



## 2026 SKYLANDS DISTRICT KLONDIKE DERBY! The *Premier* Outdoor Scouting Skills Competition!

To Be Held at:

**Camp Winnebago Scout Reservation  
102 Timberbrook Road, Rockaway, NJ.**

**Friday, January 23 - Sunday January 25, 2026**

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

Limited Cabin Availability – by Lottery – see below  
For Cabin Lotto Info please contact Robert Reidmiller.  
If interested in the cabin lottery, please use this link to sign up:

<https://forms.gle/M3cMy5jqaXzG8AV9>

\*Note: Camping Points are not awarded for Cabin Camping.

### **Schedule (subject to change)**

#### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 23**

Check-in: beginning at 6:00 PM the Scoutmasters and SPLs with Rosters and med forms.

Check-in office closes at 9:00 PM - Late check-ins @ Winter Lodge (don't be late) Call if you must be delayed.

#### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 24**

Check-in: beginning 8 AM - 9 AM. @ the Flintlocks Bldg.

Mayor's meeting: 9:30 AM @ the Winter Lodge (HQ) Front Porch >> Go to your stations before the start!

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

Opening ceremony: 10 AM– on the Parade Field

Start of Klondike (Shotgun Start) 10:30 AM. Towns close – 3:30 PM.

All Score Sheets are 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 25**

Site Inspections – 9:30 AM.

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

**COST: Early Bird \$25** per Scout or Leader-includes patch! Free coffee and soup all day!

**\$35 Regular** pricing begins on January 12. Register early to get the low fee!

All units must be pre-registered no later than 11:59 PM, Sunday, January 18, 2026.

After reading this Guide -If you have a question about Klondike please contact:

Robert Reidmiller [rreidmiller@gmail.com](mailto:rreidmiller@gmail.com) - Skylands District Activities Guru

Jim Maguire [jmba236@outlook.com](mailto:jmba236@outlook.com) - Klondike Event Chairman

Rob Behan, [Robert.Behan@scouting.org](mailto:Robert.Behan@scouting.org) (973)-765-9322 ext.240 -District Director



## 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- PLEASE -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!**



## SKYLANDS DISTRICT KLONDIKE 2025

### STATIONS

	<b>Point Value</b>
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

**STATION LIST IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE, These are the current available possibles, Please sign up to be a mayor! The final list will likely be 12 Stations to allow teams to reach all in time allotted. ALL SKILLS COVERED WILL BE SKILLS REQUIRED FOR SCOUT thru FIRST CLASS RANKS and SIMILAR SCOUT KNOWLEDGE. As with Patrols in the Troop, Klondike Teams are best at 6 to 8 Scouts. See STATION Staff below**

*All Scouts must be properly dressed for the weather, or they will not be permitted to participate in the event. No suffering allowed!!*



## SKYLANDS DISTRICT KLONDIKE 2026

### Welcome to the 2026 Klondike Derby!

We hope this Leaders Guide Package will answer 90% of your questions. The rest we leave to your... adventure ☺

#### A few Rules and other points:

- All units must check in at the Flintlocks Building upon arrival. All non-equipment vehicles are to remain in the main parking lot. Once you check in, if you are camping, you may go to your assigned 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***
- Please confirm how many Teams your troop will have and their Team names at check in.
- Sled Teams will compete as Juniors or Seniors. The appropriate division is determined by rank algorithm, please refer to the chart at the end of this document
- Teams that combine or change their names during the course will drive the mayors and scoring technical staff bananas. Please note they may be subject to score renumeration
- ***Please also drop your soup cans off at check-in***
- All Teams 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 temporarily, geographically, confused patrols. We really like having a patrol accounted for after the conclusion of the event. So > turn in yer score sheet! It's just as cold and dark at night in the forest as it was 300 years ago...
- 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 might keep your patches! ...

**CAMPING**—*points will be awarded for each night of 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. Camping points will not be awarded Cabin camping. Units for which the leaders claim only 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. Parking is tight, sites will not be plowed, please do not attempt access with the wrong vehicle ! Large trailers may have to stay at the main parking lot.

**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 CAMP SITE.

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. If you are not manning a station but would like to help out – please sign on at check in. 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 Winter Lodge. 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. Mayors – please go to your station directly after the meeting. 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 adults *shall NOT* be accompanying the Scouts on the course except Cub Scout and Special Needs Patrols. Also, we remind all station staff that this is a Scouting event; we must not allow the competitive spirit to compromise our guiding principles, the Scout Oath and Law.

We do not expect spoon feeding. Conversely, *If the scores or feedback reveal favoritism, unfair scoring or simply math errors by the station staff scoring any unit, the Klondike committee reserves the right to adjust the scores in a manner that, at their sole discretion, said committee deems appropriate.* Mayors – Please do your best to have enough leaders at your station to run the full day. Please design your challenge to last no more than 20 minutes. Please call HQ for assistance if processing the teams gets backed up – we will send Help!

**Patrol Leader Meeting**- Team leaders will be expected to meet at the front porch of the Winter Lodge at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. We'll go over the rules, emergency procedures and the maps, etc.. Please try to keep number of Scouts on each Team at 6 to 8.

**Sled Construction** – It's up to you, but traditional dog sled construction is encouraged! Wheels on sleds are OK 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. Warming Stations at all Cabins.

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

**Youth Protection / Security** – Per Scouting America rules, we must ascertain that all adults (including 18+ Venturers) attending the Klondike are Registered and have completed Youth Protection Training via their myScouting 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 their status. 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 on-line registration. Copies will be emailed to unit leaders prior to the event as well.

**UNIT ROSTERS MUST BE EMAILED TO District Director Rob Behan , [Robert.Behan@scouting.org](mailto:Robert.Behan@scouting.org) - NO LATER THAN MONDAY, JANUARY 19.**

**Medical Forms**- Because this year's Klondike is an official overnight event, medical forms are required for every attendee. Units should submit their medical forms at check-in to the event Health Officer. Please keep all medical forms organized in a folder or envelope, and include a summary sheet listing any major medical conditions or allergies.

Once again, we thank you for your longtime support in making our Klondike known throughout the council, with out-of-council units and throughout all the land :-). We look forward to your continued enthusiasm and support.

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

Robert Reidmiller (Skylands Activities Chair) - [rreidmiller@gmail.com](mailto:rreidmiller@gmail.com)

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Jr./Sr Algorithm: Scout = 1 point; Tenderfoot= 2 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> Class= 3; 1<sup>st</sup> Class= 4; Star = 5; Life = 6; Eagle = 7. Add up the points corresponding with the rank of each team member. Divide the total by the number of Scouts on the team. For values of 4.5 and above - the Team should be running as Seniors.



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

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