

Arrrrgh Maties, this here be Ramapo Valley District's Pirate Klondike



**Ramapo Valley District
2025 Klondike Derby**

PIRATE KLONDIKE

January 18, 2025

**Location:
Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco**

Cost per Sled: \$70 per sled before January 1, 2025 \$90 per sled afterwards

Each sled must have 4-8 Scouts per sled.
Register on the Ramapo Valley District website.
Registration closes January 16, 2025

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Provo Sleds: If you have 1-3 Scouts that want to participate, we will TRY to match your scouts up with other Units who are under the 8 Scout per sled limit (if available). If your Unit has a sled with room for one or more additional Scouts, please note that at registration!!

QUICK GUIDE:

Weekend Schedule – see Page 3

Camping Check In – Friday 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM and refer to Page 4

Parking – Refer to Page 4 and Parking Map at the end of the Leaders Guide

Town and Sled Check-In and Registration Information – see Page 5

Sleds will need a cell phone or GPS device for Geocaching Town



AWARDS

- At the end of the Klondike, awards will be given for:
 - Top 3 Scout sleds based on score,
 - Top 3 Arrow of Light sleds based on score,
 - Best Town Operator,
 - Best Sled – based on [Pirate Klondike](#) sled design and clothing.
- In the event of tie scores, the earlier sled to finish and register their score wins.
- **Awards will also be given for** best sled team uniform/costume (consistent with the [Pirate Klondike](#) theme).
- Each Scout on a winning sled will receive a custom-made neckerchief slide created just for this Klondike Derby
- Each sled will meet the challenges presented at towns and receive a score of 0-10 for each town visited, except for Sled Check – see below. No fractional points will be awarded.

SPECIAL SCORING OPPORTUNITIES FOR this [Pirate Klondike](#) Derby!!!

In the past, one or two points meant the difference from first to fourth place so take advantage of these additional point-scoring opportunities. (As a matter of fact, the 2021 Klondike had a 3-way tie for first place!):

- Each sled can earn one extra point if the sled is made to look like a [Pirate Ship](#) (BE CREATIVE!!)
- Each sled can earn one extra point if everyone on the sled team is dressed as a Pirate over their winter clothing.
- Decision of the Sled Check town judges and Klondike Governor is final for awarding these additional points.

Scouting for Food

The 2025 Klondike Derby will again be a "Scouting for Food" event. We ask that every sled bring a bag of non-perishable food. The collection point is in at the Klondike registration. All donations will be donated to local food pantries.

Friday – January 17, 2025

6:30-9:30 PM Troop arrival and check-in (Map Location B) for units staying overnight.
No entry before 6:30 PM

Saturday – January 18, 2025

Schedule for Scouts and Venturing Sleds and Scouts and Venturing Towns:

7:30-8:30 AM **All Town operators** register at the Check-In Station (Map Location C).
Refer to Registration Section below.

7:30-8:30 AM Towns are set up

8:00-9:00 AM **All Scout and Venturing Sleds** Register (not Arrow of Light) at the Check-In Station (Map Location C). Refer to Registration Section below.

9:00 AM **All Scout Towns open.** Sleds **must** go to assigned town to start

12:00-12:30 PM All Towns closed for **HALF HOUR** lunch. Sled participants eat on the trail or with Unit

12:30 PM All Towns reopen

2:30 PM All Towns close – Town Operators return town scorecards and supplies to the Klondike Office

2:30-3:30 PM Final scoring (***Time is approximate!***)

3:30-4:00 PM Awards Ceremony (***Time is approximate!***)

Schedule for Arrow of Light Sleds:

9:00-10:00 AM **All Arrow of Light Sleds** Register at the Check-In Station (Map Location C). Refer to Registration Section below.

