



**PIONEER DISTRICT  
2024 KLONDIKE DERBY  
WATCHUNG RESERVATION  
MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ  
February 3, 2024  
Session 1 8:30 AM – 12 PM  
Session 2 1 PM-4:30 PM**

**ATTENTION SCOUTMASTER:**

The information in this publication should be shared with all members of your troop who will be competing in the Klondike Derby. There is nothing in this publication that should be withheld from the participating Scouts. Doing so will help to ensure a smoother running and FUN event for all involved.

**Registration Deadline:**

**Event registration fee \$20.00 per person by January 25**

**All sledges should be registered by Thursday, January 25, 2024.**

Upon registration, each patrol needs to:

1. Register with a patrol name
2. Specify whether the patrol is a Scout Patrol or Senior Patrol

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**



**REGISTRATION WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED**  
**ONLINE BY VISITING [https://scoutingevent.com/358-](https://scoutingevent.com/358-PNRScoutKlondike)**  
**PNRScoutKlondike**

**The fee for this year is \$20.00 per Scout. No new entrants will be accepted after January 25th.**

\*Every troop entering a sledge in the derby must provide at least two (2) adult volunteers to assist in running the Klondike. You must provide the names and BSA IDs of your volunteers when you submit your registration.

\*Troops will be notified of their **CHECK-IN** times by Wednesday January 31, 2024.

**Additionally, this year sledges can earn up to 10 bonus points by donating food to the local food pantry. Each donated item will be worth a half (0.5) points up to a max total of 10 bonus points. Units will drop off the food at check-out upon completion.**



## **Pioneer District, Patriots' Path Council, Scouts BSA Snow-Gram 2024**

The Pioneer District's annual Klondike Derby will be held on Saturday February 3, 2024. On that date, the Watchung Reservation will be transformed into the Yukon region of Canada and Alaska. Scout patrols will drag Klondike sledges over predetermined routes, demonstrating their Basic Scouting skills at towns along the way. The Klondike Derby is made possible through the efforts of Scouters who devote considerable time and effort to organize and operate the Klondike.

### **Procedures:**

1. **Patrol leaders** should check in with the Governor, during the assigned ½ hour they are given to check in. Each patrol will be given a lane to park in to drop their equipment off. Patrol leader will present 2 copies of the patrol roster to the Governor or check in team. One copy of the roster will stay at the Capital the second copy will be returned to the patrol leader to keep on the sledge. The Governor will issue the sledge a number.
2. The equipment is checked at the check-in area
3. The patrol sledge is weighed (the sledge must weigh at least 100 lbs.) and measured (must be at least 6 ft. long). The sledge number will be affixed to the sledge at the weigh- in area.
4. The patrol then acquires their map from the Starter.
5. The Starter will signal the beginning of the race.
6. The patrol will visit each required town in the proper order. At each town the **patrol leader** will check in with the Mayor. Each town has a task to be completed. The tasks are:
  - Compass and orienteering,
  - Lashing and knots,
  - First aid
  - Camp Preparation and Fire building,
  - Scout Spirit
  - Tomahawk throw
  - Emergency Preparedness/Lifesaving
7. When the patrol returns to the Capital, the elapsed time will be recorded after the entire patrol passes through the gateway.
8. The equipment is rechecked at the checkout area, the sledge is then reweighed. (Must weigh at least 75 lbs., *3 nugget penalty for each 5 lbs. underweight.*)
9. The **patrol leader** will then deposit the nuggets at the bank.
10. Patrols that do not complete the course for any reason, must return to the Capital and report to the Governor or the scoreboard before leaving the Klondike site.
11. The race ends at 12 PM for Session 1 and 4:30 PM for Session 2. End times are subject to change at the Governor's discretion.



### **Scoring:**

Scoring is based on both proficiency and time. Each of the seven towns yields a **MAXIMUM OF 10 NUGGETS**. Check-in and checkout may also yield a maximum of 10 nuggets each. There is also a 10 nugget bonus for food donation for the food pantry. Any Mayor or Klondike official may assess nugget penalties. The maximum number of nuggets is 100.

