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CENTRAL ILLINOIS

KLONDIKE DERBY

LEADER'S GUIDE



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I. General Information

A. What is a Klondike Derby?

A Klondike Derby is a competitive event which uses Klondike gold rush themes to complete a multiple event course and sled race, pitting each team's skills and team work against the clock. Only in case of extreme bad weather will the derby be postponed or cancelled. If needed, the alternate date is February 15, 2025.

B. Who can participate?

All youth must be registered in the Scouts BSA or Venturing programs to participate in the Klondike Derby. Cub Scouts are not permitted to participate. Registered Arrow of Light Scouts (5th graders) may participate as guests of the Troop with parent's permission (must be registered to attend with the Troop). If Arrow of Light Scouts attend, they must participate in the events.

C. Registration and Inspection Procedures

Registration for this event is online at <https://scoutingevent.com/312-93115>. All registrations should be made online on or before February 7th, 2025. Fees are \$10 per Scouts (if paid on or before January 29th, \$15 after) and \$8 per adult.

Troops are encouraged to camp for the weekend. Those units wishing to camp must complete a reservation using the reservation portal online at <https://campreservation.com/312/Camps/904>. Each troop may enter as many patrols as they can support. **Minimum patrol size is 4 Scouts, maximum size is 8 Scouts.**

Each patrol will begin with a sled and clothing inspection near the Registration Building beginning at 7:30am until 8:45am. All sleds will be checked to ensure all requirements are met and all equipment is present. For a list of required equipment, please see section D.

Scoutmasters (or other adult leaders) will register their patrols in the Administration Building while the sled and clothing inspections are taking place. Please bring the completed Patrol Roster form (with ages) with you when you register.

Patrols with an average age of 13 or under will compete in the Scout Division. Patrols with an average age of 14 or older will compete in the Senior Division.

Each Patrol Leader will be issued an official map with a starting event, an official scoresheet and a Patrol Leader Identification. The order of the events must be followed to ensure that each patrol will have a chance to compete at each event.

D. Equipment to be Carried on the Sled (LIST SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

1. Patrol Flag
2. Notebook or clipboard & method to keep score sheet neat and dry.
3. First Aid Kit (see contents in this guide)
4. One stave for each Scout
5. One 10' x 12' tarp (can be larger)
6. One Blanket
7. One blindfold for each Scout
8. One 20' length of 1/4" diameter rope
9. One length of 10' rope, 1/4" diameter per patrol member
10. One Boy Scout Handbook and/or BSA Field Book
11. Fire Starting Material (No lighters allowed)
12. Water Bottle or canteen for each Scout

E. Awards and Scoring

Trophies will be presented to the first place patrols in the Scout Division and Senior Division. Plaques will be awarded to the second and third place finishers in each division.

F. Scoutmasters' Notes

All stations should have judges ready to go by 9:30am. All score sheets must be turned in by the Patrol Leader at lunch and at the end of the day before the great race. Each station will have a judge who will be in charge of the station. The judge's word on all matters is final. The Patrol Leader is the only member of the team that may communicate with the judge of the event. Adults may observe the events, but are not allowed to coach or help the Scouts in any way.

Scouts participating in Klondike Derby must have earned the Totin' Chip and Firem'n Chit and must obey all of the safety rules outlined in the requirements for these awards.

Units are responsible for providing their own lunch at Klondike Derby. The Trading Post will be open with a few snacks and other merchandise.

Those units wishing to camp must complete a reservation using the reservation portal online at <https://campreservation.com/312/Camps/904>. Units can camp Friday night, Saturday night, or both.

G. Clothing

Scouts must be properly dressed for the weather. In our area, winter weather varies greatly requiring preparedness for almost any condition. **TENNIS SHOES ARE NOT ALLOWED!**

Your best piece of cold weather clothing is your mind! Remember these important tips to BE PREPARED!

- Dress to be dry. Cold weather camping requires adequate clothing and waterproof **boots** to protect the camper and yet be versatile enough to prevent sweating during activity and keep you warm during idle periods.
- Layers! A second and third change of inner clothing may be necessary for your Scout's personal safety and comfort. Changing socks throughout the day is also important.
- A wool stocking cap or similar head covering is necessary both during the day and night (if camping) to retain warmth.

H. Sleds

Klondike style sleds should be built or put back in shape (don't forget to wax the runners). If a patrol does not have a sled, build one. There are many plans available online. The sled must be capable of carrying one patrol member.

Toboggans and store bought sleds will be allowed, however patrols are encouraged to build a traditional Klondike sled. Wheels are allowed on sleds. Do not let the idea of sleds scare you. It is not essential to have snow for this event. Many of the best derbies have been held without snow.

II. Schedule of Events

7:30am - 8:45am Registration & Sled inspection Registration Building

9:00am Opening Ceremony Flag Poles

9:30am - 11:55pm Klondike Events Various Locations

12:00pm - 1:15pm Lunch Break

1:15pm - 2:45pm Klondike Events Various Locations

3:15pm Gather for Great Sled Race Activity Field Behind Parking Lot

3:45pm Closing Ceremony & Awards Flag Poles

4:15pm Departure

III. Events & Other Information

Events will be announced at the Klondike Derby. Scouts will have all materials necessary to complete the events on their sled. Typical Scouting skills will be used to complete most events. Other points may be scored based on teamwork, leadership, etc.

First Aid Kit Contents

Adhesive Bandages 6

Sterile Gauze Pads (3" x 3") 2

Adhesive Tape 1 small roll Triangle Bandage 1

Moleskin (3" x 6") 1

Soap 1 small bar

Antiseptic 1 small tube

Non-latex Gloves 1 pair

Mouth Barrier Device 1

Pencil and Small Notebook 1 of each

The Great Sled Race

Location: Activity Field behind Parking Lot The Great Sled Race is the last event of the day. No points will be given for this race. The race will consist of sleds racing from one end of the field to the other.

Lunch Units will be given an hour and fifteen minutes for lunch. Units who are camping can prepare their meals in their campsites. Other units may set up around the parking lot area to prepare their food and are welcome to eat inside the Activity Building as long as they clean up after themselves. Water availability is very limited at camp in January, so be sure to bring plenty along.

Trading Post

There will be a Trading Post operated during the Klondike Derby.

Restrooms

Restroom facilities will be the latrines at camp and a few Porta-Potties. Adults will have access to the restrooms in the Admin Building.

Medical Forms

Unit leaders must have a current BSA Medical Form (Parts A&B) on hand for each Scout and adult attending. These will not be collected, but must be on site. A health officer will be on site for any medical emergencies that may occur.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To make this event successful and fun for our Scouts, we need your help! Even if you are only available for a couple of hours or if you can help the whole day, that would be fantastic! Please let event Chairman CJ Knuffman (217-412-8275) know if you would like to volunteer. You don't have to register if you are volunteering, but we still need your name on the list. Adults may volunteer to help serve as additional judges at the events and/or help with equipment and clothing checks during registration.

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Patrol Roster

Please have this form ready for registration the day of the event

Patrols must have at least 4 and no more than 8 Scouts!

TROOP OR CREW # _____

#1 Patrol Name	
Scout Name	Age
Average Age	

#2 Patrol Name	
Scout Name	Age
Average Age	

#3 Patrol Name	
Scout Name	Age
Average Age	

#4 Patrol Name	
Scout Name	Age
Average Age	