10:00 AM **All Arrow of Light Towns open.** Sleds must go to assigned town to start

12:00-12:30 PM All Towns closed for **HALF HOUR** lunch. Sled participants eat on the trail

12:30 PM All Towns reopen

2:30 PM All Towns close

2:30-3:30 PM Final scoring (***Time is approximate!***)

3:30-4:00 PM Awards Ceremony (***Time is approximate!***)

- As sleds finish, they **MUST** go to the Klondike Office (Map Location A) to report scores. Remember - if there is a tie for highest score, the earlier sled to check in their score wins.
- THE JUDGES SCORING AREA IS OFF LIMITS TO ALL LEADERS AND SCOUTS ONCE THEY HAVE TURNED IN THEIR SCORESHEETS!!!!!!

“Shotgun Start”: Each sled will be assigned a starting Town. The sled **MUST** start at that town immediately following Sled Check. They may choose to visit all required Towns in any order after that.

ARROW OF LIGHT sleds may be accompanied by one or two Leaders or Den Chiefs as Guides. (Guides must not help the sled during stations. They can help prep between Towns.) **At Towns, Guides must be "hands in pockets" and silent – no verbal or hand gesture help.** The Guide does **not count towards the 8-Scout limit.**

Parking and Vehicle Access within the Camp

- Parking space is limited and carpooling is highly recommended
- Parking is only allowed in the "Cable Cut" parking area. Listen to parking guides as you enter.
- Refer to the map at the end of the Leaders Guide for parking information
- For units **camping overnight and hosting towns only**
 - Vehicles at the sites or towns will be limited to 1 trailer and 1 tow vehicle
 - Other vehicles to park in the main parking area
- Vehicle use within the camp between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM on Saturday is prohibited

Camping

- Check-In for camping:
 - In the timeframe indicated in the schedule and
 - At the location indicated on the main Klondike map
- Units are responsible for supervision of their units overnight and through the weekend
- Units should follow the Guide to Safe Scouting, Youth Protection and Leave No Trace principles
- Bring water with you for the weekend
- Garbage to be hauled out

Town and Sled Check-In and Registration

Town Registration:

- All Town operators must register at the Klondike Office (Map Location A).
- One representative for each unit hosting a Town goes to Town Registration at the Klondike Office to pick up the Town packet at the times indicated in the schedule.
- Roster: Unit representatives must bring a Roster for the town. Roster must include Unit leader name and cell phone number, Scout name, unit, town, Emergency contact number for each Scout. Form is at end of this guide.
- Permission Slips: Unit representatives must submit permission slips for each youth participant working at the Town. BSA permission slip must be used, form is at end of this guide or via <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/19-673.pdf>

Sled Registration: For all Scout, Venturing and Arrow of Light Sleds

- All sleds must register at the Klondike Office (Map Location A).
- One adult and one Scout goes to Sled Registration at the Klondike Office to pick up the sled packets for all sleds in the Troop, Crew or Unit
- Only register at the times indicated in the schedule.
- Roster: Unit representatives must bring a Roster for the town. Roster must include Unit leader name and cell phone number, Scout name, unit, town, Emergency contact number for each Scout. Form is at end of this guide.
- Permission Slips: Unit representatives must submit permission slips for each youth participant working at the Town. BSA permission slip must be used, form is at end of this guide or via <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/19-673.pdf>

Ramapo Valley Klondike Rules

Derby regulations are necessary to ensure that every Scout and Leader has not only an enjoyable experience, but a safe one as well. This list is not intended to be complete but is important and must be agreed upon by the adult and youth leaders of the Troop / Crew / Pack to ensure the safety of all present and to protect the land for all to enjoy.

