



NOTE: *This year's Leaders Guide will be broken up into two parts.*

- **Part A** provides **BASIC** information every crew will need to make reservation plans and prepare construction of sleds. Answers the **WHO? WHAT? WHEN? WHERE? & HOW MUCH?** questions.
- **Part B** will provide supplemental information specific to the 2025 Klondike Derby and will be posted in late January 2025.

The Klondike Adventure will be held at Boxwell Scout Reservation from Friday February 21st to 23th, 2025

Klondike Derby Basics - Part A

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Registration

Registration may be accomplished online through BlackPug. The last day to register online is at 11:59pm on Sunday February 16, 2025. The registration fee is \$50. Staff members (stations and key staff) coming for the weekend may register as “Staff - Klondike Event” for \$40. Staff members hosting stations coming for the day only on Saturday may register as ‘Staff - Sat. Only’ for \$10 (only lunch provided for those registering at this level). If you are planning to attend only for the day, please email MTCVenturing560@gmail.com for more information.

A 5 day out virtual meeting will be held Monday, February 17th, at 7:00pm. Once you have registered, an email will be sent with the invite link to the meeting.

Sled Teams

Troops, Crews, and Ships may register as many 4-6 person sled teams as they wish. Provisional sled teams are allowed, yet every team member must be 14 years or older and a registered youth participant of a Troop, Crew, or Sea Scout unit. Each sled team will be responsible for their sled and gear. Teams may not share equipment on the course. Teams will be running the course concurrently and will not be readily available to one another. One Scout on the team shall be designated as their Crew Leader. At any given time, there will be 4-5 team members pulling the sled, and one driver called the musher. It is suggested that this position be rotated throughout the course. It is essential to understand that the musher steers and guides the sled and is the only one calling commands. Sleds should be

decorated to match the theme. All sled teams are encouraged to have a team name, team flag, and team yell. Please be inventive and imaginative as it will count.

The Klondike Derby

The Klondike Derby is made up of several obstacles that are on a trail. As each Sled Crew reaches the obstacle entrances, they will be greeted by the station staff called mayors. A cheerful and spirited reply will be expected. (Note: Some sled teams have been known to bribe the mayor. Some mayors may be bribable. Others may have a higher integrity. The mayor will explain the event or activity to take place within their town and any special rules or requirements of the obstacle. Some obstacles may be timed events, and others may be judged on the degree of completion. All obstacles are judged on teamwork. Each mayor will award sleds with points but not all towns are worth the same amount of points. Winners will be determined by points, speed of completion, and overall performance. Adults, Scoutmasters, Crew advisors, Ship Skippers, dads, moms, siblings, pets, etc., are not allowed to escort the teams on the trails.

Sleds

The Klondike sled is super important as it must be strong enough to carry all the team's gear or possibly an adult and durable enough to handle the rough Boxwell backcountry terrain. There are a variety of websites on the internet with sled plans. Choose whichever one you like just make sure it will pass sled inspection on Saturday morning.

Crews have a chance to think outside the box when constructing their sled. If any additional gadgets, or if anything does not adhere to the guidelines, your crew will not be scored along with regular sleds. We highly encourage your team to be creative and explore the "Survivor" themed possibilities. Please follow the guidelines on general constructions of the sleds.

The Guidelines include:

- Sleds should resemble Appendix A
- Sleds should be made out of wood or PVC
- Sleds should measure between 60" and 80" in length
- Sleds should measure between 18" and 24" in width
- Sleds should be at least 36" in height
- Sleds must have a tow rope attached to the front of the sled. No eye bolts or any metal hardware should be used to attach the rope.
- Sleds must have a brake rope attached to the rear of the sled. No eye bolts or any metal hardware should be used to attach the rope.
- It is encouraged to use hardwoods for the sled runners, or a set of skis.
- Sleds must be assembled using glue, screws, or lashings. Metal "L" brackets and metal supports are prohibited.
- Using nails for assembly is prohibited.
- No sharp objects protruding from the sled i.e., screws, sticks. Staves are an exception.
- All sled and team gear may be lashed to the sleds. Bungee cords are prohibited.
- Your unit number, team name, and team flag must be visible on the sled. Sleds are highly encouraged to be decorated, painted, or stained.

