

BACK TO THE BASICS KLONDIKE 2025

01-18-2025 – Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation (HMSR) - 402 Blue Mountain Road
Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania 17972

HMSR 2025 Klondike Derby – Leader Guide & Program

Klondike Purpose, Objectives, and the Patrol Method

The purpose of this Klondike Derby is for scouts to test their outdoor scouting, teamwork, and leadership skills while utilizing the patrol method. The stations are designed to challenge scouts with knowledge they would or could learn during their experience within scouts. The patrol method should be always employed throughout the event. Each patrol will be required to plan appropriately and to bring the required gear for the event. A required gear list is in the appendix of this guide. Each patrol leader is responsible for ensuring that their patrol members are dressed appropriately for the event.

Registration: On time registration due by 12/24/24 midnight is \$12.50 per scout

Late registration (until 1/16/25 at noon) is \$16.00 per scout

Day of registration is \$20.00 per scout

Registered Adults are \$8.00

***** Please have the Adults attending the event as well as the patrol leader read this guide *****

SAFETY

Due to having the Klondike Derby during the winter months, cold weather should be expected. Proper attire and precautions must be made. The safety committee team, which is outside of the activity planning committee, will make the go, no go call if the weather and conditions are deemed unsafe. Stations will have the ability to contact resources for emergency help if needed. Fire pits along with various lodges will be open to warm up. Youth and adults should keep their tongues off metal objects.

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING REQUIRED

The most important task of each scout participating in the Klondike Derby is to keep warm, dry, and safe. The best protection in winter weather is common sense and that starts with being properly dressed for a cold weather event. Scouts should be dressed in layers. Each scout will be visually inspected for proper clothing during sled and patrol inspection at the beginning of the derby. Please see attached attire appendix.

Scouts who are inspected and found to be inadequately dressed for the weather will not be allowed to participate until appropriate attire is obtained. The participating patrol will forfeit their reward for not being prepared. During the day, patrols will need to maintain proper apparel based on the weather.

***Leaders are required to complete a visual inspection of their scouts to make sure that they have the appropriate attire prior to arriving at camp. Our priority is to keep the scouts safe and ask that everyone does their part to ensure this happens.**

PROGRAM DIRECTIONS

All patrols will check in at the visitor's center and provide check-in staff with a complete roster and prove medicals is on file. Once checked in, patrols will line up for sled inspection. At sled inspection patrols will have their sled measured and inspected to make sure all contents are present. In addition, inspectors will check to make sure all youth and adults are properly dressed as per the attire appendix. Once dispatched the patrol will travel to their first assigned location noted on their roster and wait for the start of the event.

Patrol Size – Minimum 4 scouts – Maximum 8 scouts –Arrow of Lights are welcome this year.

- Each Patrol should have a **flag, name, and call** these will be factored into the scout spirit scoring

There will be two divisions of competition. Both will have slightly different challenges at each activity. The Artic Fox patrols are designed for slightly younger scouts while Moose patrols are designed for more experienced and slightly older scouts. This change was designed to bring added challenges to the more experienced scouts. If a patrol would like to be a Moose patrol, they may select that at the beginning no matter what their rank but it will not be changed beyond initial sign in.

- **Moose Patrols** – Designed for a patrol with two or more scouts in the patrol who have achieved the rank of First Class or above. Tasks on the trail will tend to be more complicated and challenging.
- **Artic Fox Patrols** – a patrol with one Scout or less who has achieved the rank of First Class with the remaining members at the rank of Second Class or below. This patrol may have a Troop or Patrol Guide that is the rank of Star or above (this Patrol Guide is there to “guide” only not to actively participate in the activities.) AOLs should be placed in these patrols when possible.

Sled Requirements: Please plan to bring your properly packed sled to inspection along with all participants. Sled will be inspected by judges and scored. **The required sled specification will be available online once available.** The sled and contents will need to be brought to all stations. Do not leave sleds with gear along the road or at the bottom of hills. If unsure, judges will tell you where the sleds can be left. This is to ensure stations start on time and supplies are readily available.

At each location there will be judges who will explain the tasks to be completed. These tasks need to be completed within the time provided. Judges will score these tasks based off criteria that may change depending on the area. Teamwork, organization, and group participation are extremely important at these stations. One scout doing all the work will not garner maximum scores. Once the task(s) is completed scores will be tallied and judges will dispatch each patrol once time is up for the next station. Sleds should not be dispatched too early.

During lunch there will be a cooking competition using ingredients provided. These ingredients need to be cooked and prepared using packed supplies from the patrols sled during lunch time and a small sampling sent to judges for a score. After lunch, pots and pans should be cleaned and stored back on their sled. **Do not dump food debris into the sinks or toilets in the bathrooms.** Once cleaned up, scouts may head to their next station.