1. Sled **minimum** dimensions of 18" wide and 54" long.
2. Any design may be used but NO WHEELS. Be creative - Best Sled **Pirate Klondike** will receive an award!
3. Sleds will be inspected for neatness and equipment at Town 1 – Sled Check.
4. It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that no alcohol or drugs will be allowed at any Scouting function. Anyone using these chemicals will be asked to leave immediately.
5. Appropriate winter dress will be enforced. Scouts will be sent home if not appropriately dressed. (Confirmed at Sled Check)
6. This event will not be canceled unless the roads to the site are closed. Use your own judgment as to traveling conditions and clothing. Note however that all Scouts MUST have raingear (see equipment list).
7. Patrol size: At least 4 Scouts, with a maximum of 8 per sled – natural Patrols are encouraged.
8. **Bring plenty of water – dehydration occurs quickly in cold, dry weather.**
9. Each Troop / Crew / Pack is responsible for the Scouts, families and Leaders in their Troop/Pack.
10. Please notify the Governor in advance of any Scouts with special medical or other needs.
11. We need to know of any special conditions. Your cooperation will help prevent serious problems.
12. As always, the Scout Oath and Law is our code of conduct. THE SCOUT OATH AND LAW WILL GOVERN ALL PARTICIPANTS AT THIS EVENT.
13. Fires must be 6 inches or more above ground if Scouts and/or Leaders want a fire or are cooking at Towns (bring your own wood).
14. All participating Scouts on Sleds must be under 18 years of age. (EXCEPTION: Adults may go out with Arrow of Light sleds as outlined above.)
15. Each Town's Mayor has the final say on scoring for that Town. The Klondike Derby Governor has final say on overall scoring.
- 16. When course is completed, all sleds must report immediately to the Registration desk at the Klondike Office to finalize their score. In the event of a tie score the sled checking in earlier wins the tiebreaker!!!**
- 17. THERE IS NO SELLING OF FOOD OR OTHER ITEMS ALLOWED. However, towns are encouraged to share hot chocolate and/or coffee without requesting a donation.**
- 18. Drones are not permitted so leave them home.**

Mandatory Sled Equipment

This list along with the equipment listed in the Town Info list below is the equipment list. Scoring will be based on this list and the town equipment list.

All of the following equipment will be checked at Sled Check and points will be deducted for missing items (from maximum 10 points). Individual items must be with EACH scout on sled and patrol items must be on the sled. Each sled should have no less than 4 participants and no more than 8. (Note: Arrow of Light sleds may have 4-8 participants plus 1-2 adults as guides.) See also Town Info section for additional town equipment.

