

Twin Rivers Council's

The Amazing Klondike

Sponsored by the Fort Orange & Yankee Doodle Districts

Leader's Guide

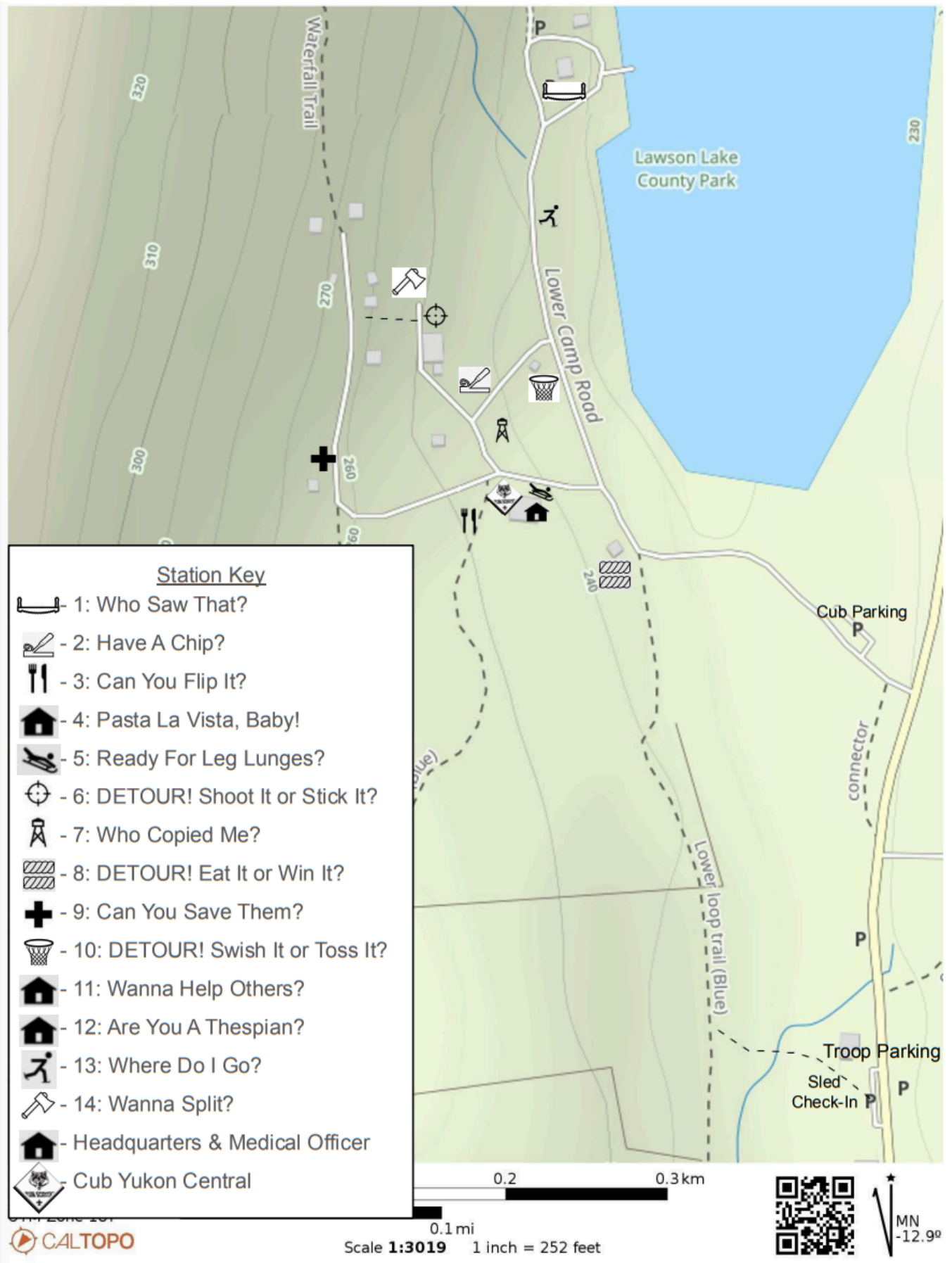


**Saturday, January 11, 2025
Lawson Lake County Park
(293 Lawson Lake Road, Feura Bush, NY 12067)**

Registration closes on January 9, 2025

**Scouts BSA = \$10
Adult Leaders = \$5**

Lawson's Lake Map



Important Information to Know

- **BSA Med Forms** - Adult Leaders will hold BSA Med Forms A&B (e.g. in an envelope, binder, etc) for their participating Scouts and Adult Leaders; the BSA Med Forms will not be collected but they are to be shown to Volunteer Staff at Check In.
- **Warming Station** - Waldman Lodge will be the events' headquarters and the warming station.
- **Medical Assistance** - The Medic will be stationed inside Waldman Lodge. Please bring the injured participant's / leader's BSA Med Form if they need medical assistance
- **Hot Refreshments** - At Waldman Lodge, there will be complimentary hot chocolate (with or without marshmallows), coffee and Ramen cup of noodles. Participants are encouraged to bring their own cups and forks/spoons.
- **ADULT VOLUNTEERS** - In order for the Klondike Derby to be successful, we need adult volunteers. Units are required to provide at least one adult leader to assist in the Klondike Derby. Volunteers are needed in the following area: parking assistance, warming station assistance, and running stations. Please provide your volunteer's contact information and their volunteer area preference by **January 4** to Robert Pattison at pattison_r@yahoo.com.
- **Snowballs** cannot be thrown at the Klondike Derby. District volunteers who witness Scouts throwing snowballs at another scout will contact the scoutmaster to discuss the situation with their scout. If the scout, after having this conference with their unit leader, proceeds to throw snowballs at scouts again, they will be asked to leave the event immediately. There will be no refunds granted for scouts who are asked to leave the event due to behavioural issues.
- **Trash** - Please be prepared to carry out what you carried in!
- **Carpooling** - Given the limited number of parking spots at Lawson Lake, we recommend that Troops carpool their scouts and leaders to Lawson Lake
- **Transport of Klondike Derby Sleds** - Given the limited parking available at Lawson Lake, Troops are STRONGLY recommended to put their klondike sled(s) in the back of a pick-up truck or in a minivan rather than transporting the klondike sled(s) in a Troop Trailer. If a Troop does bring a trailer, it can park it near the pavilion at the waterfront.
- **Parking for the Klondike Derby** - All Troops are required to park at the Information Center (293 Lawson Lake Road).

