



THE 2026 CUB SCOUT KLONDIKE DERBY

February 28th, 2026 at
WHITE SANDS NATIONAL PARK

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General Information

What is it? High Desert 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 \$12.00 per Scout and \$5.00 for additional patches. \$10.00 for food provided by our OA Scouts. Registration must be received **NO LATER THAN NOON Friday FEBRUARY 20, 2026.**

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 28th, 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 New Frontier Lodge will be providing hamburgers or hot dogs, chips, and drinks at the Roadkill Café. Meals are \$8.00 for hotdog meals or \$10.00 for hamburger meals, money transactions will not be allowed, meals must be bought beforehand at registration. 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

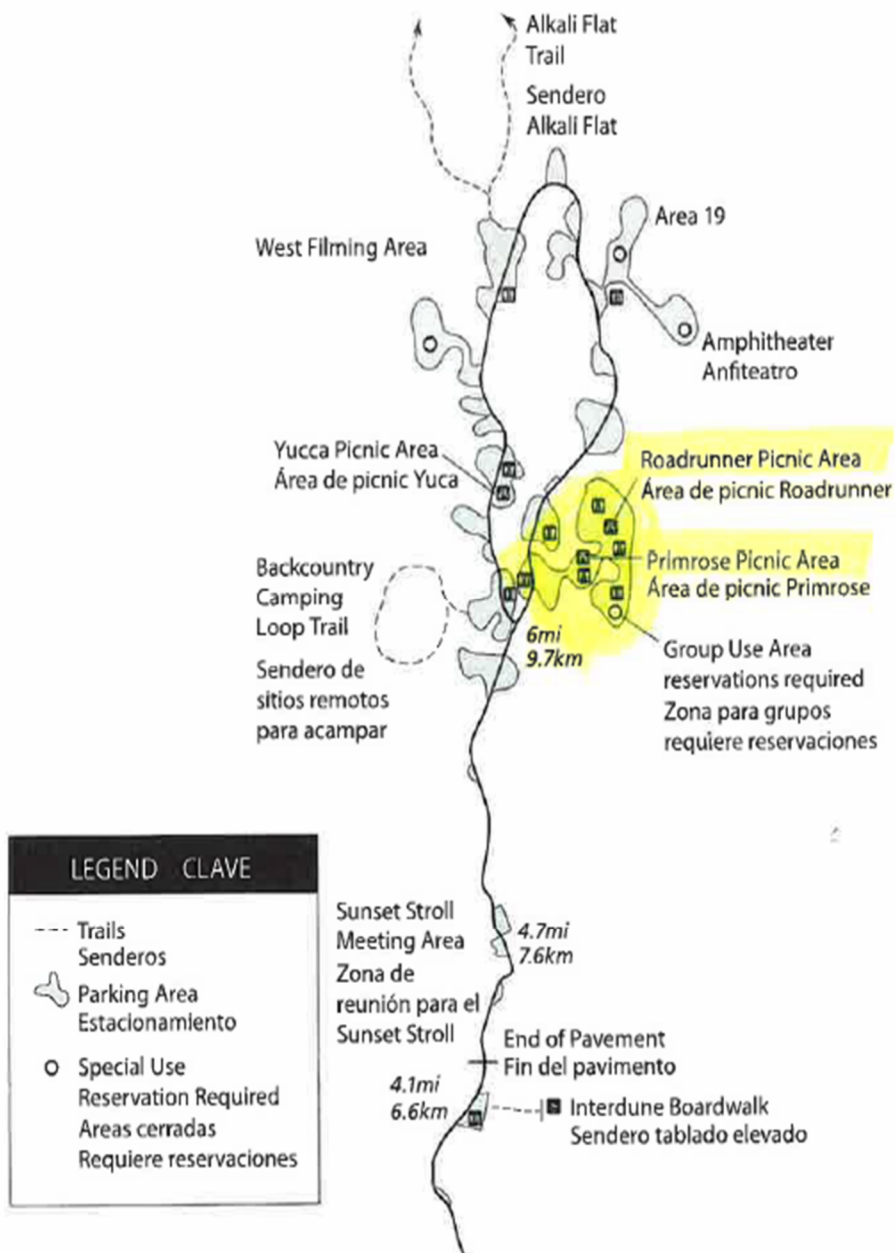
8:00 A.M.	Check In/Registration
9:30 A.M.	Opening Ceremony
9:40 A.M.	Water In/Water Out (Hydration and Bathroom Break)
9:45 A.M.	Klondike Trails Open-Derby Events <u>BEGINS</u>
12:15 P.M.	Klondike Trails Close-Derby Events <u>STOPS</u>
12:15 P.M.	Lunch (Fun Area and Sledding OPEN)
1:30 P.M.	Webelos Sled 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!