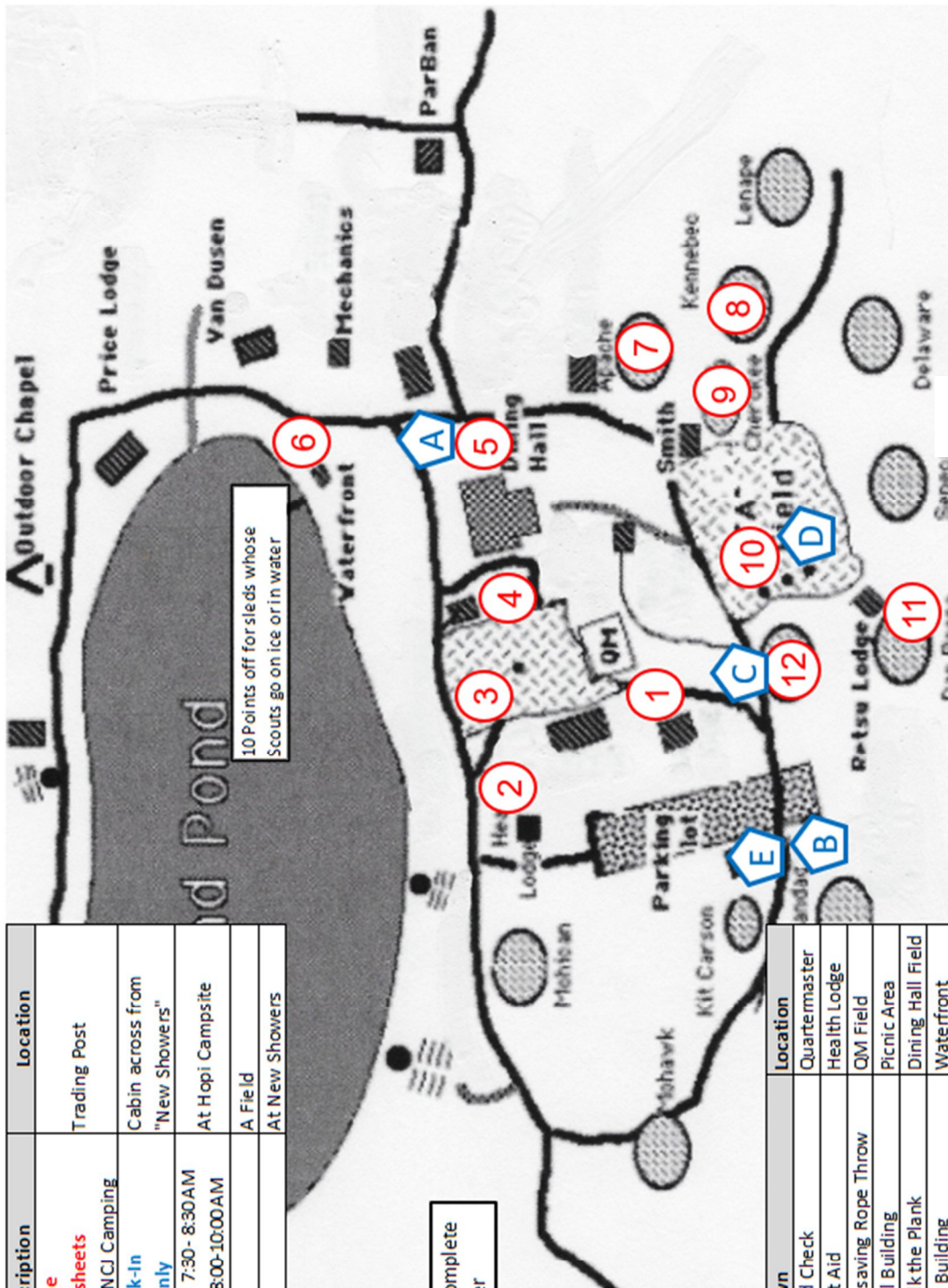
1. Sled (no wheels)
2. Water for each participant
3. Rain gear for each participant **(Bring regardless of weather or risk losing points!!!)**
4. First aid kit including large triangle bandages and other items from Handbook (for patrol)
5. Clipboard, paper and pen or pencil (for patrol)
6. Pen or pencil for each person on sled
7. Scout or Arrow of Light handbook (1 for the sled)
8. Fire bucket (Water for fire buckets will be provided)
9. Fireman's Chit for each Scout or Venturing participant.
10. Patrol (sled) Cheer
11. Patrol flag (Be creative!!) Remember sled participants are eligible to get an award for best costume, so tie your patrol flag to that theme.
12. Scouts must wear appropriate clothing and boots for weather day of Klondike. (Raingear required regardless.)

13. Also see Town Info section for additional equipment needed for each town!!!

Optional material (Not counted in scoring):

- Magnifying Glass, char cloth, flint and steel for fire starting (for patrol)
- Blanket or another item to use as windbreak for fire building
- Mess Kit/cup (some towns may offer refreshments, but will not likely provide cups)

Regardless of the above - Scouts not dressed appropriately for weather the day of the event may be turned away!



Map Key	Description	Location
A	Klondike Office Hand in scoresheets Floodwood / NNCJ Camping Camping Check-In Friday night only	Trading Post Cabin across from "New Showers"
B	Town Check In: 7:30- 8:30AM Sled Check In: 8:00-10:00AM	At Hopi Campsite
C	Awards	A Field
D	Bathrooms	At New Showers

Sleds do not need to complete
Towns in Location order

Location	Unit	Town	Location
1	District	Sled Check	Quartermaster
2	T114	First Aid	Health Lodge
3	T85	Lifesaving Rope Throw	QM Field
4	T388	Tool Building	Picnic Area
5	C54	Walk the Plank	Dining Hall Field
6	T192	Fire Building	Waterfront
7	T151	Model Campsite	Apache
8	T123	Nature / Animal Identification	Kennebec
9	T104	Cooking	Cherokee
10	T76	Map and Compass	A Field
11	T130	Knots and Lashings	Daniel Boone
12	T32	Geocaching	Hopi

