

"Are We There, Yeti?"

	Fort Ancient / Fort Hamilton / Little Miami / White Water District KLONDIKE DERBY 2027
WHO:	Scouts and Webelos from Fort Ancient District, or other Districts within Dan Beard Council
WHAT:	KLONDIKE 2027 -- "Are We There, Yeti?" Scouts and Webelos pull their sleds around a 3-mile course racing against the clock and competing in different events for "gold" nuggets.
WHEN:	Saturday, January 9, 2027. Start the trail between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (4 team slots every 10 minutes). Trail closes at 3:00 p.m.
WHERE:	Cub World 6035 Price Rd Loveland, Ohio 45140

CAMP:	Camping available Jan 8 – 10, 2027. Please email Steve Bowman with camping preferences (All of Cub World is available for camping.)
COST:	$15.00 per scout, registration is open thru Jan 3 for Early Registration. Cost increases to $20.00 per Scout on Jan 4.
(Scouts)	Scout fee includes Klondike patch, one Hot Dog, Chips, one Cup of Klondike Mud & the Awards. Adult fee covers free coffee and Klondike Mud and a patch.
	(Extra food items available for purchase by adults or hungry scouts at low costs at the Café on day of event)

COST:	$15.00 per adult, registration is open thru Jan 7.
(Adults)	Please help man a city, work at the Café, or help patrol the course. Your fee includes coffee and hot chocolate while working, along with a Klondike patch (food available at low cost). You must sign up in advance with your Unit's registration or on the day of the event at the Registration & City Worker area.
NEW:	**We will tally and announce winners via email on day of event in the evening.**
This Year:	To enable this, the scout team leader of his sled team must be accountable for his sled team scores at each city. The Team Leader must get the City Mayor at each city to mark his score (and any wait times) on his official score sheet which will be on the reverse of the trail map that the scout gets at registration on day of event. The scout will turn that score sheet in to Registration once his team has completed the course. A penalty of 2 nuggets=20pts will be assessed to the team if they lose/have incomplete Team Score Sheet.

In the Spirit of Alaska,

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KEY FACTS THIS YEAR

1. Extra 2 gold nuggets (20 pts.) per team if registering during EARLY BIRD SPECIAL and COMPLETE by Jan 3. This means registration is filled in with **Team Name, Team Captain rank, name and rank of all team members.**
2. Adults that work at a City or for the Governor earn a patch, only if the adult pays the $15 registration fee.
3. Actual Gold Nuggets are counted and checked to determine preliminary team score as scout sleds return. Final score will be tallied on day of event by 9 pm after City Mayors turn in final score sheets. The results will be emailed out that night. Plaques awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each Hopewell category at the February Roundtable.
4. AGAIN, THIS YEAR: At each starting time, earn a Team Award at starting gate and an extra gold nugget or two (10 - 20 points) for best scout-made flag with sled team name on it, or exceptional Team Spirit displayed at Start Line. Flag should be flying on sled. If the sled is decorated with Yetis, you will get closer to the 20 nuggets.
5. SCOUT ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SLED SCORE SHEET = Leaders have asked us to make the scouts more accountable for their nuggets and score sheet. **Therefore, each scout team leader must have each City Mayor fill in their score sheet after competing at each city (on reverse side of their trail map) and wait times. Team leader MUST return their team score sheet at Registration when done on the course or receive 2 nugget penalty.** This will be used to help us tally official winners on day of event!!!!

KLONDIKE TIME SCHEDULE – JANUARY 9, 2027

8:30 a.m. Registration Office opens. Inspection opens
9:00 a.m. Starting Line opens and first round of sleds start
9:00 a.m. Alaskan Cafe opens
9:30 a.m. Second round of sleds start
10:00 a.m. Third round of sleds start
10:00 a.m. Finish Line opens awaiting the arrival of the first sled
10:30 a.m. Fourth and final round of sleds start
10:30 a.m. Starting Line Closes, NO MORE TEAMS GO OUT!
3:00 p.m. Klondike Trail Closes. Any sleds still out are brought in

SLED PARKING

Plan to arrive no more than 30 min. prior to your scheduled start time. Please, park only in designated parking areas (the parking lot).

ATTENTION: ALL ADULTS

Adults can pre-register for the event. Adults can register with a City Mayor or the Governor in advance or can register on site on day of event at the Registration / Employment Office. All adults working at Klondike will not be charged a fee, and will receive a patch.

