Camp Tri-Mount Klondike Derby

Program Guide



Saturday, January 23, 2027
Camp Tri-Mount Scout Reservation
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Rip Van Winkle District, Twin Rivers Council,
Scouting America

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Attention, all Scout families and friends! Brave the Winter Challenge at the 2027 Camp Tri-Mount Klondike Derby. The Klondike derby consists of several stations where patrols/units must test their Scoutcraft skills and their leadership abilities, earning gold nuggets towards a total score.

EVENT GOALS

- Provide an opportunity for Scouts and their families to enjoy a thrilling race through Camp Tri-Mount.
- Provide an opportunity for Scouts to test their Scoutcraft teamwork, and leadership skills.
- Allow Scouts the opportunity to navigate Camp Tri-Mount and select their own course on the derby trail.
- Allow Scout leaders and families to have the opportunity to watch the derby and their Scouts compete.
- Provide units with a fun wintertime experience at Camp Tri-Mount.
- Provide an opportunity for Scout Troops to invite Arrow of Light Scouts to compete with their patrol's sled (limit of 1 AOL Scout per sled).

REGISTRATION

Registration for the Klondike Derby is $15 for youth and $5 for adults who sign up by January 8th. The fees increase to $20 for youth and $10 for adults for all who register on or after January 8th. Entry into the Klondike Derby and lunch is included in your registration fee.

Camping is available for units who want to make the event a whole weekend of fun. Units must follow Scouting America camping standards for their unit with two-deep leadership. Meals outside of the derby's lunch during the weekend are the unit's responsibility. To reserve a campsite please contact Catina Leon at catina.leon@scouting.org.

Please note: Participants may choose to camp on Friday night, Saturday night, or both nights.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Each patrol must bring their own sled and supplies for the derby. Patrols will work their way through eight stations which will test their Scout Skills, teamwork, leadership ability, and problem-solving skills. Patrols will be timed and/or graded at each station. At the completion of each station, the patrol will be awarded up to 10 gold nuggets by the evaluators. Winning patrols will be determined by the number of nuggets earned and the fastest time to complete the derby. The first station that each patrol will be required to go to will be assigned based on check-in order. Patrols will need to complete their first station before they continue to the rest of the stations. Each patrol's final end time will be recorded when they return to their starting point.

There will be staging areas just outside of each station in the event a unit needs to wait for their turn to compete.

BE PREPARED for the following Stations:

- Flag Folding and Etiquette
- Fire Starting
- First Aid
- Ice Rescue
- Kim's Game
- Knot Tying
- Orienteering
- Team Ski's

Proper Clothing: Because this event is held in the winter, it is essential that all participants are properly prepared with the right equipment and clothing. Everyone is to dress for cold weather. Gloves, hats, and boots are required. Bringing a second set of socks would be a great suggestion. It is recommended that everyone dress in layers so that articles of clothing can be removed as the participants become heated and donned as they cool down.

Sled information and Equipment list: Attached to this packet are the plans and dimensions for a typical sled. The only change that would be recommended is that the width of the sled be big enough to fit a milk crate. If you do not have a sled and want to try out the program, we suggest you reach out and ask for assistance.

The following equipment is required for each competing patrol:

- Klondike Sled
- 4 poles, each approximately 6 foot in length
- Blanket
- Basic First Aid Kit 3
- Matches or other appropriate means of starting a fire (Flint and steel)
- Firewood and natural fire-starting materials (No liquid accelerants or flares) ****Please Note:** you will need to bring enough firewood necessary to complete the event. You may not be able to gather wood during event. Smaller split dry wood burns faster.
- 6 eight-foot lengths of 1/4 or 3/8-inch rope
- There are two events using rope – paracord may work better than 1⁄4" rope for one of these events
- Compass(s), Scout Handbook, notebook, clipboard, and pencils. 8 1⁄2" x 11" paper may work better than a small notebook.
- Personal Drinking Water
- Additional equipment may be packed into the sled. Just remember, the more equipment in the sled, the harder it is to pull from station to station.

Leave No Trace in effect: All debris, trash, supplies, must be removed from the site when you leave.

KLONDIKE DERBY RULES

- Scouts & Guests must be accompanied by an adult and use the buddy system onsite.
- Each Patrol must consist of 4-8 youth and can have up to one Arrow of Light Scout in the Patrol.

- Each patrol will have 30 minutes to complete each station and be awarded up to 10 nuggets based on the skills being evaluated.
- Each station will be evaluated by at least two leaders who are not from the same unit.
- The Derby ends promptly at 2:00 p.m.
- Awards for the derby are given for total nuggets earned with ties being determined by fastest times.
- All injuries should be reported immediately (even if handled by Scout-led First Aid).

DERBY ARRIVAL

When you arrive, please park in the main parking lot on the right after you pass under the camp sign. Units will want to arrive with enough time to check in their unit/sleds, including a brief sled inspection. Upon arrival, you will be directed to a location where a health check will occur and where you will check in. No unit vehicles are allowed to drive through camp property. All participants will proceed up to the parade field from the parking lot. Please come dressed for the weather.

If a member of your unit needs assistance getting around camp, please contact Gary Williams or the District Office.