- Wheels, rollers, tracks, levers, motors, or any other feats of engineering designed to provide a mechanical advantage are prohibited.
- Resources for Sleds are provided in Appendix A.
- Note: the rules above apply for the resources in the appendix. The resources are only for ideas/references.
- All sled and personal gear will be inspected. Corrections must be made before the derby starts Saturday morning. All sleds must meet these standards and include the special event gear. This is a scored event, and a missing sled, missing event gear, or a sled that does not meet the guidelines will lose points until all deficiencies are corrected.

Special Event Gear

Each team must have all of these items on their sled. The team may use anything on the sled to complete any given task. If there is a change to any obstacle task or material needed for the sled, the Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, or Ship's Skipper will receive a call from the activities chair advising of the change.

PLEASE NOTE: the events are designed for sled teams of 4 or more members. All gear on the sled is expected to support the number of members on your sled team. You are encouraged to have at least 5 Scouts per sled partially because it can be tough to pull a sled with only 4 Scouts, and also, if you have an injured Scout, this will leave you with only 3 to pull the sled. **Teams smaller than four are not allowed, and anyone younger than 14 is not permitted at this event.**

- LEADERS GUIDE PART B WILL PROVIDE SPECIAL EVENT GEAR LIST

Youth Crew Leaders: make every effort to ensure your sled team members are properly dressed on the trail. All Scouts will be inspected for proper clothing. All scouts must be properly dressed and wearing adequate footwear.

Be comfortably cool. Wear clothing in layers. Layers can be removed and carried on the sled. They can be put back on if the sun goes down or it begins to get cooler on the trail. Since Scouts will be racing around the course, it is likely they will build up a sweat. Therefore, cotton clothes should NOT be worn close to the body.

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Not to be carried on the sled but required gear:

- Tent or shelter for each Sled crew member and adults
- Sleeping bag rated for expected temperature (recommend 20-degree bag or better)

Camping

Base Camp for the “I Survived Klondike 2025” will be at Camp Craig. Each unit will be assigned to a site within the field next to the center. Ground fires will be allowed in the campsite, but crews **MUST USE DESIGNATED FIRE PIT or Fire Ring** (okay to bring treated wood). Scoutmasters, Advisors, and Skippers are responsible for two-deep leadership and co-ed camping.

Troops, Crews, and Ships are asked to help by making the best use of the camping space so all scouts can be accommodated.

Meals and Refreshments

All meals will be provided but please plan on providing your own food if you have special dietary needs. Cracker barrels and hot drink stations are also in the plans. More information will be found in Leaders Guide Part B. Within registration, please let us know any dietary restrictions we should be aware of.

Events Contests

This year we will be having two contests, a Dutch oven cooking contest as well as a cornhole tournament. Both of these will be held Saturday afternoon. Youth and Adults will be able to participate in both as well. First place for both contests will receive prizes.

The Dutch oven contest will have no restrictions, only that it must be served in a Dutch oven. The dishes will be scored on taste and presentation.

The cornhole tournament will be in teams of two. There may be multiple teams from the same crew. Individuals can only participate with one team.

Merchandise

There will be an opportunity to order merchandise on a merchandise order form at Klondike. The deadline to order will be Sunday February 23rd, 2025. The Trading Post will be open during various parts of the event and will have candy, beverages, and trinkets available. Branding will also be available and the window for branding will be announced at the event. We recommend bringing cash to prepare for the Trading Post's opening. Below are the designs available on a short-sleeve t-shirt and a long sleeve shirt.

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Event Schedule **(Subject to Change)**

Friday, February 21, 2025

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
5:00 PM to 7:00 pm	Check-in & open activities	Craig Dining Hall
8:00 PM to 9:00 pm	Opening Campfire	Campfire Area
10:00 PM to 10:30 pm	Leadership Meeting	Craig Dining Hall
11:00 PM	Lights Out	Campsites

Saturday, February 22, 2025

7:00 AM to 7:30 am	Last-minute Check-in	Craig Dining Hall
7:30 AM to 8:00 am	Flag Raising	Craig Flagpole
8:00 AM to 9:00 am	Breakfast	Craig Dining Hall
9:30 AM to 10:00 am	Safety Check	Underneath the Veranda
10:00 AM to 12:00 pm	Derby	Stations on trail map
12:00 PM to 1:00 pm	Lunch	Stations on trail map
1:00 PM to 4:00 pm	Derby	Stations on trail map
4:00 PM to 6:00 pm	Open Activities	
6:10 PM to 6:20 pm	Flag Lowering	Craig Flagpole
6:45 PM to 8:00 pm	Dinner	Craig Dining Hall
8:00 PM to 10:50 pm	Luau	Craig Dining Hall
11:00 PM	Lights Out	Campsites

