

Mountain Territory Klondike Derby Information

February 13-15, 2026

2026 Klondike Derby!

Camp Edward, Monroe, WA

Welcome to the 2026 Mountain Territory Klondike Derby! Our goal is to test your patrol's teamwork, Scoutcraft, and leadership while having fun in the winter woods. Remember, success in the Klondike isn't just about the gold nuggets—it's about living the Scout Oath and Law under challenge.

WHO: All: Scout Patrols, Venturing Crews, and AOL Dens may participate. Units attending will receive a cool 2026 Klondike patch! Webelos/AOL may camp as a den/pack or attend just the Derby Saturday morning at their option.

The Klondike Derby originated during the Klondike Gold Rush, when miners tested their skills against the elements to find precious nuggets of gold. Some struck it rich, and some not so rich. Likewise, Patrols and Dens will be awarded gold nuggets by competing against the clock and each other in a series of games based on scouting skills. Each patrol's "mining" success will be based on how well they follow instructions, apply their scout skills, work as a team, and show their scout spirit. Their efforts will be rewarded with "gold nuggets."

This year's Klondike will be organized into four general events.

- The Klondike Derby on Saturday morning.
- Troop time after the Derby to work on Totin' Chip and other scout skills with your troop in your campsites.
- A chili cook-off competition during dinner Saturday evening.
- A 2-hour conservation service project on Sunday morning. All scouts who have earned their Totin' Chip and participate in the conservation service hours will earn their Paul Bunyan Award.

Safety: Our highest priority. Patrols should monitor each other for cold-related symptoms and ensure proper clothing. Scouts should not have any outer layers made of cotton. In case of an emergency, report to the First Aid Station at the tower immediately. All units must bring BSA Medical Forms, Parts A & B, for every participant and follow Youth Protection guidelines. Per Scouting America guidelines, no vehicles are allowed in camp. The camp has several wheelbarrows available in the parking lot.

- A Scout is Helpful – please return wheelbarrows to the parking lot as soon as you're done with them.
- A Scout is Obedient – Please be courteous to the volunteer staff and follow the parking regulations.

KLONDIKE STAFF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Each attending troop should provide **at least two adult volunteers** to sponsor and staff a game. Volunteers will receive station instructions and scoring sheets on Friday night. If you'd like to propose a new game, contact Mark Martinez (info below) by **January 31st** so we can include it in the event plan.

2026 Klondike Schedule:

Friday, February 13th:

7:00-9:00 PM - Check in at the Craft Lodge

9:00-9:30 PM - Cracker Barrel at the Craft Lodge (snacks and cider provided)

9:30 PM - SPL and SM meeting – (each Unit should attend)

Saturday February 14th

8:00 – 8:30 AM – Check in at the Craft Lodge

8:30 – Opening Ceremony at the flagpole in front of the Fort

8:45 am - Games Start

12:30 pm – Games End – Soup Lunch at the tower

2:00 – 5:00 pm – Troop time - Paul Bunyan/Totin' Chip skills

5:00 – 6:30 pm – Dinner (Chili judges will come around at 6)

7:00 pm – Awards at the Fire Bowl

Sunday February 15th

9:00-11:00 AM – Conservation Service Project

11:00 AM – Camp Dismissed

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EVENTS: All events are designed to test a patrol's scout skills and teamwork. Teamwork is the most critical component. See the link to the game instructions for last year's games. Be prepared for the unknown in the Klondike, though —things may change!!

CHILI COOKOFF: Patrols are encouraged to participate in the chili cookoff. There will, of course, be one or two secret ingredients we will provide to liven things up a bit! Patrols should be prepared to offer judges a taste at 6 and have a CLEAN bowl and utensil for them.

AWARDS: Trophies will be awarded to Webelos Scouts, First-Year Scouts, and Experienced Scouts based on event scores. The Prospector's Golden Pan will be awarded to the patrol that shows the best patrol and scout spirit. Cookie's Silver Spoon will be awarded to the winners of the Chili Cookoff. Patrol/Den Ribbons will be awarded for 1st place in each game.

KLONDIKE SOUP POT: Every scout should bring two cans of soup to be turned in at the First Aid Station/Game. One can is for the lunch soup pot, and one is for the food bank. Each person should bring a cup or bowl and an eating utensil to enjoy a helping from the soup pot.

REGISTRATION: Register online using the council website. Registration will be open through February 7th. The event fee is \$30 per scout and \$15 per adult. The cost includes a campsite reservation. Unfortunately, there is no discount if you're not staying overnight.

PATROL/DEN SPECIFICATIONS:

1. Patrols of 4 to 8 scouts with a suitable Klondike sled plus all essential gear (See below).
2. All scouts must be clothed adequately for winter weather, regardless of whether there is snow or not. (**No Cotton outer layers!** rain gear, warm coats, waterproof boots, etc.)
3. Each patrol must submit a roster at Klondike Headquarters upon check-in, complete with the Scoutmaster's signature
4. The Scout Outdoor Essentials list. The Scout Handbook is a valuable resource!
5. No flammable fluids, accelerants, or other dangerous stuff (Scout defines "fuel" for fires as wood, not gas). Check your Scout Safety Guide in case you have any questions.

SLED SPECIFICATIONS: Sleds must be homemade. Klondike sled plans can generally be found online. Sleds should be sturdy enough to transport one team member and all the patrol's gear. Each patrol should bring all the items they need to compete in each Klondike event. The Klondike is a harsh environment. Many a miner has hit the mother-load with proper planning, preparation, and supplies.

Suggested Patrol Equipment (to be carried on the sled): You are going to the Klondike —BE PREPARED!

Klondike Sled (wheels optional; skis work well in the grass)
Patrol Flag
Frying Pan
2 Blankets
Matches in a waterproof container
Triangular Bandage for Sling
Compass
Ten lengths of rope – each about 6 feet long
Fire Starting Materials – NO Petroleum or magnesium-based accelerants
Metal Can or Bucket to carry Ashes (from fire/cooking event)
At least one uncooked egg and eating utensils.
Patrol 10 essentials, food, and clothing needs for the day
2 cans of soup per patrol member (turn in at Be Prepared / First-Aid Station)
Patrol Cheer
1st Aid Skills
Teamwork
Nugget Pouch
Stretcher Poles
Kindling, and Firewood
Cooking Mitt
Splint materials for Arms and Legs
Whistle
Scouting Spirit
Knot Tying Skills

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Please get in touch with me if you can help staff at the Klondike, Sponsor a Game, or Soup Kitchen.
Call me if you have any questions.