- **Event Patches** - Patches will be provided to troops at the close of the Klondike Derby
- **Scouts BSA Troop Camping** - Troops may camp at Lawson Lake County Park but they MUST make a reservation online (<https://albanycounty.recdesk.com/Community/Home>) to do so; the online site will require a Twin Rivers Council Certificate of Insurance for your Troop. Fort Orange District/Twin Rivers Council has made a reservation for the entire day of Saturday, January 11 for both “Lower Camp” as well as “Waldman Lodge” for the Klondike Derby/Cub Yukon but in reality only needs these facilities from ~7am to ~3pm so troops may use the facilities when the event is done. It appears that Waldman Lodge has already been reserved by troops for both 1/10 and 1/11 nights. Any troop can reserve these as well as other facilities using the website above for Friday, January 10 and/or Saturday-Sunday, January 11-12. Note that Lower Camp includes many cabins BUT none of them have HVAC heating like Waldman Lodge.
- **Sledding** - BSA requires that any scout must wear a helmet when sledding (i.e. please have your scouts bring helmets if they want to sled)

Objective

Complete the Amazing Klondike tasks in the shortest time possible

Rules

- Senior patrol leaders record their troop's/patrol's time at each station on their provided Amazing Klondike Passport; A Scout is Trustworthy.
- Each patrol/troop has 20 minutes to complete the Roadblock or Detour station
- 15 minutes time run-offs are taken for failure to complete the station in the time limit
- 5 minutes per scout not included time run-offs are taken if ALL patrol/troop members do not participate in/complete a Roadblock or Detour station
- Minimum time per station is 0 (i.e. deductions cannot take you below 0)
- In advance of the Amazing Klondike, patrols/troops get a **5 minute bonus time deduction** if they provide a MAXIMUM 1 minute long (can be edited) tik tok style video of them in Class A uniforms practicing their teamwork for the Amazing Klondike (video MUST be of the patrol/troop playing 2-player tilt-a-cup minute to win it game - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JyRI8-lo4IU>). Video to be posted on Twin Rivers Council social media. Provide your video using this google form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSecnuw_tuQ3qD2TQqbX7dbN561dUDZhSwydmeWwoysqSYutpg/viewform
- Patrols/troops **get an additional 5 minute bonus time deduction** IF they complete registration/payment on Black Pug by January 1, 2025

Prizes

- 1st Place – eight (8) \$20 game play cards to Dave & Buster's
- 2nd Place – eight (8) \$10 gift cards to Chipotle
- 3rd Place – eight (8) \$5 gift cards to Dunkin