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Town Information

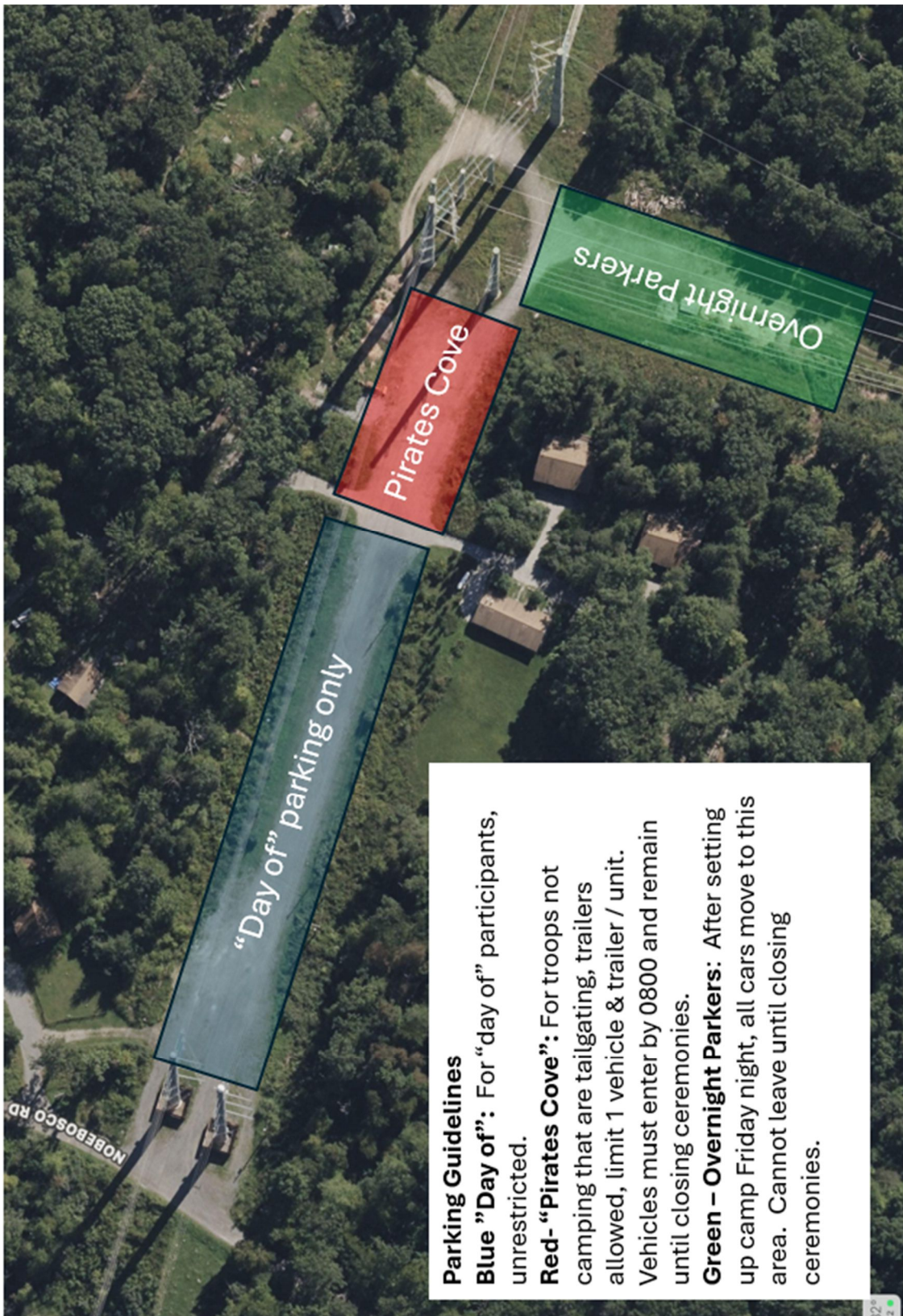
Location and Unit	Town Name	Equipment	Description and Scoring
1 RVD	Sled Check	All mandatory equipment for the Klondike	Check for all mandatory equipment
2 T114	First Aid	Sled First Aid Kit Personal First Aid Kits Blanket or tarp and poles for a stretcher Splint material for wrist and lower leg Triangle bandages for head bandaging (1 person) arm sling for wrist and collar bone injury (1 person) a leg splint (1 person) Gauze for a head wound Paper or pad and pen or pencil Scout Book	A scallywag pirate and member of your crew suffered an injury (open wound and possible fracture) on deck while rigging the ship to escape with their treasure. The Pirate Sled team must administer First Aid. Once the sled team completes the immediate first aid needs, your troop must carry their fellow pirate off the ship to the aid station at port.
3 T85	Lifesaving Rope Throw	None required, to be provided	A vast matey, members of your crew fell overboard and need help. Throw a life ring for distance and accuracy within a specified time frame to save them!!!
4 T388	Tool Building	None required, to be provided by the Town	Pirates must build a hammer (or other tool) to fix their sinking ship before time runs out.

