The Leader's Guide For



Klondike Around The World

Boxwell Reservation, Camp Craig

February 19th-21st 2027

Thank you for your interest in this event! For the **17th** annual **Klondike Adventure** held at Boxwell Scout Reservation the theme will be

Around The World

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 2027 Klondike Derby and will be posted in January 2027.*

The Klondike Adventure will be held at Boxwell Reservation, 1284 Creighton Ln, Lebanon, TN 37087, at camp Craig. Check-in will begin on Friday, February 19th, at 6:00pm

Please pay careful attention and read the following pages carefully and completely! This is a competitive event, and rules govern many small details that our Venturers, Scouts, and Sea Scouts must adhere to so that we may have a safe and fun time. It is heavily recommended that the youth leaders read over this guide as well as the adults. The Klondike Adventure is expected to be executed by the youth leaders, with the adult leaders being the event's support and safety net.

Klondike Derby Basics - Part A

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Registration

Registration can be accomplished online through Middle Tennessee Council's website. All units must be registered no later than Feb. 14th 2027 in order to ensure absolute preparedness for execution of the event. Units may register as many Sled Teams as they wish.

The fee for each participant and leader is *$50.00*. The price includes awards and all meals. No walk-on registration will be allowed. Check-in will end on Friday evening at 9:00 pm and resume on Saturday morning from 7-8 am. Participants will leave no later than 12pm on Sunday

What is a Klondike Derby?

The Klondike is a challenge to test a crew's scouting skills and teamwork on a themed trek. Each crew builds a sled, loads it with the needed materials and equipment, and prepares to embark on an adventure and work as a team in a derby. The Klondike Adventure allows youth to use their Scout skills and not only survive but thrive in the outdoors while working to push and pull a sled across Boxwell Reservation, competing against other teams for the ultimate prize of Venturing's 2027 "Around The World" Klondike!!!

This year's Klondike chair, Jimmy Green, has chosen the theme in order, "To appreciate culture through demonstrating that our world is diverse!"

Sled Teams

Crews, Troops, 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 Crew, Troop, 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. Each sled should designate a Crew Leader. Sleds may choose their own theme, but it is requested that they match the "around the world" theme by choosing, or creating their own country, to represent themselves. All sled teams are encouraged to have a team name, team flag, and team yell. Please be inventive and imaginative and bring as much spirit as you can to this Klondike so it can be the best competition it can possibly be.

The Derby

The Derby is made up of several obstacles that are on a trek and will be run on Saturday. Teams may be running portions of the course in opposite directions from each other, in the same direction, and maybe

even on different sides of the reservation. All that matters is that they complete every station in the derby.

As each Sled Crew reaches the obstacle entrances, they will be greeted by an ambassador, who will be awaiting a cheerful and spirited reply. The ambassador will explain the event or activity that takes place within their country 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. Crews are encouraged to bring snacks and give thanks to the ambassadors working hard on running each Country in order to further celebrate the diverse world of people that makes scouting happen and to foster a culture of generosity that may result in better favor for their team.

All obstacle requirements will be explained at the entrance to the countries by their ambassadors. Make sure the gear list is followed precisely. All gear will be useful on the trek and will be verified at the first event. Teamwork is a keyword on the trek. The ambassadors will keep an eye on the treks and how well the teams work together on it. The sled must cross the finish line with the team.

Scoring;

Each obstacle will be worth a certain amount of points. Each team will have the opportunity to earn extra points through Scout spirit with their teamwork and enthusiasm. This begins upon arrival at each obstacle, and it will be awarded at the ambassador's discretion at each country.

Preparing for the Derby

Travelers must go through inspection at base camp before being permitted to voyage around the globe. Those that did not have adequate supplies were turned back for their safety. Therefore, the first event will be held at Check-in. A thorough safety check of the sled and scouts will take place. For example, any team member wearing inadequate footwear or any sled lacking a brake rope must not be allowed to participate in the Klondike Adventure until they correct the unsafe conditions. There are many more requirements of the sled teams and sleds, and they will be detailed in the sections for *Sleds and Equipment*. It is suggested that you pay close attention to this section as you plan your approach.