Final score = (Nuggets x 10) – total Elapsed time in minutes

### **Other Penalties:**

1. Not checked in with Governor during assigned ½ hour check in window (early or late) *5 nuggets*.
2. Removing backpack from sledge during race (if sledges are being used) *4 nuggets*.
3. Each incident of improper crossing of the road *4 nuggets*.
4. For each town visited out of order *4 nuggets*.
5. Each incident of littering *4 nuggets*.

### **Sledges:**

Sledges may be of any design. Each design must be at least 6 feet in length, and must weigh at least 100 pounds with all equipment. **No wheels are permitted on the sledges**. If a unit needs to borrow a sledge please contact the Governor.

If the situation arises that sledges may not be used, teams must transfer the equipment to their backpacks. If sledges are being used, teams may bring and pack backpacks, but backpacks must remain on the sledge during the Derby, and be counted as part of the weight of the sledge in check in and check out.

### **Volunteers:**

Each troop entering a sledge in the Derby must supply at least 2 adult volunteers to assist in running the event. Help is needed in numerous areas including but not limited to marshalling the road crossings and supporting city operations.

### **Team Specifications:**

The maximum number of members of each patrol is **10**; the minimum number for each patrol is **5** (If you have a patrol with less than 5, a special exemption from the Governor is required and will require a written request from the Scoutmaster attesting that the Scouts can handle the weight/course). This number in each patrol includes a patrol leader and an assistant patrol leader.

**The two categories of competitors are:**



**Scout Patrols:** This includes scouts who have not reached the age of 14 on the date of the Derby, *except for the patrol leader and the assistant patrol leader of Scout Patrols, who may be over fourteen. A “Scout” patrol cannot have more than 2 Scouts age 14 and older.*

**Senior Patrols:** This includes scouts who have reached the age of 14 on or before the date of the Derby. All Explorers and Venturers run in the “Senior” competition. Maximum age for Venturers to compete is 18.

**IMPORTANT NOTE – POSSIBLE PENALTIES:** *Any patrol registered as a Scout Patrol, that shows up to the Derby with more than 2 Scouts age 14 and older will be considered a Senior Patrol and penalized with additional minutes added to their race time, at the Governor’s discretion. There is no penalty or incentive for registering as a Senior Patrol and showing up to the Derby with a patrol that qualifies as a Scout Patrol.*

It is preferred that natural patrols are entered in the event. Sometimes this is not possible. For example, if a troop has two patrols of four scouts each, the two patrols would have to be combined to compete effectively in the event and the Legislature of the Yukon would not object. However if a Scoutmaster reorganizes his troop for the purpose of running the event so that one patrol contains stronger and more proficient scouts while the other does not, would be improper, unfair, and against the Scouting code of ethics.



**Towns: Each Town will be include a 20-25 minute session.**

1. First Aid
  - Treat the victim where he lies. Unless the situation warrants movement.
  - Treat arterial bleeding before resuscitation.
  - Check vitals.
  - Remember to treat for shock.

*Note: All disputes refer to the First Aid merit badge book, as that will be the “official” source.*
2. Compass & Orienteering • The use of a tape measure or tying a string between one’s ankles is not permitted. No laser or sonic measuring devices permitted.
  - No GPS devices permitted.
3. Tomahawks
  - Throw tomahawks for score
  - Ensure safety and follow directions of Rangemaster
4. Camp Preparation and Fire Building
  - Pitch tent including fly.
  - Build a fire (no lighter fluid or other chemical accelerants). Solid fuel fire starters are permitted. Low impact, use pan under fire.
    - Boil water using a fire built with tinder, kindling, and three one-foot lengths of 2 x 4. The Mayor will supply can with the water.
    - No lighter fluid, other chemical accelerants, or hot spark type starters are allowed. For full nugget score (7) up to 4 matches may be used.
    - Extra nuggets (up to 3) may be earned for using flint and steel or bow and drill.
    - Magnesium fire starters are permitted for additional nuggets, but not the full 3 nuggets.
    - Kindling must be chopped ON SITE (at this station) from one of the lengths of 2 x 4. The other 2 pieces of 2 x 4 are to be used as fuel for the fire.
    - **Work gloves and Goggles are required for the person chopping the wood.**
  - Boil cocoa water
  - Drink
  - Extinguish fire
  - After tent has been checked, strike tent.
  - Clean and pack up.
  - Excessive time may also be penalized by nugget reduction.
5. Lashing & Knots
  - The problem may include recognizing and tying knots and lashings.
6. Scout Spirit



