

BEADS: 1 bead for scout cheer, 1 for patrol flag, 1 for scout spirit, 1 participation and one at the choice of the station leader. Station leaders should tell the scouts how they can earn their 5th bead (you also need to tell admin Saturday morning at pick up how to earn the 5th bead). .

PACKETS: In order to pick up your packet you need the names of all of your patrols and how each patrol can earn the 5th bead. In your packet for each patrol should be a map, number of troops with stations and a thong to hold your beads. For each unit there will be a map, number of troops with stations, number of patrols that signed up at registration to give you an idea of how many patrols to come to your station and the beads needed to pass out.

All stations must stay open until the official end time of Klondike, end of competition not closing ceremony time. If your unit decides to leave before the closing ceremony, someone has to stay and pass out the 5 beads to each patrol that shows up.

KLONDIKE SLEDS

There are many sled designs. The following design is to be used as a guide. Patrols are encouraged to paint, decorate or otherwise modify the sled as long as it meets this general design.

Sled Specifications

Length 4 ft. to 7 ft. Width 18 in. to 24 in. Height 36 in. to 48 in.

NO METAL RUNNERS NO WHEELS NO PRE-FABRICATED SLEDS

- Sleds must be carried across all roads. Points will be deducted if an official sees a sled being pulled across the road.
- The maximum number of scouts per sled is 8. If you have more than 8, then you must run additional sleds.

SCOUTS BSA Schedule:

Friday, January 30th 4pm – can set up for stations and camping. Please email and let us know if you need to arrive earlier than 4pm.

We will connect with you as you enter the Ag center grounds. We will have someone to show you where your station is, please do not try to find it on your own.

Stations: You should have enough room to have your station apart from your camping area. I would like to have a clear separation from the camping/lunch area and the station to make it easier for the patrols to know where to go and who to talk to for the station. You will have a golf type pole to show the station starts. Pick up the poles on Saturday morning with your packet.

Saturday, January 31st

7am- Can pick up packet at this time - you need to know the names of the patrols and how to earn the 5th bead in order to receive your packet.

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8:15 - Opening Ceremonies. Bring your sled and patrol to admin headquarters. Top of the hill near the port a potties. Wait for the horn and GO! We will not wait for units that are not on time.

NOON - Mandatory Lunch, all stations will be closed until 1pm (pack lunch is 11am - 11:45)

1pm – Start competition again

4pm – Competition ends. Return all beads to admin. Beads must be turned in by 4:20pm.

4:30 – Closing ceremony

This will be a TIMED event! We will start the timer upon the horn at the start of the day. We will write down the time you arrive back at the admin at the end of the day as soon as you get to the table and then write down how many beads you have. This is an easy way to break any ties due to the same number of beads.

Prizes: We will have a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prize for 2 different sized patrols. You will have patrols with 4 or 5 members competing against each other and patrols with 6+ scouts competing against each other.

Patrol Awards:

There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for the 4/5 scout patrol and the 6+ scout patrol. There will be 2 of each prize to pick from. The prizes are:

Led Lanterns/headlamps

Camping Kitchen Utensil set

Portable camping table

All participating patrols will be put into 4 drawings where any patrol can win.

The 1st patrol drawn will receive a troop glow in the dark football game. The other 3 patrols drawn will receive a 2026 Klondike carabiner. **All patrol members need to be at the award ceremony in order to win.** If your patrol is not there we will go to the next patrol in line.