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PATRIOTS' PATH COUNCIL

2025 SKYLANDS DISTRICT KLONDIKE DERBY! The *Premier* Outdoor Scouting Skills Competition!

To Be Held at:

Camp Somers

Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation

750 Waterloo Road, Stanhope, NJ.

Friday, January 24 - Sunday January 26, 2025

Plan for Overnight Winter Tent Camping Friday Night and Saturday Night!

Limited Cabin Availability – by Lottery – see below *

For Cabin Lotto contact Robert Reidmiller.

*Note: No Camping Points will be awarded for Cabin Camping.

If interested in the cabin lottery, please use this link to sign up:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekpV_sLT6XR6ZM1lrOi9mRZjawXEtHUvAL9rJi-EvzgDtTQw/viewform?usp=sf_link

(Schedule is subject to change)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Check-in: beginning at 6:00 PM the Dining Hall. Scoutmasters and SPLs

Check-in office closes at 9:00 PM - Late check-ins @ OA Lodge (don't be late)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Check-in: beginning 8 AM - 9 AM. @ the Dining Hall

Mayor's meeting: 9:30 AM @ the Dining Hall (HQ) Front Porch >> go to your stations before the start!

Patrol leader's meeting: 9:45 AM – Dining (HQ) Front Porch – NO SLEDS NEAR PORCH!

Opening ceremony: 10 AM– on the Parade Field

Start of Klondike (Shotgun Start) 10:15 AM.

Towns close – 3:30 PM.

All Score Sheets due at HQ by – 4 PM. Don't goof off!

RENDEZVOUS 8 PM– @ the Dining Hall-Cracker Barrel, Announcements, L&F, Songs, etc., etc.!

(TBD)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Site Inspections – 9:30 AM.

All Troops must check out by 10:30 AM. (...or you will not get your Patches!)

COST: \$25 per Scout or Leader-includes patch! *The first two adult leaders that register per unit will be free to attend.* \$35 late fee begins on January 12-register early to avoid the late fee!

All units must be pre-registered no later than 11:59 PM, **Sunday, January 19, 2025.**

If you have a question about Klondike please contact:

Robert Reidmiller rreidmiller@gmail.com - Skylands District Activities Guru

Jim Maguire jmaguire@esienv.com - Klondike Event Chairman

Marc Maratea (Sr. District Executive), marc.maratea@scouting.org, (973)-765-9322 ext.240

Registration to open soon. Register via the council calendar: www.ppcbsa.org

Click on calendar/January 24/Skylands Klondike

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SKYLANDS DISTRICT KLONDIKE 2025 EQUIPMENT LIST

PATROL ROSTER
PATROL FLAG
KLONDIKE SLED
ONE CAN OF SOUP PER PATROL MEMBER (NOT CREAM OR SEAFOOD SOUP)
SCOUT HANDBOOK
SCOUT FIELD BOOK
COMPLETE TENT WITH GROUND CLOTH
COMPASS
SCOUT KNIFE and SHARPENING STONE
PATROL MESS KIT AND UTENSILS
FLASHLIGHT
6 TRIANGLE BANDAGES
BLANKET
POT FOR BOILING WATER
CANTEEN OF **COLD** WATER (can be filled on-site)
SMALL PATROL TARP
SPLINTS
FIRE BUILDING MATERIALS AS DESCRIBED IN THE "FIRE BUILDING STATION RULES" (FLINT/STEEL, HOT SPARK, MATCHES ETC., TINDER, KINDLING ETC.)
PAD, PEN, PENCILS
AMERICAN FLAG
BOW SAW WITH COVER
FIRST AID KIT
ONE PIECE OF QUALITY ROPE (MIN. 6') PER PATROL MEMBER
4 POLES 5-6 FEET LONG
AXE, SHARPENING TOOLS AND APPROPRIATE SAFETY EQUIPMENT
SONG---IN GOOD TASTE----TO BE SCORED FOR POINTS
TRASH BAG
THREE (3) LARGE (1 gallon or larger) ZIP LOCK BAGS
TRAIL TYPE LUNCH FOR EACH SCOUT – Returning to your campsites for lunch may jeopardize your patrol's ability to complete all stations on time.

PROPER ATTIRE FOR ALL SCOUTS-BOOTS-BOOTS-BOOTS. *If Scouts are not properly dressed for the weather, they will not be permitted to participate in the event.*

NO TRASH ON THE TRAIL—IF YOU CARRY IT IN, CARRY IT OUT!

And Furthermore – Put your name or Troop Number on EVERYTHING, that way, what is lost – can be found!



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STATIONS

	Point Value
1. FIRE BUILDING	100
2. WOODS TOOLS	100
3. FIRST AID	100
4. MEASUREMENTS	100
5. ORIENTEERING	100
6. SURPRISE STATION	100
7. LASHING	100
8. SLED INSPECTION/EQUIPMENT CHECK	200
9. SURPRISE STATION	100
10. KNOTS	100
11. MODEL CAMPSITE	100
12. SCOUT SPIRIT	100
13. 50 POINTS FOR EACH NIGHT OF CAMPING	100
14. ARCHERY	100
15. ICE RESCUE	100
16. NATURE ID	100

Failure to turn in score sheet – 50- point penalty!

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**STATION LIST IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE, BUT ALL SKILLS COVERED WILL BE SKILLS
REQUIRED FOR SCOUT thru FIRST CLASS RANKS / SIMILAR SCOUT KNOWLEDGE**

See STATION Staff below



SKYLANDS DISTRICT KLONDIKE 2025

Welcome to the 2025 Klondike Derby!

