

James River District Klondike Derby Heart of Virginia Scout Reservation

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*Open to all Scouting programs:
Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturing Crew*



Get out your Klondike sleds, brush up on your Scout and cooking skills, and join us for the James River District Klondike Derby.

The Klondike Derby is a five-mile orienteering course with a series of challenge stations where Patrols are tested on their Scouting knowledge, teamwork, time management, and problem solving skills. Each Patrol loads their required gear onto their sled and, using a unique set of bearings provided to their team at the event start, navigates their sled from station to station using map and compass. Scouts pull their sleds through woods and fields, up and down hills, stopping at the various stations where they earn “gold nuggets” based on their performance. The Derby ends with a sled race followed by an equipment auction where Patrols use their “gold nuggets” to purchase Scouting items donated by event participants and staff. The event concludes with an awards campfire on Saturday night and a Scouts Own service on Sunday morning.

All of the station challenges are based on Scouts BSA rank requirements up to First Class; including the five-mile hike with map and compass (Second Class), and the one-mile orienteering course with height and distance measurement (First Class). Between the announcements of the official start and end of the Derby, each Patrol is responsible for managing its own time throughout the day, and is free to determine how much time they spend at each challenge station.

To ensure fair judging, each Unit is required to provide at least one volunteer per Patrol to staff the Klondike Derby challenge stations. Volunteers can be adult leaders or experienced Scouts. Standardized rubric sheets will be supplied for each station, detailing the station challenge(s) and scoring rules.

Whether you are a Cub Scout Den looking forward to joining Scouts BSA, a young Patrol looking for advancement opportunities, or an experienced Patrol or Crew looking for competitive challenges and teambuilding activities; the **James River District Klondike Derby is your unit's chance to send your Scouts out into the woods to go **Scouting**.**

More information (and event registration) is available on the online Council Calendar:
<https://hovc.org/council-calendar/>