Sunday, February 23, 2025

7:45 AM to 8:00 am	Flag Raising	Craig Flagpole
8:10 AM to 8:20 am	Scouts Own Service	Craig Flagpole
8:30 AM to 9:30 am	Breakfast	Craig Dining Hall
9:30 AM to 10:30 am	Cleanup Assignments	Campsites
10:35 AM to 11:15 am	VOA Meeting & Elections	Craig Dining Hall

Appendix A – Sled Build Plans

Remember! Surf the Internet safely! These links have been pursued, yet we cannot guarantee that they will not change and that links from the pages are safe. Use adult guidance and good judgment when searching!

Sled Build Plans Links

https://scoutdocs.ca/Klondike/Klondike_sled_plans.php

https://scoutdocs.ca/Klondike/Klondike_sled_plans.pdf

<https://scoutdocs.ca/graphics/sled-bindings-front.jpeg>

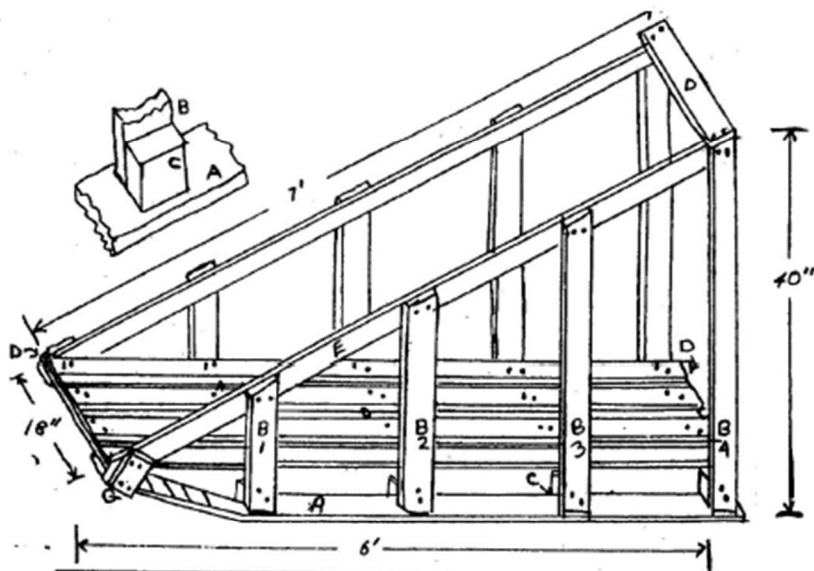
<https://scoutdocs.ca/graphics/sled-bindings-rear.jpeg>

<http://www.scouters.us/sled.php#anchorTOP>

(NOTE dimensions in this drawing may not meet rules!)

SLED DESIGN

This drawing will give you an idea of what kind of sled you can build. The use of varnish or wax on the runners will give you greater speed. Your troop number should be prominently displayed on the sled. See mandatory item on page number 5 of this manual.



BILL OF MATERIAL

PART	KEY	# PIECES	DIMENSIONS
Runners	A	2	1" x 4" x 6'
Uprights	B1	2	1" x 4" x 3'6"
	B2	2	1" x 4" x 2'8"
	B3	2	1" x 4" x 1'9"
	B4	2	1" x 4" x 10"
Upright Supports	C	8	2" x 4" x 4"
Cross Supports	D	6	1" x 4" x 1'6"
Floor Strips	E	4	1" x 4" x 6'
Hand Rails	F	2	1" x 2" x 7'
Front Supports	G	2	1" x 4" x 6"

<http://www.inquiry.net/outdoor/winter/gear/sleds/>

Appendix B – Important Advisor Section

All sled crews must be made up of 4 to 6 registered Scouts, Venturers, or Sea Scouts.

Crews smaller than four are not allowed.

Contingent Teams are encouraged if you still wish to attend.

Assure your sled team has proper gear and clothing for the weather conditions.

Anyone younger than 14 is not permitted at this event.

Youth protection guidelines for Troops, Crews, and Ships Venturing and Sea Scouts state the Scout must have graduated the eighth grade and must be a registered Scout, Venturer, or Sea Scout prior to this event to participate.

The Klondike Adventure for the Middle Tennessee Council is planned by the council Venturing Officers Association. We need adult leaders to actively serve for this event. All adult leaders are encouraged to assist somewhere during the course activities.

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