The course is a test of team building, problem-solving, outdoor skills, and high adventure. Noting that this is for older youth in scouting, we realize that there may be variation due to each unit's focus and group identity. It is recommended that each sled team practice the following skills prior to hitting the Klondike Trek:

- Fire building
- Lashings and Bridge Construction

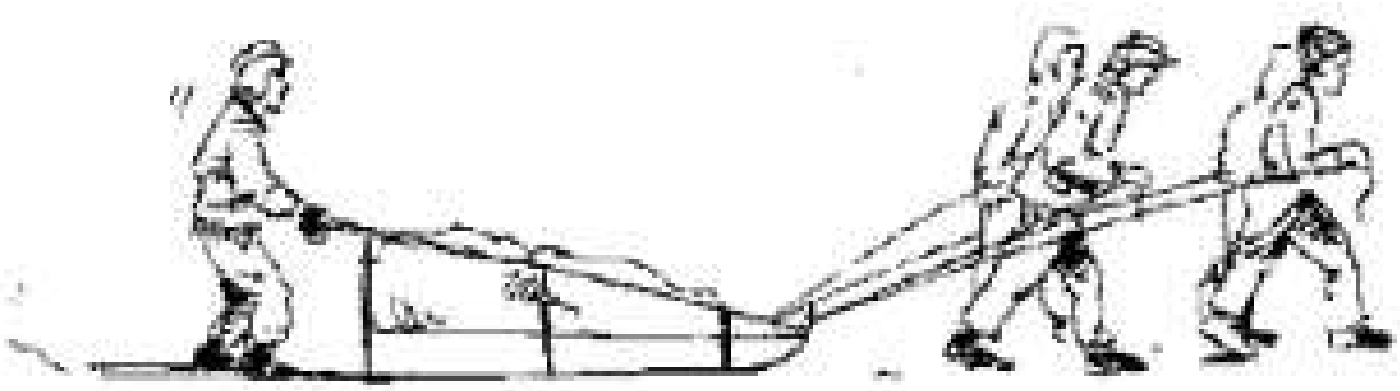
- Shelter Building
- First aid
- Shooting Sports (rifle/shotgun/pistol/BB skills, etc.)

Sleds

The Klondike sled is the main tool teams will be using on their adventure. Therefore, it must be strong enough to carry all the team's gear or possibly an adult and durable enough to handle the rough Craig 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 Friday Evening..

The inspectors will use the following specifications:

- Sleds should resemble Fig 1.
- Sleds may be made of wood or PVC.
- Sleds must measure a minimum of 60" to a maximum of 84" in length.
- Sleds must measure a minimum of 18" to a maximum of 24" in width.
- Sleds must measure at least 36" in height.
- Sleds must have a tow rope attached to the front of the sled. Do not use eye bolts or any metal hardware to attach the rope.
- Sleds must have a brake rope attached to the rear of the sled. Do not use eye bolts or any metal hardware to attach the rope.
- Sled runners should be made of a strong wood such as ash or oak, but not mandatory. These hardwoods will last much longer on the trek than softwoods like pine. Sled runners may also be a set of skis.
- Sleds may be assembled using glue and screws or lashings. No metal "L" brackets or metal supports may be used.
- Do not assemble sleds using nails.
- There should be no sharp objects protruding from the sled, such as screws or sticks. The only exception is staves.
- All sled and team gear may be lashed to the sleds. Bungee cords are not permitted
- Sleds may be decorated, painted, or stained. The Crew or Ship number, team name, and team flag must appear on the sled.
- Sleds are not authorized to use any form of wheels, rollers, tracks, levers, motors, or any other feats of engineering that are inherently designed to provide a mechanical advantage and detract from the spirit of the race.
- Resources for Sleds are provided in Appendix A.
    - *Note: the rules above apply. The resources are only for ideas/references to make things go simpler!*
- All sled and personal gear will be inspected. Corrections must be made before the Klondike Derby starts. As previously stated, all sleds must meet these standards plus the special event gear. This is a scored event, and missing sled or event gear or a sled that does not meet the outlined specs will lose points until all deficiencies are corrected.



