# **Great Valley** Klondike Derby

**OVERVIEW OF THE KLONDIKE:** In 1896, gold was discovered near Dawson, Alaska, where the Klondike River joins the Yukon. When word spread beyond the frozen tundra, men raced to the Great White North in search of gold. They covered great distances, facing tremendous obstacles, carrying their gear on sleds, which were pulled by a team of dogs. Ambitious men risked everything on the chance of finding their fortunes in Alaska.

In the spirit of these early pioneers, the Boy Scout Klondike Derby was created. Just like in the days of old, it will take preparation, skill, and endurance for your Scouts to survive the elements and to accomplish their goal. Will your troop seek its fortune on the fields with us?

## The Klondike Derby is an annual event where patrols of 5-10 Scouts bring sleds to race from various stations that test their patrol spirit and essential Scout skills (found in the requirements of Tenderfoot through First Class.)

## **WHEN: Saturday** **February 22st, 2025**

## Optional Friday and Saturday night camping will be available

## Troop registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning

## Race will begin with all sleds starting at 9:30 a.m.

**WHERE: Country Campground**

**202 Country Campground Dr. New Castle VA 24127**

**Registration : Please register online at bsa-brmc.org by Friday, February 14**

[**https://scoutingevent.com/599-Klondike2025**](https://scoutingevent.com/599-Klondike2025)

**COST:** $17 per Scout and $17 per adult leader (includes event patch, sanitary fees, program materials, and liability insurance)

Late registration will be $20 per Scout and $20 per adult leader

**Pre-registration is required for this event.**

**Format:** At 9:30 a.m. patrols will gather for instructions and flag ceremony, then all sleds will start race. There will be different activity sites available during the day for racing points. Patrols will have until 12:00 p.m. to cover the “town” activity sites. Patrols will have to hustle in order to complete the stations. Walking between stations and watching another patrol will waste valuable time. All patrols are expected to complete as many stations as possible in the allotted time; this is by design to encourage patrols to use their time wisely. Some Stations will be able to accommodate more than group at a time, but not all. Stations furthest from the starting point historically have less waiting time.

Patrols will not be able to return to previously participated sites once completed.

They will then have from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. for lunch. Each patrol will be required to prepare and provide lunch to each member. This should be a patrol activity and be cooking on their own. Hot meals and drinks are encouraged.

**Firewood will not be available at the campground.**

We will resume after lunch to finish remaining town sites. At 3:30 the competition will close and patrols will reassemble at starting line for sled race.

**Proposed town sites are:**

**Patrol Pictures Life Saving Throw**

**Sled Inspection Spider Web**

**Fire Building Toxic Liquid Transfer**

**Lashings Rope Assent**

**Wood Yard 40’ Square Rope**

**First Aide Tomahawk Throwing**

**OA Station Slingshots**

**Nature ID Model Campsite**

**Orienteering Course Flag Etiquette**

**Ice Fishing**

**PATROLS:** Troops must divide their Scouts into patrols of 5 to 10 scouts, preferably 8 member patrols. As always, Scout Spirit will be a part of the competition. Cheers and demonstrating the ideals of Scouting will be rewarded. Patrols will be inspected at check-in for a clearly visible patrol flag and will lose points for not having one. Patrols must carefully prepare for this Klondike. Not only will each participating patrol be required to bring the proper equipment (from the included equipment list), it must also develop a strategy for success! Patrols will be given a list of all stations (day of event) and a brief description of the challenge. Team members must then work together to manage time and resources carefully to score the most points.

**SLED:** Each patrol is required to have a sled to move their patrol equipment from town to town. Many of the Klondike events are designed around the sled so it should be sturdy. In addition, patrols will race their sled against other sleds during the Klondike for a qualifying time. Items should be properly secured to Sleds can be constructed out of many different materials. Durability will be crucial. WHEELED SLEDS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO COMPETE.

**WEBELOS and All Cub Scouts are Invited to Attend:** Webelos are invited to come and observe the Klondike Derby. This is a good event to invite your feeder Pack’s Arrow of light den too. It will build excitement for them to bridge in the Springtime.