ALL adults must wear a registration tag. These are issued at the Employment Office or by your City Mayor if you are a City Worker.

Please remember that this is a Scout event!! Tagging along with a scout team is strongly discouraged and will cost your scouts points against their team. Let the Patrol Leaders lead! This is the Scouting Method.

Webelos teams will have EXTRA BAGGAGE with them (two Adult Leaders). These leaders will accompany the Webelos teams while they are on the trail, but the ADULTS ARE NOT IN COMPETITION and only advise. Let the Webelos experience a real adventure.

For safety reasons, no pets will be permitted with adults or participants. This includes: (dogs, cats, horses, iguanas, polar bears, Yetis ...). Snow people are strongly encouraged to attend on the scouts' sleds.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

To effectively staff a Klondike Derby of this magnitude requires somewhere in the neighborhood of 150 Staff Members. Adults and/or Senior Scouts (15 years of age or older) who would like to join in the fun of "Making it happen!" may report to the Employment Office located at the Registration Office. This will be convenient since you will need to register upon arriving.

If you have already been "hired" by a city, report directly to that city and you will be registered by your mayor. If you want to work at a specific city or can help staff the Cafe, contact the Governor.

CAMPING POLICY

Campsites are available at Cub World and also nearby Camp Craig. **Troops must reserve the sites at Cub World through the governor via email with Unit number, camping location, and how many # of scouts and # of adults. Camping locations are on a first come, first serve basis.** Any Fees are paid directly to Council. If desired, Troops may camp at Cub World near their City if they are working Klondike. Otherwise, contact the Governor as camping is restricted in the campsites at Cub World, as the sites are needed to set up cities on the day of the event.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Pre-register teams online at: **www.danbeard.org**

1. **Go to Resources Tab - Calendar.**
2. **Select the button on the top right that says "See a List of Calendars."**
3. **Select the button "Ft. Ancient District Calendar"**
4. **Change the Calendar to January 2027.**
5. **Click on the Jan 8-10, 2027 Registration link.**

Be sure to fill out the team registration sheet, which is an editable PDF under the resources tab for the event. Please include **Team Name** and **preferred start time**, along with the **scouts' names and ranks**, etc. This should be emailed to the governor to complete your registration. Your registered time may be moved up to fill in starting lines. **Register Early!** There are 48 sled slots maximum available. Other units in Dan Beard Council are welcome to join this Klondike using open sled slots.

Registration Opens: **October 9, 2025**
Early Bird Registration Date: $15 per scout if registering by **Jan 3, 2027**
(+Bonus 2 nugget!)
Regular Registration Fee: $20 per scout if registering **Jan 4, 2027 or later.**
Registration Closes: **Jan 7, 2027 at 11:59pm** - no exceptions.
Adult registration fee is $15.

REGISTRATIONS can be modified online or with Governor before Jan 2 if Early Bird and by Jan 8 if Regular Registration.

Patrols with names in poor taste will not be registered.

Plan on arriving 30 minutes prior to scheduled start time. Upon arrival, teams will put their sleds near the Admin Spider Shelter. The Patrol Leader will check in at Registration at the Handicraft Building. **(Only the Patrol Leader or Webelos goes to the Registration area – no adults – no sleds.)** Sleds and Patrols should wait in the staging area by the Admin Spider Shelter next to the weigh-in until their Parol Leader gets them registered. There, each team will receive a sled number, scorecard and trail map. Teams with sleds will get in line at one of two inspection stations where sleds will be weighed and inspected. Starting Weight of sled must be minimum of 75 lbs. No dumping of weight allowed after weigh-in! Teams will receive their Patches and Café bucks after they complete the trail.

Adults must report to Employment or to their working City to register. They will receive their patch when registered. A City Slicker Tag will also be issued which will permit adults to work in a city.

ALL ADULTS MUST HAVE A TAG.

INSPECTION

The Inspection Crew will check to make sure everyone is properly dressed, you have all the equipment, and your sled meets minimum standards. (See REQUIRED INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT and SLEDGE/TEAM REQUIREMENTS) Starting **weight is 75 lbs. minimum.**

STARTING LINE

At Registration, each team will receive a map which reveals the course. Just before the gun is sounded, teams are told their starting location. Four teams will be started at once. From the Starting Line, two teams will race approximately 100 yards to one of two cities. Ex: starting places 1-2 will race to city #1, 3-4 will race to city# 2, etc. All team members must stay with the sled until reaching assigned starting city's parking lot. Go to your starting city and your first adventure, then follow the Klondike Trail

clockwise from there. The trash bag is for picking up any trail litter you come across and for the trash from your lunch. You will be awarded a bonus nugget for returning a filled trash bag at the end of the trail.