All Cub Scouts and Families

LUNCH - Bring your own lunch or dine at the Order of the Arrow food tent and enjoy delicious hamburgers or hot dogs, drinks and chips. Lunch from the Order of the Arrow **MUST** be pre-ordered. No payments can be accepted on site by National Park rules. Meal tickets will be distributed at check-in.

Suggested Clothing- Be prepared for wet or dry weather with temperatures ranging from 40 to 70 degrees. The following is a suggested clothing list for cooler weather. Pack Activity Shirt (Non-Scout Uniform) suggested, Field Uniform (Scout Uniform) not Required.

1. Cap with ear flaps/toboggan
2. Gloves (good for Webelos in sled race)
3. Extra pair of pants
4. Long underwear or PJs
5. Sunglasses
6. Sweater or sweatshirt
7. Sunscreen & Chap-stick/lip balm

***Layering of clothing is better than a heavy coat. Tennis shoes can be worn. ***

Lion and Tiger Trail Events

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 tunnels..

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

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

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

Melting Iceberg- Scouts must clamber onto an iceberg as it gets smaller and smaller.

Mt. Denali- Join your fellow scouts and summit Mt. Denali by having all denners on the peak.

Pack it in/Pack it our- Work together to bring you supplies up the mountain to your cabin.

Blizzard Trail- Find your way along the trail in the midst of a blizzard with the help of your fellow scouts.

Wolf and Bear Trail Events

Beaver trap- Cubs test their throwing skills trying to snag beavers in traps.

Yeti Hunt- Fend off the attacking yeti with 'native' spears to score points for your team.

Three-Legged Snowshoe Race- Scouts race as a team on snowshoes, but there aren't enough to go around.

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Crevasse Crossing- While walking across the ice fields, use the provided 'ladders' so as not to fall in the crevasses.

Golden Staircase- Move your supplies to the top of the pass.

Ravine Rescue- Use your knot know-how to rescue your teammates from the base of the ravine.

Blizzard Trail- Find your way along the trail in the midst of a blizzard with the help of your fellow scouts.

Webelos Trail Events

Yeti Hunt- Fend off the attacking yeti with 'native' spears to score points for your team.

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.

Ravine Rescue- Use your knot know-how to rescue your teammates from the base of the ravine.

Searching for Pay Dirt- Using a compass, the scouts must navigate a course

Out of Light/Out of Time- You've spent too much time out in the field and have to build an emergency shelter with the supplies you find onhand.

Kiss of the North- (Readyman); Patrols move through stations to answer first aid questions to earn 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.

Deadhorse Drop- While out and about, your horse has taken ill. Now it's your turn to carry its dead weight.

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AND OF COURSE, THE SLED RACES!!!

(SEE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW)

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Prior Registration is a Must!!!

Registration forms and funding must be received **NO LATER THAN NOON, Friday February 20, 2026.** **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 20, 2026 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.



The Sled Race Rules

This event is intended for Webelos dens only

1. Each Sled needs to be at the registration point prior to 10:00 am to be inspected.
2. Sled runners must only be made of wood. No metal, plastic or fiberglass can be used.
3. Each Sled can have up to 5 Sled Dogs in front with 1 pushing. For a total of 6 Sled Dogs.
4. Each Sled will have 1 passenger inside the sled.
5. Each race will be in a down and back Drag race style.
6. Races will be timed; the three fastest times will be declared the winners.
7. At the event check-in the morning the pack must say if they are entering the sled race.
8. Each pack is encouraged to have their own sled.
9. In an effort for everyone to get a chance packs can team up.
10. Judges are volunteers and will do their very best and the Head Judge decision is final.
11. Oxygen may not be available after the Adult race.
12. Scout Law will be followed.