Once all the stations are completed, please assist with the last stations teardown and the patrols sled can be loaded onto your vehicles. All patrols should meet back at the visitors' center for closing and awards by 2:55PM.

Scoring – Patrols may earn up to 15 base points at each station. Points will be used to determine the winner of the Klondike competition. Below is a sample breakdown of scoring but different stations may have different criteria and some opportunities for bonus points.

- 0-10 Points for skills and abilities displayed while completing the activity
 - 0-2 Points for Scout Spirit
 - 0-3 Points for Teamwork & Youth Leadership
- In the event of a tie for 1st place, there will be a tie breaker competition between the patrols that are tied. This competition will remain secret but may utilize things from the packed sled or judges will provide the necessary materials.

In addition, there is also a special hidden task that is noted here and here alone. This task is designed to ensure that all patrols and their leaders have read this document fully and understand what is expected of them. At each station there is a word on the back side of the station sign. Please write this down and unscramble the word chain. Once unscrambled, place this chain on the bottom of your roster sheet. This is to be handed in once all activities are completed for additional points. As this is a competition, please do not share this task with other patrols.

Judges will keep a record of the points awarded to each patrol on each activity score sheet. The event staff will be collecting this information throughout the day to speed up the tallying at the end of the competition. Patrol leaders may ask for their score at the end of the activity.

Important Information

Dietary needs for allergies for the cooking competition need to be communicated during registration. Patrols will be responsible for ensuring they bring separate equipment to prepare allergen-friendly meals when cross contamination is an issue. Please use proper food hygiene while preparing food.

Stations are not allowed to be skipped, must be done in the order they are assigned, and in the allotted time. Judges at the station will notify everyone when it is time to move on to the next station. Travel time is built into the schedule.

Scouts need to stick to the paths.

NO ADULT or electronics (cell phones) is to coach, help, or otherwise assist any Scout or Patrol while that Scout or Patrol is involved with the Derby competition (This rule may be waived by judges, if necessary, for Scouts with special needs only). All leaders and spectators will remain in the areas designated for them by the judges of that station and will not interfere. Leaders are asked to help maintain the fires at the station while their scouts participate. Patrols may be deducted points from the station's score at the judge's discretion if a judge deems adults are coaching, helping, interfering, or if the judges see cell phones being used during activities.

It is important that we all take appropriate measures to reduce the spread of any airborne illness (i.e.. Influenza & COVID-19). While nobody wants to miss the Klondike, to make it as safe as possible we need everyone to work together to follow precautions. Please make sure to go through the BSA Pre-Event Medical Screening (<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/pre-event-medical-screening/>).

Scout Oath and Law should be upheld and always demonstrated. As always, firearms, tobacco products (including vape pens), fireworks, or any other prohibited items should not be brought into the camp.

KLONDIKE SCHEDULE:

CHECK IN: 8 - 8:50AM

INSPECTION: 8 - 9AM

OPENING: 9AM – 9:10AM Youth lead Flag Ceremony – Quick reminders

TRAVEL TO THE FIRST SESSION: 9:10 – 9:15AM

SESSION 1: 9:15 – 9:45AM (sessions are 25 minutes with 5-minute travel between)

SESSION 2: 9:45 – 10:15AM

SESSION 3: 10:15AM – 10:45AM

SESSION 4: 10:45- 11:15AM

LUNCH SESSION: 11:15AM – 12:00AM

CLEAN UP LUNCH: 12:00 – 12:25PM

TRAVEL TO THE SESSION AFTER LUNCH: 12:25 – 12:30PM

SESSION 5: 12:30-1:00PM

SESSION 6: 1-1:30PM

SESSION 7: 1:30-2PM

SESSION 8: 2-2:30PM

CLEAN UP/LOAD UP: 2:30PM – 3PM (Put away sleds/patrols assist with teardown)

CLOSING AWARDS (parking lot): 3-3:15PM

ATTIRE APPENDIX:

Participant Clothing: Each participant **MUST** wear clothing suitable and appropriate for cold weather conditions. Anyone during sled inspection that is not properly dressed for the event will not be allowed to participate. Inspectors will check exterior layers and clothing.

