

**THE 2023**

**CUB SCOUT**

**KLONDIKE DERBY**

FEBRUARY 25th, 2023 at

WHITE SANDS NATIONAL PARK



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**General Information**

**What is it?** Yucca Council invites all Webelos, Bears, Wolves, Tiger, and Lion Scouts to come out to the White Sands National Park and join us in a day of fun in the ‘snow’. Families are highly encouraged to attend. Pair you dens with scouts from your local troops to help out and guide the cubs through their adventures in the Klondike of New Mexico.

**Where?** White Sands National Park (19955 U.S. 70 Alamogordo, NM 88310)

 **Cost?** Registration fee is $10.00 per Scout and $5.00 for additional patches. $6.00 for food provided by our OA Scouts. Registration must be received **NO LATER THAN NOON Friday FEBRUARY 17, 2023.**

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE REGULATIONS PROHIBIT ACCEPTANCE OF ANY PAYMENTS OR REGISTRATION AT THE EVENT – THIS INCLUDES LUNCH PAYMENTS**.

THE NATIONAL PARK ENTRY FEE IS AN ADDITIONAL FEE PAID AT PARK ENTRANCE.

National Park Regulations will not allow us to accept payment or registration on the day of the event.

Current fee for National Park Entry Fee is **$25.00 per vehicle**, payable at the main entrance.

**Check-In?** February 25th, 8:00 A.M. Check-in at Roadrunner and Primrose picnic area.

**Refunds? Refunds are not available but can be transferred to another Scout or leader for this event only.**

**Concessions?** The Order of the Arrow Gila Lodge will be providing hamburgers or hot dogs, chips, and drinks at the Roadkill Café. Meals are $6.00 each, money transactions will not be allowed, meals must be bought beforehand at registration via [www.yuccabsa.org](http://www.yuccabsa.org). Meal tickets will be distributed at check-in.

**Grills?** Charcoal and gas grills can be used for lunch. Bring your own grill or use the park’s grills. Please do not leave used charcoal in the grills or throw charcoal into trash containers. Take used charcoal home with you.

**Parking?** Ample parking is available, but carpooling is strongly recommended. See map on the next page.

**Awards?** 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards will be presented for each event.

**Access?** White Sands National Park assesses an entrance fee. Please check the following site for up-to-date fees. <https://www.nps.gov/whsa/planyourvisit/fees.htm>

**\*\*Please be advised that the entry fee is separate** **from the Yucca Council registration fee. \*\***

**Insurance?**  Liability as well as sickness and Accident Insurance are provided for all registered youth and adult members of the Yucca Council.

**Program Schedule**

8:00 A.M. Check In/Registration

9:00 A.M. Opening Ceremony

9:15 A.M. Water In/Water Out (Hydration and Bathroom Break)

9:30 A.M. Klondike Trails Open-Derby Events BEGINS

12:00 P.M. Klondike Trails Close-Derby Events STOPS

12:00 P.M. Lunch (Fun Area and Sledding OPEN)

1:30 P.M. Webelos Sled Race Begins

 Awards/Presentations immediately after the sled races

\*Open sledding and fun events area available in designated area for non-participants during the day (Own Supervision Required) \*

**All Drivers:**

**Traffic speed limits are posted throughout for the safety of everyone, especially our Scouts. Park Rangers and Staff will be observing our event and have the authority to stop the event due to unsafe conditions – speeding is an unsafe condition. The speed drops very suddenly when you leave the asphalt onto the packed sand road.**

**Please Be Careful!**





**Scouts BSA Troop Guides**

TROOPS, THE CUBS NEED YOUR HELP!!

 The Klondike is a perilous place where anything can and likely will happen. They may get lost in a blizzard, stumble down a cliff, need to forage for firewood, and, of course, find that GOLD!

There are two ways that you can help. First, we are looking to pair 2-3 scouts with each cub den, preferably in your area. These scouts will acts a Guides working with the cubs to complete the individual activities. The den guides will be specially identified with Athabascan name tags. The den guides will journey with each den as they venture from perilous adventure to rich rewards. You will be their guide, assistant, teacher and leader. This is an excellent way to build your leadership experience AND to get to spend more time allowing the cubs to get to know you so that they will want to join your troops. Examples of some potential events can be found in the following pages but the activities are meant to represent and utilize their, and your, scout skills.

