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**FEBRUARY 18-20, 2022
LATIMER SCOUT RESERVATION**



Thank you for your interest in this event. For the 12th annual Klondike Derby held at Latimer Scout Reservation. We are so excited to share this adventure with YOU! The 2022 theme is...

Jurassic Klondike

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 **2022 Klondike Derby** and will be posted in January 2022.

The Klondike Adventure will be held at Latimer Reservation, 334 Plantation Rd, Spencer, TN. Check-in will begin on Friday, February 18th at 5:00 pm.

Klondike Derby Basics - Part A

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Registration

Registration may be accomplished on-line or in person at the Jett Potter Service Center. All units must be registered no later than January 31, 2021, to complete our plans. 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. Each participant will also be able to purchase event merch at the time of registration on the DoubleKnot. More details are in the Merchandise section of this Leaders Guide.

Most crews are expected to be prepared with their tents and warmest camping gear; however, Latimer's Tent City will be available at no cost. There are 46 tents with 92 cots that may be reserved on a first come first serve basis. Please indicate when you register whether you would like to stay in Tent City or use your own gear. If you register late you may want to check with the Middle Tennessee Council camping department to verify vacancies at tent city. If you need special considerations for accommodations, please contact Middle Tennessee Council camping department.

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

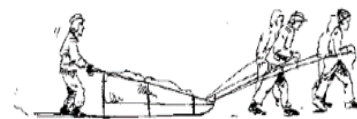
The Klondike Derby is made up of several obstacles that are on a trail. As each Sled Crew reaches the obstacle entrances, they will be greeted by the mayor. A cheerful and spirited reply will be expected. (Note: it has been noted that some sled teams have been known to bribe the mayor. Some mayors may 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. Therefore, it must be strong enough to carry all the team's gear or possibly an adult and durable enough to handle the rough Latimer 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.

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 trail 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 start. 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.

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

Tent City has only 45 tents available for camping (reservations are first come, first reserve).

For Troops, Crews, and Ships not staying in the Tent City, there will be designated camping established. Ground fires will be allowed in the campsite, but crews **MUST USE A BURN BARREL** (okay to bring treated wood). Scoutmasters, Advisors, and Skippers are responsible for two-deep leadership as well as 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.

CABINS - CABINS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO RENT DURING KLONDIKE 2022

SPECIAL NEEDS - Contact Ron Turpin at 615-516-9751 or rdturpin@outlook.com to arrange for any special needs.

Meals and Refreshments

All meals will be provided.

Cracker barrels and hot drink stations are also in the plans.

Merchandise

There will be an opportunity to pre-order merchandise on a merchandise order form that will be released soon. The deadline to order will be **11:59 pm on January 10th**. If you do not pre-order before January 10th, there **may not** be another opportunity to purchase the amazing items. Designs and specific merch descriptions will be released in PART B of the leaders guide as well as the order form.



Schedule (subject to change)

Friday, February 18, 2022			
<u>Time</u>		<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
5:00 pm	to 9:00pm	Check-in	Front Gate
9:00 pm	to 10:30 pm	Welcome to Jurassic Park	Latimer Dining Hall
10:30 pm	to 11:00 pm	Sled Team Meeting	Latimer Dining Hall
11:00 pm		Lights Out	Tent City
Saturday, February 19, 2022			
6:30 am	to 7:00 am	Flag Raising / Opening Ceremony	Tolbert Center Flagpole
7:00 am	to 8:00 am	Last-minute Check-in	Latimer Dining Hall
7:00 am	to 7:45 am	Breakfast	Latimer Dining Hall
7:45 am	to 8:00 am	Safety Check	Tolbert Center Flagpole
8:00 am	to 12:00 pm	Derby	Latimer Scout Reservation
12:00 pm	to 12:45 pm	Lunch	Latimer Dining Hall
1:00 pm	to 4:00 pm	Derby	Latimer Scout Reservation
4:00 pm	to 5:30 pm	Sleds clean up, get ready for dinner	Tent City
5:30 pm	to 6:00 pm	Flag Lowering	Tolbert Center Flagpole
6:00 pm	to 7:00 pm	Dinner	Latimer Dining Hall
7:00 pm	to 8:00 pm	Campfire	TBD
8:00 pm	to 10:30 pm	Cracker Barrel	Latimer Dining Hall
10:30 pm		Lights Out	Tent City
Sunday, February 20, 2022			
6:30 am	to 7:00 am	Flag Raising	Tolbert Center Flagpole
7:00 am	to 8:00 am	Non-Denominational Service	Chapel
8:00 am	to 8:45 am	Breakfast	Latimer Dining Hall
8:45 am	to 9:30 am	Closing Ceremony	Latimer Dining Hall
9:30 am		Departure	

Directions to Latimer Reservation

Latimer Reservation is located at 334 Plantation Road in Spencer, TN (Van Buren County). We are approximately 45 minutes from I-40 at exit 288.