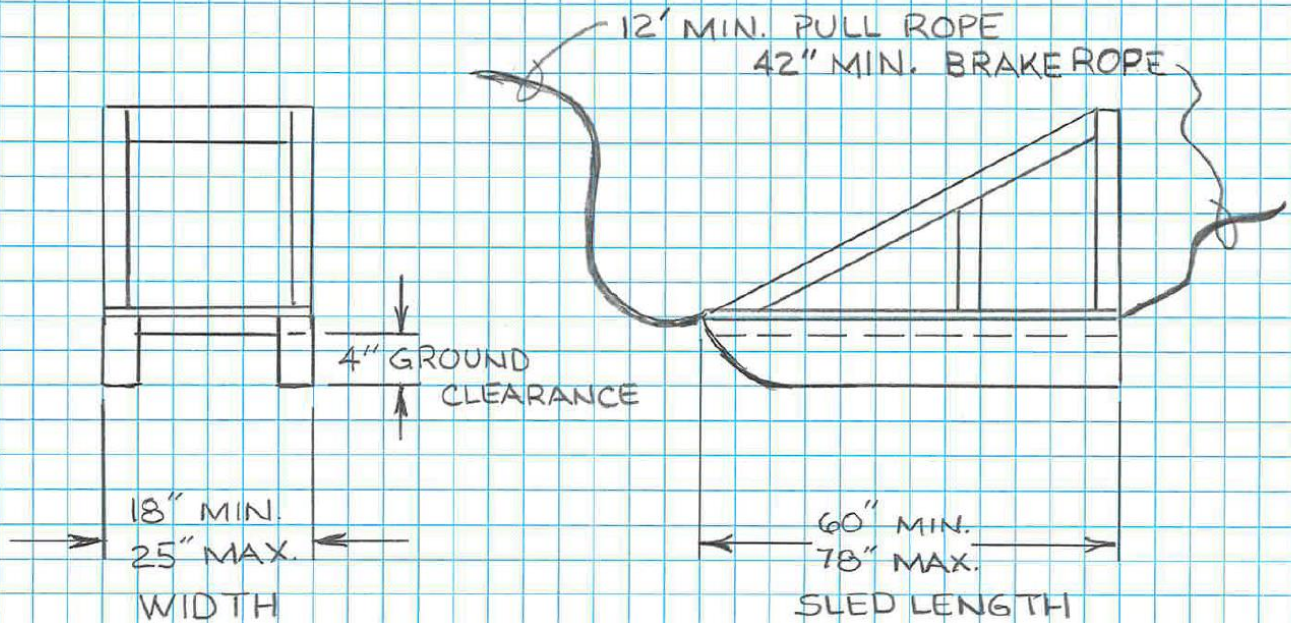
- Winter Hat or Insulated Balaclava. Ears must be covered. Hoods from hoodies or other thin jackets do not count toward head covering – Scarfs or neck warmers also recommended
- Layers recommended with a base layer and with a wind breaking, water resistant layer.
 - Base Layer (against the skin) – Warmth & Moisture Control
 - o Synthetic Long Underwear
 - Middle Layer - Insulation
 - o Wool or Fleece Pants
 - o Sweater or Jacket (Wool, Fleece or Down)
 - Outer Layer – Weather Protection
 - o Waterproof/Windproof Winter Jacket
 - o Waterproof Snowpants or Rain pants
- Gloves or Mittens (mittens are warmer than gloves)
 - o Additional Liner Gloves recommended
 - o an additional pair of gloves is required to change out to if the initial pair is wet
- Multiple layers of socks (wool socks recommended)
- Warm Comfortable Winter Boots
- Properly packed day bag (water, whistle, flashlight, etc.)

Prohibited Clothing: DO NOT WEAR

- Inappropriate Shoes for the Weather
 - o Open Toed shoes, including Flip Flops, Crocs, or other sandals
 - o Steel Toe Boots (the steel conducts the cold into the boot)
 - o Athletic Shoes, Sneakers, Etc.
- Sweatpants or Pajama Pants (as an outer layer)
- Ankle Socks (when worn as the only socks)
- Fingerless gloves (when not supplemented by other full gloves or mittens)

SLED APPENDIX:

- MAYBE MADE OF ANY MATERIAL (WOOD, METAL, PLASTIC)
- NO WHEELS OR ROLLERS ALLOWED



Sled contents should include the following:

- Patrol Flag
- Patrol first aid kit
- Sled repair kit
- Water jug(s) to hold two gallons of water minimum
- two compasses
- 2 Ropes minimum of 6 feet each (for lashing)
- One blanket (at least one full size for making an emergency stretcher)
- Paper and pencils
- Covered clipboard
- Troop Roster
- Coffee can or plastic container containing a roll of toilet paper
- 3 - 6-foot staves
- Scout handbook
- Scout field guide (optional)
- Patrol cooking gear
- Pots, pans, utensils, cleaning supplies
- Extra ingredients
- Working Stove
- propane (if using propane stove)
- Fire starting kit (matches, lighter, fire-starting material)
- Patrol Flair