- Be Prepared- Scouts will demonstrate their creativity. Plan a troop or crew campfire program. Present the written script (1 point) and prepare the program. Serve as master of ceremonies.
7. Emergency Preparedness/Lifesaving
- Scouts demonstrate the ability to rescue another scout who has fallen through “Lake Watchung”

### Awards:

Awards will be given to the top 3 sledges in each category. All sledges will receive a patch for each member.

### Registration:

Check-in times are in ½ hour windows, beginning at 7:30 AM for Session 1 and 12:30 PM for Session 2. Each sledge checking in prior to, or after, their assigned check-in window will be penalized 5 nuggets. Following check-in, inspection, and weigh in, sledges will proceed to the starting gate to start the race. Starting times will be issued in the order of registration, based upon preferences at the time of registration. **The fee for the 2024 Klondike Derby is \$20.00 per Scout participant registered by January 25. It is advised to register your sledge early to obtain preferred start times. Scouts may be added to already registered sledges up to January 31, 2024. If the addition of Scouts will change the patrol from a Scout Patrol to a Senior Patrol, notify the Governor in writing at [pioneerklondike@gmail.com](mailto:pioneerklondike@gmail.com) to run as a Senior Patrol and avoid any penalties related to patrol types.**

### Surprise Lake:

Any patrol or member thereof that ventures out onto the ice will be disqualified. This includes patrols that have not started or finished as well as those on the course. Volunteers assigned as “Mounties” will enforce this rule. Since no events will be at the lake, there should be no need to be in the area.

### Delay Time Credit:

When a patrol arrives at a town, the **patrol leader** should immediately report its arrival to the town’s mayor. If a number of patrols arrive at the town simultaneously a patrol may have to wait before commencing the town’s problem. It is the Mayor’s discretion to issue “delay time credit” which will compensate the patrol for lost time. Delay time credit must be coordinated prior to leaving a city, otherwise any credit will not be considered. This is the responsibility of the Patrol Leader.

### Attire:



Scouts need not be in uniform. Scoutmasters should ensure that Scouts know how to dress for extended exposure to cold, possible wet, snowy weather, and that they are to stay warm and dry! **Individuals or patrols without appropriate clothing of footwear may be asked to leave the trail.** Expect muddy trail conditions.

### **Bad Weather:**

The only way we will postpone this event is if the Park Commission will not permit us on the reservation. The cancellation decision will be made no later than 7 PM on February 2nd.

## **Required Equipment List**

**Note: One (1) nugget penalty will be assessed per missing item up to a maximum of 5 per check-in. Penalties will be assessed at time of departure and at return if additional items are missing (max of 10 if another 5 items are missing).**