5 C54	Walk the Plank	Leadership skills, team work and Co-operation	Aye matey, your ship is sinking and you must get everyone off to safety. Each team member must move from first platform to last by moving planks to connect platforms from one to the next. The participants will be timed on how quickly they complete the course. Adjustments will be made for the number of Scouts on the team. The sled will have a couple of minutes to discuss their plan of action as they are not allowed to speak during the activity. If they speak during the activity they must start over, but the stop watch will not be reset. They will have a few wood planks to choose from. Any Scout who falls off the plank or platform must start over Arrow of Light teams will be able to talk and will have a relaxed time limit.
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6 T192	Fire Building	Each sled should have: * Fire starter (flint and steel - preferred method or matches) * Fire building materials (natural tinder, kindling & fuel wood, etc.) - materials normally found in the woods on a typical camping trip. i.e. NOT pine 2x4s, cut up plywood artificial fire starters! * Fire bucket; 3-5 gallons * Fireman Chit card, scouts only * Blankets to block wind / shield the fire NOTE: Sleds will not be allowed to build a fire if they have improper fuel	Demonstrate knowledge of fire safety, teamwork and ability to start a fire, points awarded as follows: 1 point – Demonstration of Scout Spirit and Teamwork 2 points – Camp fire safety knowledge 1 point – Identification of three different types of campfires and what the different benefits of each are - Tee-Pee – heat and light, Lean-To – directional heat, Log Cabin – heat, light and cooking 1 point – Build an example of each of the above types of campfires. 3 points – Successfully start a fire that burns on its own - Use of flint and steel – no points deducted - Sleds can use matches, up to a maximum of three, and one point is deducted per match used 2 points – Successfully burn through each string within the 2-minute time limitation - Once the fire is started, the two-minute timer will start - Sleds are encouraged to feed and care for the fire
7 T151	Model Campsite	None required, to be provided	Is the camp shipshape? You tell us! Scouts will be asked to identify problems and/or safety hazards in a mock campsite & cooking area. Points will be awarded for correctly identifying problems within a given time period.
8 T123	Nature / Animal Identification	Paper and pencil / pen to record answers	Identification of native NJ / northeast animals and plants from specimens and pictures.