**EQUIPMENT LIST:** Patrol sleds will be inspected. If a patrol doesn’t have a particular item they won’t be prepared to compete at certain stations. No additions or subtractions to sled equipment once derby has begun. **Be prepared!**

* Scout Handbook or Field Book
* Pencil or Pen
* Notebook
* Blanket
* Scout Staffs (staves) for each member
* 1 Tarp big enough for a patrol to sleep under
* 10’ rope for each scout (10)
* Appropriate rope for lashing
* Patrol Flag (visible)
* Pocketknife or folding knife
* Orienteering compass (2)
* Neckerchiefs or blindfolds for each scout
* First aid kit
* Fire Building Materials

(enough to burn for fire building station – no materials will be available at event site)

* Hot spark kit or flint and steel
* 1 one gallon of water
* Water bottle for each scout to drink
* Leather gloves (2)
* Tent stakes (12)
* Trash bag
* Hatchet or hammer
* 50’ rope (synthetic preferred)
* Totin Chip&Firm’n Chit cards for all who have them
* Watch or phone to tell time
* Bag or pouch to hold Gold Nuggets

NOTES TO PATROL LEADERS:

Note above that a patrol flag is part of the required equipment.

Gold Nuggets are earned by showing Scout Spirit through your flag, patrol

yells, and positive attitude. Involving everyone in your patrol, cowing to

consensus, working through setbacks with a positive attitude are all skills

of a leader that will be noticed.

You must stay together as a patrol through the whole event.

This is a Scout competition, work hard, do your best, show Scout Spirit to

other patrols. Always remember the Scout Law is the law of the event.

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#### *Schedule of Events*

Friday: Optional camping. Troops can arrive after 4pm

Saturday:

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Registration (Patrol Leaders only)

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Patrol pictures and Sled inspection

9:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony

Course Opens (morning stations)

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Derby Resumes (afternoon stations)

4:00pm Klondike Horn blown for end competition

Judges return scores to registration

4:30 p.m. Patrols gather at starting line for sled race

(used for tiebreaker if needed)

4:45 p.m. Announcements & Awards

Clean-up and breakdown

5:00 p.m. Troop time

8:00 p.m. Campfire

10:00 p.m. Taps - all Quiet

Sunday:

9:00 a.m. Clear out campsite – event closes



IMPORTANT NOTES:

\*\*\*Each troop is asked to provide a volunteer leader(s) to man a station for the Klondike\*\* This is easy and often entertaining. The station is already planned, and all of the instructions and materials will be provided at the Klondike. Volunteers will receive a one-page sheet listing how to explain the station to the patrols and how to judge points. Two examples of previous stations are included in this packet.

Please bring adequate water for the weekend as potable water may not be available or a long walk from the campsites.

As of September 1, 2023, ANY adult staying overnight on a troop, district, or Council camping trip or event MUST be a registered Scout BSA leader in a unit position with a completed background check. MB Counselors do not qualify as they are not registered to a unit.

Troops need to come with completed parts 1&2 BSA medical forms for all registered youth and adults present. The Troop will retain these during the event but have them ready if needed in an emergency.

Patrol sleds should be a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10 participants. Troops with 11 or more Scouts should split to multiple sleds. Patrol sleds will be checked at registration and must have all of the items on the attached list.

CHECK-IN INSTRUCTIONS: When you turn off of Rt. 311 onto Country Campground Pr., follow the road down until you cross the river bridge. Please stop at the registration tent immediately after the bridge on the right side of the road. Parking is on the right side of the road in designated areas only. Troops can leave a troop trailer in their camping

area which will be in the main field to the left of the road. The first troop leader to arrive will get all information and their campsite assignment. Any leaders or families arriving after can go straight to their assigned campsite and do not need to check-in.

Any questions at all?

Please contact Jeff Wright (540-580-6948) ja.wright@comcast.net

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|  | **2025 Great Valley District**Klondike Derby |  |

REGISTRATION FORM: TROOP #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ADULTS ATTENDING:

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2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Troop Adult Contact: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**SCOUTS ATTENDING:**

### **Please list by the Patrols they will be competing in (duplicate this form as needed)**

PATROL #1 NAME: PATROL #2 NAME:

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1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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TOTAL SCOUTS ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_\_ X $ = $ \_\_\_\_\_\_

ADULT REGISTRATION \_\_\_\_\_\_ X $ = $ \_\_\_\_\_\_

*(Includes event patch and liability insurance)*

LATE FEE **Registration received after 2/21/2012** \_\_\_\_\_\_ X $ = $ \_\_\_\_\_\_

***Per Person***

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE = $ \_\_\_\_\_\_

###### Please return registration to the Scout Service Center

###### 2131 Valley View Blvd. NW, Roanoke, VA 24012

###### by **Tuesday, February 21 at 5:00pm**