Sled Gear

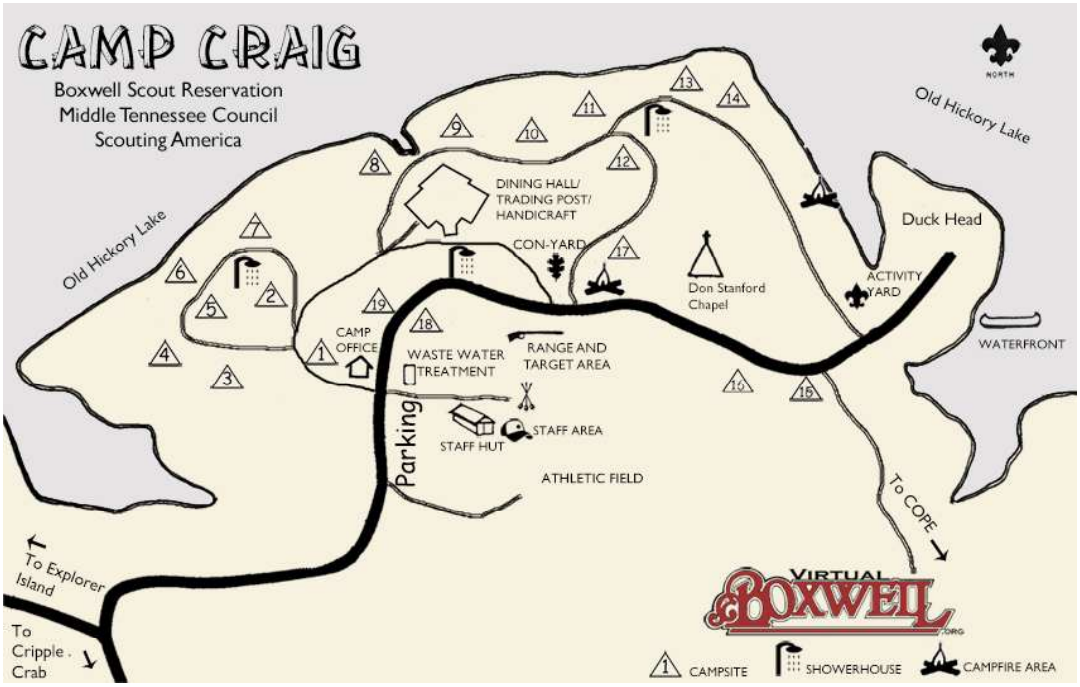
Each team must have all of these items on their sled. The team may use anything on the sled to complete any given task. If there is a change to any obstacle task or material needed for the sled, the Crew Advisor will receive a call from the activities chair advising of the change.

PLEASE NOTE: the events are designed for sled teams of 4 to 6 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. Teams smaller than four are not allowed, and anyone younger than 14 is not permitted at this event.

- LEADERS GUIDE PART B WILL PROVIDE A SLED GEAR AND PERSONAL PACKING LIST

Camping

Most crews are expected to be prepared with their tents and warmest camping gear; Crews will be sleeping in the campsites around Craig. All units will receive adequate space for their teams. Advisors, Scoutmasters, and Skippers are responsible for two-deep leadership as well as co-ed camping.



Meals

All meals will be provided on Saturday, and breakfast will be provided on Sunday, with additional cracker barrels planned for Friday and Saturday night. Please plan to eat before arriving on Friday evening.

Merchandise

There will be an opportunity to purchase merchandise and a patch for 2027's Klondike!! Designs and specific merch descriptions will be included in PART B of the leader's guide. A patch for Klondike "around the world" is in the works.

Appendix A – Sled plans

Remember! Explore the Internet safely! These links have been perused, 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 Plans

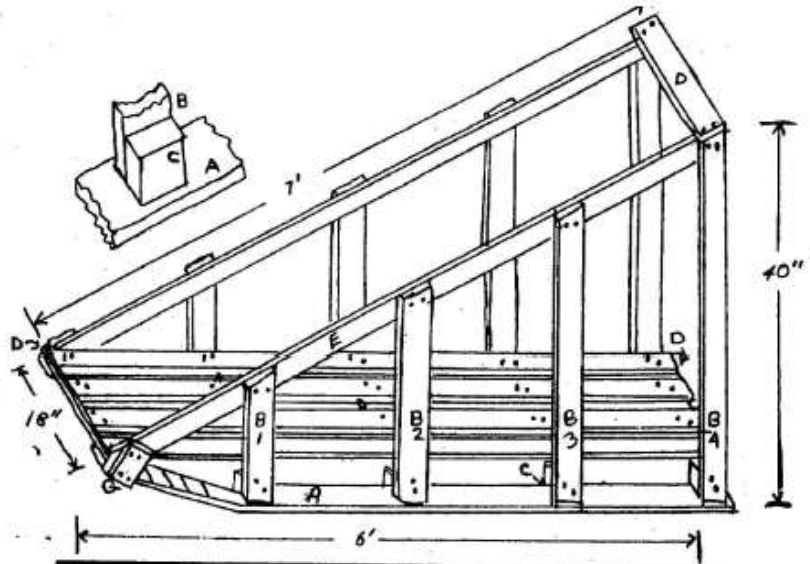
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http://www.inquiry.net/outdoor/winter/gear/sleds/

(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"

Appendix B - Important Advisor Section

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

Teams 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.

Safeguarding Youth guidelines state the Scout must be 14 and be a registered Venturer, Scout, or Sea Scout prior to this event to participate.

We want you as Ambassadors at Klondike! 🫵

If you want to have a lot of fun at Klondike, watch the youth grow their skills, and help enhance this event's experience, please reach out to Raymond Straughan to be an ambassador! You will get to have your own small country, and have something to do during the event.

Advisors, note that there will be a judged dutch oven dessert competition if you wish to participate on Saturday.

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.

Please reach out to Raymond Straughan if you would like to be a station ambassador or with any additional comments, concerns, or questions: raymond_straughan@yahoo.com