9 T104	Cooking	Scout handbook for reference. Town to provide stove, ingredients, recipe and all supplies.	A pirate crew is a hungry crew. Each sled will: (1) answer questions regarding cooking, meal planning, food safety, cleanup, etc. (2) Prepare a simple meal using supplies provided. You'll be scored on your answers and then how well you follow the instructions, show team work, and the success of the cooking within a time limit.
10 T76	Map and Compass	Compass, Pen or Pencil and Paper	Your ships navigator was never a scout and your Captain needs your map and compass skills. Demonstrate the use of a compass and ability to read and use a map: * Identify map symbols * Set compass declination for Blairstown, NJ * Orientate a map * Demonstrate how to use a compass and complete a short course. Points received for correct answers.
11 T130	Knots and Lashings	Arrow of Light: Each scout should have at least 6 feet of paracord or other rope to demonstrate basic knots. Scouts: Each scout should have at least 6 feet of paracord or other rope to demonstrate basic knots and lashings. Sled should have 3 - 6 foot poles.	Ahoy landlubbers! Fancy yourself as a pirate on the high-seas? Your crew must show us your knot-tying skills and then raise a mizzen mast before ye'll be worthy of joining the Pirate brethren. Scouts will need to tie seafaring knots and then use their lashing skills to raise a two-part mizzenmast and square spar. Arrow of Light scouts will use their knot tying skills to prove their seaworthiness.
12 T32	Geocaching Not for Arrow of Light sleds	Cell phone with the Google Maps app downloaded or GPS Device. Alternate apps that allow individuals to enter coordinates will also work.	Locate a cache hanging from 'the gallows' somewhere in the area by using a cellphone for map coordinates.

Parking Map



2025 RVD Klondike Derby Adult/Youth Roster for **Towns**

Use additional sheets if needed. [Do not include names of those on sleds.](#)

Crew #:		Unit Location	
Troop #:			
Pack #:		Den #:	

Klondike Town name:	
Klondike Town Number:	
Mayor's Name:	
Mayor's Cell Number:	

Youth Town Operators:

Youth Name	Cell	Who to call in emergency and phone number
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		

Adult Town Operators (Including non-Scouters):

Name	Cell	Position in Unit
1		
2		
3		
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[] Check if continued on additional sheet

2025 RVD Klondike Derby Adult/Youth Roster for **Sleds**

Include names of all Youth and Adults on EACH sled on separate sheet.

Crew #:		Unit Location	
Troop #:			
Pack #:		Den #:	

Sled name:	
Sled Number (assigned at check in):	
Sled Patrol Leader's Name:	
Sled Patrol Leader's Cell Number:	

**Youths on Sled (Minimum 4
Scouts, Maximum 8):**

Youth Name	Cell	Who to call in emergency and phone number
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		

Adults, Den Chiefs and others on Sled:

Name	Cell	Position in Unit
1		
2		
3		

Permission Slip: You must turn in a copy of your own unit's signed permission slip or the one below:

ACTIVITY CONSENT FORM AND APPROVAL BY PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIAN FORMULARIO DE CONSENTIMIENTO Y APROBACIÓN DE ACTIVIDAD POR PARTE DE LOS PADRES DE FAMILIA O TUTORES

The recommended use of this form is for the consent and approval for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, and guests to participate in a trip, expedition, or activity. It is required for use with flying plans.

El uso recomendado de este formulario es para obtener el consentimiento y aprobación para Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, e invitados para participar en un viaje, expedición o actividad. Es obligatorio para su uso con planes de vuelo.

First name of participant Nombre del participante	Middle initial Inicial del segundo nombre	Last name Apellido
Birth date (month/day/year) _____ / _____ / _____ Fecha de nacimiento (mes/día/año)		Age during activity Edad al momento de realizar la actividad _____
Address Domicilio		
City Ciudad	State Estado	Zip Código postal
Has approval to participate in (name of activity, orientation flight, outing trip, etc.) Tiene la aprobación para participar en (nombre de la actividad, vuelo de orientación, excursión, etc.)		From _____ to _____ De (Date) (fecha) a (Date) (fecha)

INFORMED CONSENT, RELEASE AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZATION

I understand that participation in Scouting activities involves the risk of personal injury, including death, due to the physical, mental, and emotional challenges in the activities offered. Information about those activities may be obtained from the venue, activity coordinators, or local council. I also understand that participation in these activities is entirely voluntary and requires participants to follow instructions and abide by all applicable rules and the standards of conduct.