Cold Weather Tips

- Ice is slippery...Yaktrax, MICROspikes, stabilicers, etc. give you traction
- If you “Fail to Plan, you Plan to Fail”
- Bring a bit more than what you think; you'll need – water, food, and clothes
- Make sure that you have a good knowledge of the signs of frostbite and hypothermia. You should be able to recognize it in others and in yourself. Tell someone right away if you or another scout is showing signs of cold-related problems.
- Stay hydrated. It's easy to get dehydrated in the winter.
- Bring extra WATER. You aren't visibly sweating, so you don't think to drink water, but since the air is so dry, you lose a LOT of water through breathing. Drink lots of water!
- Eat plenty of carbs to stay warm
- Bring extra food that doesn't need to be heated or cooked (e.g. granola bars, trail mix, etc.)
- When you can, keep out of the wind. The wind chill factor can often be considerable and can result in effective temperatures being much lower.
- Eat a hot meal for lunch. Prep your lunch at home in the warmth of the kitchen so all you need to do at Lawson Lake is reheat it.
- C O L D:
 - C = Clean - dirty clothes lose their loft and get you cold.
 - O = Overheat – never get sweaty! Strip off layers to stay warm but not too hot.
 - L = Layers - Dress in synthetic layers for easy temperature control.
 - D = Dry - wet clothes lose their insulation.
- COTTON KILLS! Do NOT bring/wear clothing made of cotton. Staying dry is the key to staying warm. Air is an excellent insulator and by wearing several layers of clothes you will keep warm.
- Remember the 3 W's of layering -
 - Wicking inside layer - Wicking should be a polypropylene material as long underwear and also sock liner
 - Warmth middle layer(s) - Warmth layer(s) should be fleece or wool
 - Wind/Water outer layer. The Wind/Water layer should be Gore-Tex or at least 60/40 nylon.
- Wear snow pants over your regular clothing
- Bring extra hand covering - mittens are warmer than gloves.
- Use plastic grocery bags or bread bags over socks. This keeps your boots dry and you can easily change those wet socks.
- Keep your hands and feet warm. Your body will always protect the core, so if your hands and feet are warm, your core will also likely be warm. If your hands or feet are cold, put on more layers, and put on a hat!
- Consider putting in hand warmers in your gloves/mittens and toe warmers in your boots

Klondike Derby Schedule

8:30 - 9:00 AM - Scout Check in @ Lawson Lake Main Parking Lot (The senior patrol leader from each klondike sled patrol/troop as well as Adult leader with med forms)
After your Troop's/Patrol's registration is confirmed, your sled is inspected, and your senior patrol leader is given your Amazing Klondike Passport, you may proceed to the Gilwell Field for your first clue to start the Amazing Klondike.

By 3:30 PM - Closing - senior patrol leader turns in the Amazing Klondike Passport to tabulate your time

What Skills Should Scouts, BSA Practice in Advance of the Klondike Derby?

- Totin' Chip
- Cooking on the trail and in the kitchen
- Common games
- Knots and Lashings
- Campfire skits and songs
- First aid
- Teamwork!

Sled Inspection

This year's **Klondike Derby** will be a test of **Scouting Skills, Teamwork, and Games**. Are you ready? Before you can race, you must pass a Sled Inspection checkpoint. In your sled, your patrol should have all the materials you will need to be successful. Are you prepared? Let's find out.

Patrol / Sled Name: _____ # of Scouts: _____ Unit: _____

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| Patrol Flag and Pole: _____ | Troop/Patrol First Aid Kit: _____ |
| Scout Hand Book: _____ | Six Poles 6'-8' long: _____ |
| Premade Pancake Mix/Frying Pan/Nonstick Spray: _____ | |
| Trail Stove/Fuel: _____ | Spatula: _____ |
| Lunch for each Scout: _____ | 1 Pencil / Pen: _____ |
| 1 Clipboard: _____ | Rolling Pin/Knife: _____ |
| Extra Clothing/Scout: _____ | Tongs/Pasta Pot: _____ |
| Blanket: _____ | Balloons to Inflate: _____ |
| Totin' Chip Card: _____ | Firem'n Chit Card: _____ |
| 3 Cans of Food/Troop to Donate to a Local Pantry: _____ | |
| Neckerchiefs/Blindfold for each Scout in Troop/Patrol: _____ | |
| Box of Wood Matches: _____ | Rope For Lashings: _____ |
| Stopwatch (actual or app on cell phone): _____ | |

Proper Gear Per Scout:

Scout	Warm Boots	Snow Pants	Winter Coat	Warm Hat	Gloves/ Mittens
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					