

# **2022 YANKEE DOODLE DISTRICT KLONDIKE DERBY INFORMATION PACKET**

**JANUARY 29, 2022**

## **ROTARY SCOUT RESERVATION**

**PRE-REGISTRATION:** Troops must register all Scouts online in advance of the event.

Registration will end January 26.

Patrols will compete in a morning or afternoon session. Leaders will be sent an email after pre registration ends notifying them which session they will be participating in. If you have a preference please note that.

## **SCHEDULE:**

- **8 AM**                      **Klondike Staff On Site**
  
- **9-10 AM**                **Klondike Check-in for Morning Session, and  
Staggered Start**
  
- **11:30-12 AM**        **Klondike Morning Session Ends**
  
- **1-2 PM**                 **Klondike Check-in for Afternoon Session, and  
Staggered Start**
  
- **3:30-4 PM**            **Klondike Afternoon Session Ends**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

**‘COVID-19:** New York State and Rensselaer County COVID-19 regulations will be in effect during the Klondike Derby. The event is being held in two sessions in order to minimize any chance of spreading the virus. Scouts who go indoors must plan on wearing a mask.

**THREE DIVISIONS:** Three different levels of competition are planned so that Troops and their Scouts can enter patrols in the division that gives them the fairest opportunity.

1. The BEAR division will be limited to patrols where all the Scouts in the patrol are of First Class rank or lower. This division is intended to allow the less experienced Scouts to demonstrate their skills and leadership abilities without having to compete directly with much more experienced and physically stronger Scouts.
2. The HAWK division is open to all Scouts. . Scouts of First Class rank or below may be members of a HAWK division patrol. Hawk division patrols will be expected to demonstrate a higher level of expertise, teamwork and leadership.
3. The WEBELOS 2 division is open to any Webelos AOL Dens which would like to participate. Webelos dens which do not have a Klondike sled can participate by using a conventional sled.

**CLOTHING POLICY:** The Klondike Derby is an outdoor winter event held at a location that is usually several degrees colder and much windier than the general Capital District. Patrol leaders should conduct a winter clothing training session with Scouts as part of their Derby preparations. A list of suggested clothing is included in this packet. Do not plan on a generally accessible warming location.

**A clothes inspection will be part of the check-in. Patrol members who are not properly prepared for the weather will not be allowed to compete. No exceptions.**

**PARKING:** All vehicles must be parked in the upper lot at Rotary Scout Reservation. Only vehicles used by the staff and volunteers are allowed past the parking lot.

**HEALTH:** Troop leaders must have a filled in copy of the health attestation form for each Scout and leader at the event. Troop leaders are responsible for taking the temperature of each Scout prior to check in and certifying that no Scouts have a temperature in excess of 100 degrees Fahrenheit. A Scout who has a high temperature or symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home.

Troop leaders must have a BSA Health Form for each Scout and Adult participating in the Klondike and certify this at check in. The BSA Health Forms will remain with the unit. Health personnel will be on site at Seneca Lodge.

**STAFF HEADQUARTERS, FIRST AID STATION AND WARMING STATIONS:** Seneca Lodge will be derby headquarters. First aid assistance will be available at the Camp office. Adult leaders or senior Scouts will escort injured Scouts to the First aid Station.

A BEAR or HAWK patrol may continue its competition without an ill or injured Scout as long as it still has a minimum of four Scouts in the Patrol.

**EMERGENCY WARMING:** Scouts who may be in danger of a weather related injury may warm up in the camp office if necessary. Routine warming should take place in vehicles.

**ADULT LEADERS:** Patrols are encouraged to operate independently, with no input from anyone who is not a patrol member. Adult leaders may follow the progress of any Patrol in their Troop. Adult leaders may not assist a patrol with any Derby event at any time.

Klondike Derby event leaders are authorized to adjust Patrol scores anytime they feel that an unfair advantage has been provided by an adult. Training for the event should be accomplished prior to the day of the Klondike Derby.

**HOT CHOCOLATE:** Hot chocolate will be prepared at Seneca Lodge and will be available to all Derby participants. Please bring a can of hot chocolate per troop to help out.

**TRASH REMOVAL:** Please be prepared to carry out what you carry in.

## **2022 KLONDIKE DERBY: PATROL REQUIRED EQUIPMENT AND SCORING**

**DERBY SCORING:** At each Klondike Derby station the leader in charge will give the patrol a problem to solve. Events will be scored by completion of the problem, effectiveness, teamwork, and creativity.

### **REQUIRED PATROL EQUIPMENT**

- Sled with a harness
- First Aid Kit
- Rope, assorted lengths and thickness
- Clothes/gloves/hats/extra socks
- Metal Fire Pan with provision to keep it off the ground.
- Matches or flint and steel/ natural fire starters
- Water, at least one quart for each patrol member.
- Container for hot chocolate
- Bear-proof food storage
- A pocket knife for cutting rope if necessary
- Blindfold (optional)

### **OTHER EQUIPMENT:**

Patrols may bring whatever additional supplies they feel would be beneficial in helping them solve the Klondike Derby problems.

## **EVENTS:**

**FIRST AID:** Each station will have a first aid question that will relate to some aspect at the station. (Ex. The lashing station will likely have a question related to injuries you could acquire while lashing.)

### **#1 TOMAHAWK THROW**

Your patrol has been challenged to a test of skill. At least four members from your patrol have to throw the Tomahawk. Take your time and make sure the tomahawk stays on target.

### **#2 Lashing**

Your patrol comes across a deep river, and all of you must get on the other side. Your materials are a pile of spars provided. You must use at least one lashing to put together a structure or other method that is able to transport your entire team to the other side of the small river. (You do not need to get your sled across.)

### **#3 FIRE BUILDING**

Burn through an elevated piece of string as fast as you can using any method to start your fire, within reason. You can only use natural methods, no petroleum-based products or accelerants. Patrols may bring wood for the fire building event or can use dead and down wood found in the vicinity.

### **#4 SLED MANEUVER**

Your patrol must maneuver your sled up and down a small hill through an obstacle course while facing challenges. One person cannot speak. One person cannot walk but can see and speak. All other team members are blindfolded. One person must be in the sled. Blindfolds will be provided, but you can bring your own. The person who cannot walk does not have to be in the sled.

### **#5 BEAR SCARE**

A twist on the previous bear bag competition, this event is designed for your patrol to come up with alternative ideas to protect your food from critters on a camping trip. Show us what method your unit uses on an outing, be it a bear bag or another method (bear can, etc.) Points for this event will be highly dependent upon how effective your method is at containing smells, and creativity.