1. Sledge with patrol flag (cloth)
2. Notebook with blank paper
3. Pen or pencil
4. (2) Blankets
5. (2) Poles, each six feet long
6. Wire cooking grate (about 12 x 12). Legs must be secured during transport.
7. (8) 12 foot lengths of ¼ inch rope
8. (3) One foot lengths of 2 x 4 lumber, for fire building (**NOT PRESSURE TREATED**)
9. Hand axe, sheathed, **AND work gloves (to be used by Scout chopping wood)**
10. Tent
11. Raincoat or poncho for each person. No plastic bags
12. Cocoa to be boiled.
13. Cocoa pot, cooking utensils
14. Cup for each member. No disposable cups
15. Gallon(s) of water
16. Matches in a waterproof container
17. Garbage bag
18. Nugget pouch bearing the patrol name
19. Roster completed and signed by the Scoutmaster
20. First-aid equipment (packed together in weather resistant container, no cardboard)
  - a. Bio-hazard kit (latex gloves, eye protection, mouth barrier device)
  - b. (4) Sterile dressings, e.g.: 3x3, 4x4 (must have sterile printed on label)
  - c. (2) Compresses
  - d. (8) Triangular bandages
  - e. (2) One foot splints, padded
  - f. (2) Two foot splints, padded





- 21. Flint and steel, even if you are not intending to use them. Bow & drill and magnesium fire starters may be substituted for flint & steel.
- 22. Natural tinder for fire building at fire building town
- 23. Fuel for fire (wood may be pre-chopped)
- 24. Aluminum foil for fire base at fire building (suggestion: place on top of fire pan for quick clean-up)
- 25. Fire pan (old uncoated cookie sheet works well)
- 26. Compass
- 27. Clear bag - min 8 ½ x 11 for map
- 28. Ground cloth (at least 4' x 6')
- 29. One extra clean dry pair of socks for each patrol member. **NO COTTON SOCKS! \***
- 30. BSA Scouts Handbook
- 31. **Optional food for donation to food pantry (bonus points)**

\*Sledges are encouraged to utilize canned food to ensure their sledges make the minimum 75 pound weight limit. At the completion of the derby scouts are encouraged to donate the excess “weight” for a donation to a local food pantry.

**Patriots’ Path Council, BSA Pioneer District Klondike Derby Roster**

**TWO (2) rosters are needed for each patrol**

**Troop** \_\_\_\_\_ **District** \_\_\_\_\_

**Patrol Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Scoutmaster Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Patrol Leader (1):**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Member ID** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_

**Asst. Patrol Leader (2):**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Member ID** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_

**Scouts**

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **Member ID** \_\_\_\_\_

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **Member ID** \_\_\_\_\_



(5) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Member ID \_\_\_\_\_

(6) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Member ID \_\_\_\_\_

(7) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Member ID \_\_\_\_\_

(8) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Member ID \_\_\_\_\_

(9) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Member ID \_\_\_\_\_

(10) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Member ID \_\_\_\_\_

**Patrol leader delivers completed form to the Governor at the event**

**Troops may only register online at the Pioneer District website: <https://ppcbsa.org/districts/pioneer-district/>**

**ALL PATROLS MUST HAVE A NAME WHEN REGISTERING FOR THE KLONDIKE DERBY. THE NAME THE PATROL REGISTERS WITH IS THE PATROL'S NAME FOR THE EVENT. NO CHANGING OF PATROL NAMES IS PERMITTED. HAVE YOUR SCOUTS CHOOSE A PATROL NAME BEFORE REGISTERING.**

**Deadline is January 25, 2024**



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Please call Victoria Moran at (973) 765-9322 ext 250 with your request.

**Refund Policy**

In all programs offered by the Patriots' Path Council, Scouts BSA, a great deal of planning and purchasing takes place well in advance. These plans include, but are not limited to, staff, food, program materials, patches and awards, rental and purchase of equipment, and in some cases, items of clothing such as T-shirts that are given as part of a program fee.

When an individual or group makes a reservation for an activity or program, these items are included in ordering of materials and staffing for that event.

**Refunds:** Individuals or groups that cancel a program reservation 30 days prior to the date of the event will receive a refund of fees paid, less a 15% administrative charge. No refunds will be made after the 30 day cancellation deadline, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

ALL CANCELLATIONS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING AND SENT TO THE PATRIOTS' PATH COUNCIL, 1 Saddle Road, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927.