THE TRAIL

On the trail you will pass through several cities and participate in different adventures requiring Scouting skills, teamwork, and problem solving. Each City visit takes about 5 min for the skill.

MOUNTIES

While on the trail your team may meet the MOUNTIES. The Mounties are checking to see if everything is going smoothly and everyone is having a good time. They will check all adults for their registration tags. They will deduct points from any team being led by an adult.

THE FINISH

Once you finish the last city, race to the Finish Line. Your ending time will be recorded. You must take your sled to Final Inspection. At Final Inspection your sled will be inspected on how well it survived your adventure and to make sure it **weighs at least 60 lb.** After Inspection, the PATROL LEADER ONLY will take the Sled Number, Score Card, and Nuggets to the Registration Office where he will receive his Klondike Café bucks and packet of patches (if available) for his Team.
The Patrol leader is responsible for handing out patches to his group – no other patches will be given to scouts except thru the Patrol Leader. He will then be directed to Scoring where his team's final score will be determined & posted. Gold nuggets are counted and determine the initial unofficial score – so don't lose them on the trail or your preliminary score will be low. Nugget counts are checked against official City Score sheets to determine official final score.

After completing the Derby, move your sled out of the way, dispose of your trash bag in the dumpster, and go to the Alaskan Cafe (which is located on the deck of the dining hall) to cash in your bucks for a cup of MUD, and a Hot Dog and relax.

The ALASKAN CAFE FOOD EMPORIUM-located back deck of the Dining hall

Scouts are encouraged to bring a sack lunch to eat along the trail, and plenty of drinking water, even though they (and everyone who has registered) will receive a FREE Hot Dog, Chips and a most excellent mug of Klondike Mud (Hot Cocoa!). For a nominal charge the culinary crew will be pushing the boundaries of Klondike Cuisine to provide a splendid lunch/snack of Dogs, Mud, and whatever else they can catch, skin or maybe cook - to serve extra amounts for purchase by adults, visitors, or hungry scouts. Please bring gold or cash!!

SCORING

Nugget points will be awarded as follows:

0 or 2 - Early Registration bonus
1-5 - Starting Inspection
0-2 - Best Team Flag or Team Spirit decorated Sled
1-5 - Each of the 12 Cities
0 or 1 - Trash Bag filled at end of course
1-5 - Final Inspection

Lost & Found

Clothing and gear may be claimed at Registration or at the February or March district Roundtable.

Call the Klondike Governor to inquire about lost items.

-2 Nugget Penalty if scout loses score sheet on the day of the event or it is incomplete.

Total possible is 75 nuggets.

Wait Times. If a team must wait at a city in order to compete, the time that they have waited will be subtracted from their total trail time. In this way, Teams that are waiting at cities are not penalized for time. But Patrol Leaders must check in at each city's Parking Lot so that their arrival time is properly recorded at each city.

Penalties: If an adult Webelos or Boy Scout leader is observed helping a team while in a city competition or on the trail, that team automatically loses 3 out of the 5 nuggets that team can earn while in the city, or penalty points will be added at the end of the course.

If teams sabotage the trail by leaving debris behind them, or otherwise acting in a non-scout like manner, 5 - 10 nuggets or more will be deducted per observed occurrence. Dumping weight on the trail or immediately after weigh in will result in a 10-nugget deduction. 5 Nuggets will be deducted from a competing team each time it is

observed with a collapsed or carried sled while on the trail. No nuggets will be deducted if a sled must be picked up in order to overcome an obstacle (creek, ravine or log) that is on the trail path. Only Klondike staff members are authorized to levy this fine!

FINAL SCORE = (10 x Total Nugget Points) – (Total Minutes – Wait Time)

In case of a tie for total points, the team with more nugget points wins.

AWARDS

Plaques will be awarded to the top three (3) winners in each division. Teams from outside of Fort Ancient District may compete and will be eligible for the awards as well. These awards are not restrictive to other districts outside of the Fort Ancient District.