In addition to the den guides, we are always in need to scouts and adults to help with setup, tear down, judging, making sure events are properly reset and overall safety is being met. Your participation makes this event a success and we hope that you will join us in making a fun half-day for the cubs.

You are welcome to bring your own lunch or pre-order lunch from the OA members on the registration website. Only registered scouts are guaranteed a patch.

Further questions can be directed to the chair, Charles Spencer at charlestspencer@gmail.com

**Lion and Tiger Trail Events**

***This is a sample of some of the events that may be held.***

***Remember that all Lions and Tigers Must have an Adult Partner***

**Three-Legged Snowshoe Race**- Lions or Tigers and adult partners race as a team.

**Snow Tunnels**- Adult Partners direct blindfolded Lions or Tigers through buried hoops.

**Snowball Challenge**- Lions or Tigers and adult partners throw snowballs (knotted cloth) at targets.

**Tiger Sled Race**- Adult partners pull their Lions or Tigers on a plastic saucer through a marked course.

**Bobcat Gold Rush**- Lions or Tigers sift for gold nuggets.

**Tiger Log Haul**- Lions or Tigers move logs to the top of a hill.

**Wolf and Bear Trail Events**

***This is a sample of some of the events that may be held.***

**Gold Mining**- Cubs get to sift through containers of sand in search of gold nuggets.

**Snow Tunnels**- Cubs work their way through a series of buried tires while blindfolded.

**Beaver trap**- Cubs test their throwing skills by throwing from between their legs

(like a football center) trying to snag beavers in traps (beavers, run while you can).

**Blizzard**- Cubs follow a guide rope through a zigzag course while blindfolded.

**Compass work**- Cubs use basic compass skills to find a cache of gold nuggets.

**Ski Challenge**- Cubs used two-man skis to negotiate a marked course.

**Golden Staircase**- Cubs use skill and teamwork to move supplies to the top of a hill.

**First Aid Readyman**- Cubs prepare to find and treat injuries.

**Webelos Trail Events**

***This is a sample of some of the events that may be held.***

**Polar Bear Hunt**- (Craftsman): Rations are getting low and your only choice is to follow the tracks in the snow. Your only weapon is a homemade spear. Be careful! You may only have one shot.

**Smooshboard Race**- Patrol members’ right feet are tied to one long 2 x 4, and their left feet are tied to another 2 x 4. The patrol is timed in walking a marked course.

**Crevasse Rescue**- (Outdoorsmen and Readyman): One of your patrol members has fallen down an icy crevasse. You descend into the crevasse. Once you have determined the injuries sustained in the fall, use proper first aid to bring your friend out.

**Searching for Pay Dirt**- (Geologist): Using a compass, the boys must navigate a course to find rocks in designated areas. The three types of rocks are igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary.

**Crossing the Great Abyss**- Working as a team, each patrol must use their imagination and initiative to cross to the other side.

**Kiss of the North**- (Readyman); Patrols move through three stations to answer questions pertaining to hypothermia. The patrol earns the pieces necessary to build a stretcher and carry a patrol member back to the start.

**Great Snow Trek**- This event is an obstacle course that requires dodging, crawling, balancing and jumping.

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**Prior Registration is a Must!!!**

Registration forms and funding must be received **NO LATER THAN NOON, Friday**

**February 17, 2023. Due to National Park regulations, we cannot accept payment or registration on the day of the event.**

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**First 300 registrants are guaranteed event patches.**

If a Pack has more Lions/Tigers/Wolves/Bears/Webelos at the time of check-in than were listed on the registration form, they will be added to the Pack’s registration. This is necessary so that the council will know how many units/youth will be in attendance. Scouts not registered by February 17, 2023 may not receive a patch.

The recommended den size is six (6) Scouts for the Cub Scout Klondike Derby. If a den has less than six Scouts, some scouts may have to compete twice at an event. If a den has more than six scouts, the Leaders should ensure that Scouts alternate sitting out on the events equally.

**Important Things for Everyone to Remember**

Scout spirit, teamwork, den flags, and den yells influence scoring significantly. The more of each the better the den score. No one is likely to have extra clothes or equipment to loan if someone’s clothing gets wet. Take a few precautions before you leave home to stay warm and dry. If anyone has any questions, get answers to those questions before leaving home. Keep an extra set of clothes in the car, just in case, *BE PREPARED*. Bring a compass to the derby and know how to use it in a general fashion. Please pay attention to the warning signs that you will see along the yellow warning tape. These warnings were placed to protect the environment within the White Sands National Park.



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