DERBY SCHEDULE – Saturday, January 23rd

8:00 am	Registration/Check-In Begins
9:00 am	Klondike Derby Shotgun Start
1:30 pm	Chili Cook-Off Judging Begins
2:00 pm	Klondike Derby Ends

CHILI COOK-OFF

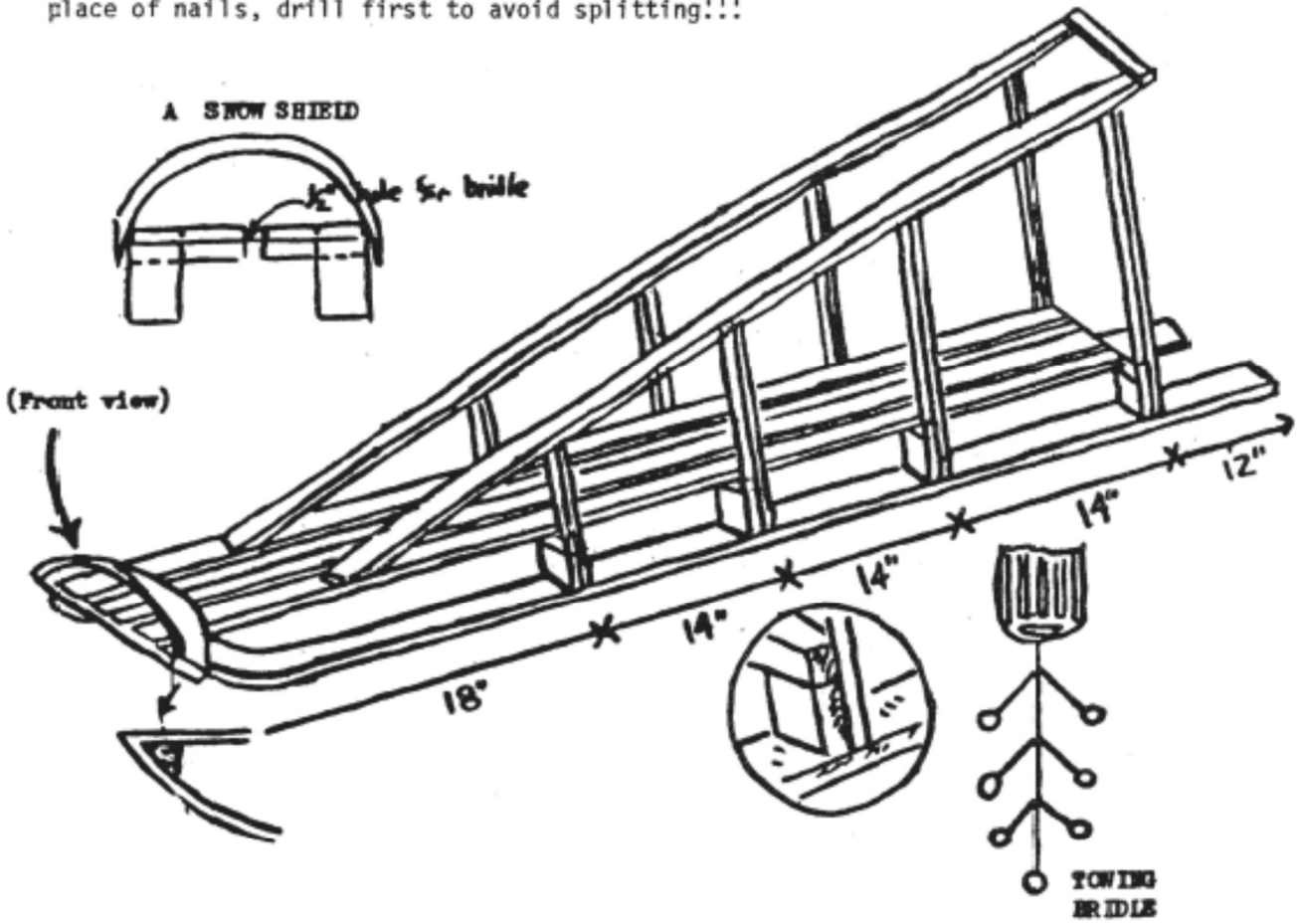
Unit Leaders are encouraged to participate in the 2nd Annual Chili-Off do take place during the Klondike Derby. There will be limited access to electricity. Chili can be prepared prior to the cook off and heated up at Tri-Mount prior to judging. All cooks must include a list of ingredients to me made available to those will food allergies. Cooks may also provide the full recipe for those that would like to add the recipe to their camp cookbooks. Judging will be held at 1:30pm and the chili will be served for all at the conclusion of the Klondike Derby.

LUNCH

All registered youth and adults registered for the event will receive a meal ticket redeemable for lunch at the Klondike Derby. The lunch meal will include a hot dog, drink, and chips. Additional food items can be purchased by registered participants as well as event guests.

KLONDIKE SLEDGE PLAN

This year all entries in the Best Sledge Contest will be judged for approved length of 6 feet long and 18 inches wide. The drawing should be self explanatory. Your own design will be accepted. Use your imagination!! However, after researches in our Public Libraries, the accompanying sketch is authentic and we ought to be the "real McCoy." Paint your sledge bright colors -- varnish the bottom of the runners -- then wax before use. The Eskimos iced their runners. Accessories may be added -- a canvas snow curtain as a snow guard front and sides will keep equipment dry. Use screws in place of nails, drill first to avoid splitting!!!



BILL OF RIGHTS	
2 pcs.	4" x 1/2" x 6'6" - Runner
6 pcs.	1" x 1" x 18" - Cross Support
4 pcs.	1/2" x 4" x 5" - Floor Cover
8 pcs.	1" x 2" x 6" - Upright Support
2 pcs.	1" x 2" x 40" - Rear Upright
2 pcs.	1" x 2" x 36" - 2nd Rear Upright
2 pcs.	1" x 2" x 26" - 2nd Front Upright
2 pcs.	1" x 2" x 12" - Front Support
2 pcs.	1/2" x 2" x 6' - Hand Rail
1 pc.	1/2" x 2" x 30" - Front Curved Guard
1 pc.	2" x 2" x 18" - Tow Bar