In case of an emergency involving my child, I understand that efforts will be made to contact me. In the event I cannot be reached, permission is hereby given to the medical provider to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for my child. Medical providers are authorized to disclose protected health information to the adult in charge and/or any physician or health care provider involved in providing medical care to the participant. Protected Health Information/Confidential Health Information (PHI/CHI) under the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 C.F.R. §§160.103, 164.501, etc. seq., as amended from time to time, includes examination findings, test results, and treatment provided for purposes of medical evaluation of the participant, follow-up and communication with the participant's parents or guardian, and/or determination of the participant's ability to continue in the program activities.

With appreciation of the dangers and risks associated with programs and activities including preparations for and transportation to and from the activity, on my own behalf and/or on behalf of my child, I hereby fully and completely release and waive any and all claims for personal injury, death, or loss that may arise against the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with any program or activity.

NOTE: The Boy Scouts of America and local councils cannot continually monitor compliance of program participants or any limitations imposed upon them by parents or medical providers. List any restrictions imposed on a child participant in connection with programs or activities below and counsel your child to comply with these restrictions.

List participant restrictions, if any: _____
☐ None

CONSENTIMIENTO INFORMADO, CONVENIO DE EXONERACIÓN Y AUTORIZACIÓN

Entiendo que la participación en actividades Scouting implica el riesgo de lesiones personales, incluyendo la muerte, debido a los retos físicos, mentales y emocionales en las actividades que se ofrecen. Se puede obtener información sobre dichas actividades en la sede, con los coordinadores de la actividad o el concilio local. También entiendo que la participación en estas actividades es totalmente voluntaria y requiere que los participantes sigan instrucciones y acaten todas las reglas y normas de conducta pertinentes.

En caso de que mi hijo se vea involucrado en una emergencia, entiendo que se realizarán esfuerzos para contactarme. En caso de que yo no pueda ser localizado, por este medio otorgo permiso al proveedor de servicios médicos para garantizar el tratamiento adecuado, incluyendo hospitalización, anestesia, cirugía o inyecciones de medicamentos para mi hijo. Los proveedores de servicios médicos están autorizados a revelar información médica protegida al adulto a cargo, médico o proveedor de servicios médicos involucrado en la prestación de atención médica para el participante. La Información de salud protegida/Información médica confidencial (PHI/CHI, por sus siglas en inglés) bajo los Estándares de privacidad de información médica individualmente identificable, 45 C.F.R. §§ 160.103, 164.501, etc., y siguientes, como se enmiendan de vez en cuando, incluyen resultados de reconocimientos médicos, resultados de pruebas y el tratamiento proporcionado para fines de evaluación médica del participante, seguimiento y comunicación con los padres o tutor legal del participante, o determinación de la capacidad del participante para continuar en las actividades del programa.

Con reconocimiento de los peligros y riesgos asociados con los programas y actividades incluyendo preparativos y transporte hacia y desde la actividad, en mi propio nombre o en nombre de mi hijo, por este documento eximo total y completamente, y renuncio a cualquiera y toda reclamación por lesiones personales, muerte o pérdidas que puedan surgir, a la organización Boy Scouts of America, al concilio local, los coordinadores de la actividad y todos los empleados, voluntarios, grupos involucrados, u otras organizaciones asociadas con cualquier programa o actividad.

NOTA: La organización Boy Scouts of America y los concilios locales no pueden vigilar continuamente el cumplimiento de los participantes del programa y cualquier limitación impuesta sobre ellos por los padres o proveedores de servicios médicos. Enumerar más abajo las restricciones impuestas a un niño participante en relación con los programas o actividades.

Restricciones del participante, si existen: _____
☐ Ninguna

Participant's signature Firma del participante	Date Fecha
Parent/guardian printed name Nombre con letra de molde del padre de familia/tutor	Parent/guardian signature Firma del padre de familia/tutor
Area code and telephone number (best contact and emergency contact) Código de área y número telefónico (primer contacto y contacto de emergencia)	Email (for use in sharing more details about the trip or activity) Correo electrónico (para informar más detalles sobre el viaje o actividad)
Contact the adult leader with any questions: Póngase en contacto con el líder adulto si es que tiene preguntas:	
Name Nombre	Phone Teléfono
	Email Correo electrónico



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