Best Team Flag Award: AGAIN, this year, at each of the starting times, the Governor will award a Best Team Flag Award to the sled team that displays the most creative scout-made flag with their team's name on it. The flag must be hoisted on a pole or otherwise be attached to the sled. This award gives the Team a head start as an extra gold nugget (10 points) will be awarded to the Team.

Best Team Spirit Award: AGAIN, this year, at each of the starting times, the Governor may award an extra gold nugget (10 points) to any Team exhibiting exceptional team spirit, such as a cheer, coordinated outfits, or unique positive behavior.

KLONDIKE DERBY TEAMS

Webelos Team:	Six (minimum) to twelve (maximum) Webelos or Arrow of Light Scouts make a team. It is not necessary that they come from the same Pack. Each team must be accompanied by the appropriate number of adults who observe only.
Scout Team:	Four to eight Scouts from 11 to 13 years of age, but not yet a First Class Scout.

Intermediate Team: Three to eight Scouts of any age or rank First Class and **below**.

Senior Team: Three to eight Scouts of any age or rank Star and **above**.

Venture Team: Three to eight Venture Scouts age 15 +

CHILI COOK-OFF

Remember to enter our famous chili contest. Each troop can submit chili for the chili contest. The winner will receive their name on our chili trophy. The chili must be made at the Klondike Derby. This is a blind judged competition (no one knows the identity of the cook) and scores will be based on the following five characteristics: Taste, Consistency, Aroma, Color and Bite.

REQUIRED INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT

Remember to dress for the weather. Scouts will be doing physical activities and will get warm. They will also cool down while waiting at some cities.

Wear:	**Bring:**
Warm Clothes (layers are best) Hat Gloves Sturdy Footwear Socks	Rain Gear Sack Lunch Water container + water

Note: Scouts will be removed from competition for not having the proper outdoor trail clothing as required by the terrain and weather. Inspection Personnel will be checking all Scouts to ensure safety and this requirement.

ALL INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT (DAY PACKS, FANNY PACKS, CANTEENS) MUST REMAIN ON SLEDS!

These items may not be carried by individual Scouts.

SLED / TEAM REQUIREMENTS

Sledge: Minimum size of 6'-0" long by 1'-6" wide by 3'-0" high.
Minimum weight of 75 lb. at start, 60 lb. at finish.
Design is whatever you think will work!

Additional Patrol Equipment:

Pouch for Nuggets
Clipboard with Clear Plastic Cover for Score Sheet
Wood & Tinder for 1 fire (natural materials only)
Waterproof Matches
Patrol First Aid Kit
Patrol Flag on a Staff
(2) Scout Handbooks
Pen or Pencil & Paper
Compass
Water (to drink)
5' poles or Scout staves (2)
6' Ropes (2)
10' Rope
Plus, anything else that you might want.

Try to keep the equipment list down to just what is needed while on the trail. The City Mayors will charge a team gold nuggets (points) for renting equipment/supplies that you didn't bring. Any equipment not on the above list but required by a City will be supplied by that City at no charge to the team. Remember our motto -"BE PREPARED"

KLONDIKE DERBY SLEDGE RESTRICTIONS:

1. No wheels allowed!
2. Sled cannot be self-propelled. (BOY POWER ONLY!)
3. Ropes may not be looped around scouts.
4. Sleds must remain set-up. (See note below).
5. Sleds must be Pushed/Pulled along trail, not carried.
6. Sleds observed (by a Mountie or staff person) dropping weight on the trail will be penalized ten (10) nuggets.
7. No IPODs, cell phones or CD players permitted. These will be confiscated.

NOTE: A carried or collapsed sled while on the trail will result in a point deduction (-50) each time this is observed by a Klondike Staff Member. Exceptions to this rule is if the sled must be lifted over an obstacle.

NOTE: NO PULLEYS ON YUKON PEAK.
Carabiners will be permitted if used safely.

TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out the Youth and Team Registration Form located on the website along with the flyer and this leader's guide. This is an editable PDF. If you are having difficulties, please email the Klondike Derby Governor at spbowman9190@gmail.com.

The preference is to fill out the team registration sheet, which is an editable PDF under the resources tab for the event. Please be sure you download the editable PDF and safe it to your computer. Then, please edit the form, save it and email it to the Governor no later than January 7, 2027.