We hope this Leaders Guide Package will answer 90% of your questions . 😊

A few rules and other points:

- All units must check in at the Dining Hall. (which will be our event headquarters) upon arrival. Once you check in, if you are camping, you may go to your reserved campsite.
- Each unit should send their unit leader and senior patrol leader to check-in. ***You must have a copy of your troop roster to submit at check-in indicating all participants at camp for the event. We will be collecting copies of attendees' medical forms as the Klondike is an overnight event. Also, please let us know how many patrols your troop will have and their Team names at that time. Please also bring your soup cans to check in.***
- All Patrols MUST turn in their score sheets directly after they are done with the course. This not only allows us to promptly score the event, but it also allows us to confirm that we have no temporary, geographically confused patrols (lost isn't a term we like to use in Scouting). We have no way of knowing whether a patrol is accounted for after the conclusion of the event until / unless they turn in a sheet. In the event of a tie, the score sheet turned in earliest will be the higher finisher.
- Should there be no snow, wheel kits will be allowed...
- All units must check out at the dining hall prior to departure...or we will keep your patches! ...

CAMPING—points will be awarded for camping. Be weather savvy! Know your group's limitations. Should high winds, dangerous driving conditions prior to the event, extreme low temps, or other forces of nature occur, camping may still be available but will not be encouraged with points. Cabin campers will not be awarded camping points. Units for which the leaders claim they will be sleeping in the cabin and all Scouts will be camping outside will be awarded camping points, unless our scrutinous security team determines they are fibbing...

VEHICLES at Campsites Each unit will be allowed TWO designated gear vehicles at their campsite.

FOOD – Again this year, mon hardy Klondikeurs! we will be doing vintage style Troop Winter Camp Cooking, **TROOPS ARE TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN BREAKFAST AND DINNER AT THEIR CAMPSITE.**

High energy, ready to eat food is recommended for fast LUNCH on the trail.

We will have our traditional soup station. ALL cabin camper leaders are to be prepared to function as hot beverage/warming stations upon staff request should weather conditions require your service, thank you!

STATION Staff (mayors and deputy mayors) – **Jim Maguire** will be coordinating all station volunteers – please speak with him to reserve your station beginning at November roundtable! We ask all units to volunteer to Mayor or help at a station. 16 stations are currently shown on our list. **THIS WILL CHANGE W/O PRIOR NOTICE.** At the derby, a mandatory meeting for the mayors will be at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday at the front porch of the dining hall. We'll go over scoring and other time management procedures at that time. Mayors will be issued a basic program and scoring guideline for skills at all Stations. Enhancement, creativity, and addition of fun (within the scope found in the Scout Handbook and Field Book – are highly encouraged) Mayors will be issued a radio and should plan to call in scores periodically to help determine totals early.

Remember that the Klondike is a PATROL competition and that adults shall **NOT** be accompanying the Scout patrols on the course except Cub Scout and Special Needs Patrols. Also, we remind all station staff that this is a Scouting event, and that we cannot allow the competitive spirit to compromise our guiding principles - the Scout Oath and Law. We do not expect spoon feeding. But on the other hand, ***If the scores or feedback reveal favoritism or unfair scoring by the station staff to any unit, the Klondike committee reserves the right to adjust the scores in a manner that, at their sole discretion, said committee deems appropriate.***



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Patrol Leader Meeting- Patrol leaders will be expected to meet at the front porch of the dining hall at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. We'll go over the rules, emergency procedures and the maps, etc.

Sled Construction – It's up to you, but traditional dog sled construction is encouraged! Wheels on sleds will be permitted if conditions are inappropriate to use traditional runners. If you build your sled(s) with removable wheels, you'll be ready for anything! Start early and encourage your Scouts to participate in building, improving, or refurbishing their sled (s)! Ask yourself – “How would Dan Beard build a sled?” (look that up!)

Weather Concerns – Klondike will be held rain, snow, or shine. Unless the Council or the governor deems travel too hazardous and the camp gets closed, we'll be having the Klondike. Your Scouts should be prepared for whatever the weather may be. On that note – know your unit's limitations and reduce risk.

COVID-19–protocols. The plan is for a traditional Klondike trail experience. Any participants (youth or adult) should plan to stay home if ill or known recent exposure.

Youth Protection / Security – Per Scouting America rules, we must ascertain that any adult (including 18+ Venturers) attending the Klondike has completed Youth Protection Training via their my. Scouting account. Accordingly, each unit will be required to submit a roster approximately 1 week before the event including BSA Membership Numbers for each adult so that we can confirm that they have current Youth Protection Training and are registered in their unit. Adults who are not properly registered in a unit will not be allowed to camp overnight. Please use the blank excel roster included in the Klondike registration. Copies will be emailed to unit leaders prior to the event as well.

UNIT ROSTERS MUST BE EMAILED TO MARC MARATEA, marc.maratea@scouting.org NO LATER THAN MONDAY, JANUARY 20.

Medical Forms/CampDocs- Since this year's Klondike is an official overnight event, medical forms are collected from units for every participant. Patriots' Path Council is now using CampDocs online system for submitting medical forms. The link for CampDocs will be with the registration system.

Once again, we thank you for your longtime support in making our Klondike known throughout not only the council, but also with out of council units. We look forward to your continued enthusiasm and support.

If you have any questions, please contact any of our event staff:

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You may now begin the telepathic channeling sequence for deep, fluffy snow!