From the north, Take I-24 E to Nashville, follow I-40 E to 288. Turn right onto highway 111. Travel through Sparta and follow signs to Spencer at State Highway 285E (24.5 miles from I-40). Turn left, travel 7.5 miles on highway 285 to the intersection of Highway 30. Turn left (E) and travel 3.4 miles to Highway 285E. Turn left at the waste disposal site (there is a brown and white Latimer Reservation sign with a left arrow on your right). Travel 6.0 miles on Highway 285E to Midway Church of Christ (white church on your left just after mile marker 13). The left/straight (there is another sign here) onto Lewis Wilson Road for 2.3 miles (pavement ends in .3 miles – turns into gravel). Follow the gravel road bearing left at the intersection to the entrance of Latimer Reservation.

From the south (Chattanooga), follow Highway 27 N to Highway 111 N to Highway 30 E. Follow Highway 30 E to Highway 285 E (don't be confused with the intersection of Highway 285 W, which is the first Highway). Turn left at the waste disposal site (there is a brown and white Latimer High Adventure Reservation sign with a left arrow on your right). Travel 6.0 miles on Highway 285E to Midway Church of Christ (white church on your left just after mile marker 13). The left/straight (there is another sign here) onto Lewis Wilson Road for 2.3 miles (pavement ends in .3 miles – turns into gravel). Follow the gravel road bearing left at the intersection to the entrance of Latimer Reservation.

From the west or east, From Nashville, take interstate 40 East, or from Knoxville, take interstate 40 West to Exit 288, turn south onto Highway 111. Follow Highway 111 towards Spencer for 28.3 miles, turn left onto spur for .1 miles, turn right onto Highway 30, follow Highway 30 East for 7.8 miles, turn left onto Highway 285 East, follow Highway 285 East for 7.1 miles, turn left onto Van Winkle Road (Lonewood Church on your left), follow Van Winkle Road for .8 miles, turn right and continue on Van Winkle Road for 1.0 mile, then you have reached your destination. Camping equipment should reflect the time of year. Being cold all day is bad. Being cold and wet can make for a miserable time. All Crew Advisors and Ship's Captains should be familiar with their Scout's camping ability. If an inexperienced Scout is participating, please make sure their sleeping bag is suitable for the weather.

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

<http://media.scouting.org/boyslife/workshop/sledplans.pdf>

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

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

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

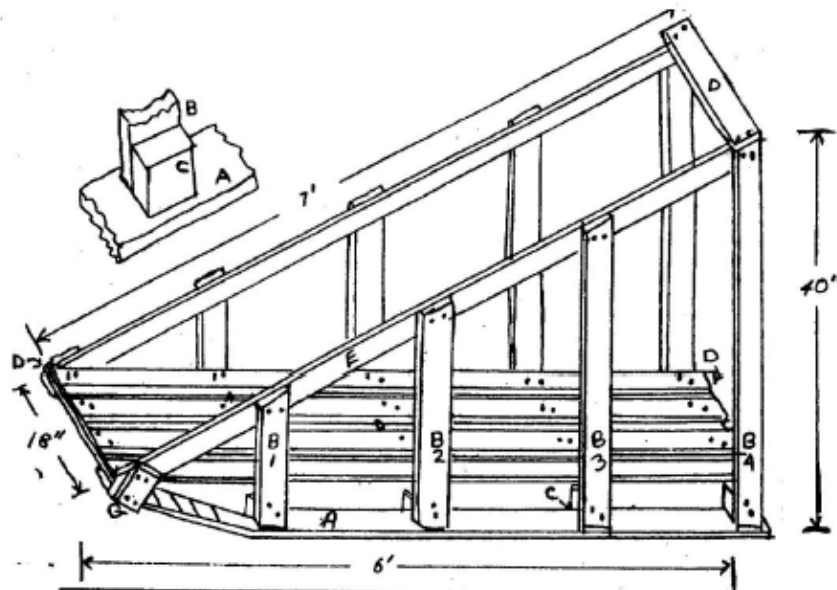
<https://scoutdocs.ca/graphics/sled-bindings-rear.jpeg>

<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/>

<http://tumbledrose.com/woodworking-plans/scout-klondike-sled-design/>

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.



Please reach out to the Jurassic old Truman J. Carroll with additional comments, concerns, or emotional outbursts. ScoutsTJC@gmail.com

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