Important Things for Webelos to Remember

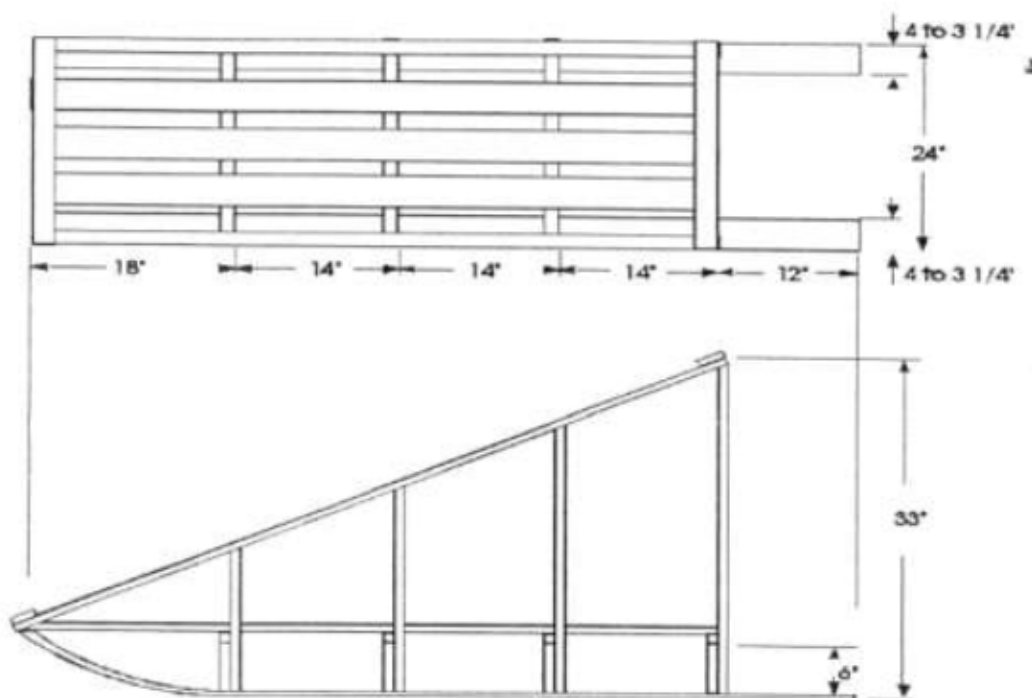
For safety concerns, there cannot be any loops in the “pull-rope” on the sled. Scouts cannot place hands through any loop. Pulling grips can be tied, but not large enough for hands to be inserted.



Klondike Sled Plan

This sketch is just a suggestion; use your imagination. One can add colorful decorations and make minor changes as one desires. Runners must be at least $3\frac{1}{4}$ " wide and MUST NOT BE CLAD WITH ANY SORT OF METAL.

For safety reasons, only sleds with wooden runners will be allowed on the trail!!!



Bill of Materials

2 pieces	4 in. x ½ in. x 6 ft.	Runner
6 pieces	1 in. x 1 in. x 18 in.	Cross Supports
4 pieces	½ in. x 4 in. x 5 ft.	Floor Cover
8 pieces	1 in. x 2 in. x 6 in.	Upright Support
2 pieces	1 in. x 2 in. x 40 in.	Rear Upright
2 pieces	1 in. x 2 in. x 38 in.	2 nd Rear Upright
2 pieces	1 in. x 2 in. x 26 in.	2 nd Front Upright
2 pieces	1 in. x 2 in. x 12 in.	Front Upright
2 pieces	½ in. x 2 in. x 6 ft.	Hand Rail
1 piece	½ in. x 2 in. x 30 in.	Front Curve Guard
1 piece	2 in. x 2 in. x 18 in.	Tow Bar

Sled Width: Approximately 24 inches

Sled Length: Approximately 72 inches

Sled Height: Approximately 33 inches

VOLUNTEERS HAVE GRACIOUSLY OFFERED TO OVERSEE EACH EVENT. THEY HAVE BEEN BRIEFED ON THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. PLEASE FOLLOW THE SCOUT OATH AND LAW. PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL TO THE VOLUNTEERS

