



The Great American Klondike Derby!

Hosted by Troop 836 and Troop 55

"Go West, Young Scout! Forge Your Destiny on the Frontier!"

Calling all Scouts BSA Patrols! Are you ready to answer the call of the wild frontier? Gather your wagon train (sled), prepare your pioneering spirit, and test your mettle in the grand tradition of American trailblazers! This Klondike Derby challenges you to conquer the "wilderness" and

prove your patriotism through skill, teamwork, and an unyielding spirit!

Blazing the Trail

- When: Saturday, January 24th, 2026
- Time: Check-in opens at 11:00 AM | Frontier Challenges begin at 12:30 PM and will run into the evening (includes a night run!)
- Where: Custaloga Town Scout Reservation | 7 Boy Scout Lane, Carlton, PA 16311
- Theme: "Westward Expansion: Forging the Nation!"

The Frontier Challenges Await!

Patrols will pull their "prairie schooner" (Klondike sled) along a challenging "Oregon Trail." Before dinner, patrols will navigate to 8 "Forts" or "Settlements" to complete skill challenges vital for survival and expansion.

After dinner, the challenge continues! All willing patrols will embark on a night run to complete 4 additional, advanced stations to earn the second part of their patch!

Daytime & Nighttime Challenges may include:

-  Pioneer Fire: Can you build a cooking fire to sustain your wagon train?
-  Frontier Medic: Respond to realistic trail injuries and cold weather emergencies.
-  Pathfinding & Surveying: Use a compass and map to navigate uncharted territories.
-  Homestead Shelter: Construct an emergency shelter, just like early settlers.
-  Wagon Repair & Bridge Building: Use knots and lashings to overcome obstacles.
- ...and many more tests of grit and ingenuity inspired by American history!

Patrols will be judged on their skills, efficiency, teamwork, and unwavering patriotic spirit.

The "Trail Boss" Challenge: Adult Night Run!

Calling all adult leaders! After the youth patrols have completed their night run and while their final scores are being tallied, the excitement continues!

We're holding a special night run just for adults! Get your leader sleds ready and participate in four special events designed to test your speed and skill. This is your chance to earn bragging rights!

Entry Fee (A "Trail Toll" for a Good Cause):

One canned good per adult competing OR \$10 per sled

All proceeds will be donated directly to the Cochranton Food Pantry!

 **Claiming Your Stake (Registration)**

- Cost: \$25 per Scout | \$25 per Adult
- Deadline to Register: Friday, January 16th, 2026
- Cost Includes:
 - A hot Spaghetti Dinner
 - A Commemorative "Trailblazer" Two-Part Patch
 - Part 1 for all participants
 - Part 2 (special addition) for all who successfully complete the night run!
- Register Online At: <https://www.scoutingevent.com/532-RiversKlondike2026>

 **Required "Wagon Train" Gear**

Each patrol is responsible for bringing a fully-stocked "prairie schooner" (Klondike sled) ready for the journey. A full gear list is in the Trail Guide, but every patrol must have:

- A sturdy Klondike sled (built to withstand adventure and decorated patriotically)
- Flashlights or Headlamps (one per Scout)
- The 10 Scout Essentials (carried by the patrol)
- Patrol Roster
- Patrol First Aid Kit
- Fire-starting materials (flint & steel, tinder, etc.)
- Rope and poles for lashing
- Compasses
- Tarp or materials for emergency shelter

- [Any other critical item, e.g., Small American Flag (for sled), water, snacks]

All participants must DRESS FOR THE WEATHER! Layers, waterproof boots, gloves, and hats are essential for surviving the frontier! Be Prepared!

Questions?

Contact your "Trail Boss":

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