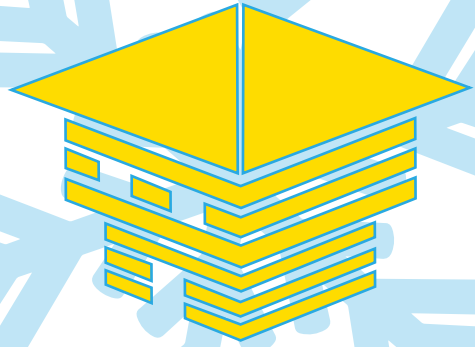


The Klondike Derby



Fort Steuben Scout Reservation January 25, 2025

The annual Klondike Derby is one of the biggest Scouting events of the year! At the Klondike Derby, patrols will travel around camp to various competition stations. At the competition stations, Scouts will be challenged to complete a task or exercise their wilderness skills. Patrols will be awarded points based on their success at each various station. At the end of the derby, each patrol's points will be tallied and the winner will take home the Klondike Derby traveling trophy!

Not only is the Klondike Derby a great event to compete at, but it is also an opportunity for you and your unit to put their gear to the test and participate in a winter camping opportunity!

Within this guide, you will find all of the necessary information to have a successful competition and weekend camping!





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Communication

We are excited to once again plan and host the Klondike Derby at FSSR!

If you have any questions about program, camping, or anything regarding the klondike derby, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of us!

We will do our best to make sure you have the information you need!

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Register Today!

Registration is open! Register today in order to take advantage of the best price for participation fees!

Individual Scouts registering is not encouraged. This is a team event, and competing patrols are not to exceed eight members. One unit may have multiple competing patrols.

Register Today At:
scoutingevent.com/619-KLONDIKE



Participation Fees

Register early and take advantage of our Early Bird rate! Every participant, including adult leaders, will receive a commemorative Klondike Derby 2025 patch with their registration fee!

Scout Early Bird Fee \$20

Registered and Paid before January 13

Scout Late Fee \$25

Registered and Paid after January 13

Adult Leader Fee \$15



Winter Camping at FSSR

All units are welcome and encouraged to practice their winter camping skills this weekend at Fort Steuben Scout Reservation. We recommend that all units prepare for the camping portion of the event appropriately, and bring all of the necessary items that your troop has to ensure a warm, safe experience. An appropriate amount of firewood is stocked within each campsite and units are responsible to use the appropriate amount and share with neighboring troops.

Individual Scouts camping will need to consider packing:

- A waterproof winter jacket
- Two or three fleece jackets/hoodies
- Two or three cotton t-shirts
- Two sets of long-john/under armor material undergarments
- Three pairs of wool socks
- Three pairs of cotton socks
- Low-temperature grade sleeping bags
- Fleece blanket
- Pillow
- Shower supplies & towel
- Any other pieces of equipment that the Scout may find necessary

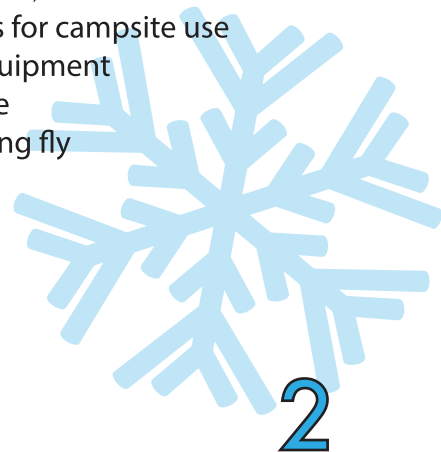



Saturday Grab-and-Go Lunch

The Klondike Derby Staff will be providing a Grab-and-Go style lunch available at the Dining Hall from 11:30 am - 1:00pm. Competing Patrols, Troop Members, and Unit Leaders are welcome to stop by and grab some lunch to warm-up and refuel before the afternoon competition resumes.

Units camping will need to consider bringing:

- Tents to accommodate unit's need
- Propane stoves, lanterns, etc.
(propane and flammable gases are to be stored appropriately in locked troop trailers when not in use)
- Fire building materials for campsite use
- Cooking utensils & equipment
- Hot chocolate & coffee
- Pop-up shelter or dining fly





Be Prepared for the Biggest Scouting Competition of the Year!

If your patrol plans on taking home the coveted traveling trophy, you will need to come to the 2025 Klondike Derby at FSSR prepared! Below, you will find a list of materials that each patrol will need on their sled to effectively compete at every Klondike Derby station.

The items you may carry on your sled are not limited to these items. If you feel the need to pack extra materials, stash trail snacks, or bring along personal gear, please feel free! There are no weight limits or requirements to a patrol's sled.

Materials Needed on a Patrol's Sled:

Roster of Scouts on each patrol

(eight scouts maximum per patrol)

Fire building materials of preference

(flammable or combustible liquids or propellants of any kind are not permitted)

Aluminum pot

2 Splints

3 Staves

8, three-foot lengths of rope

3, twenty-foot lengths of rope

1 full sized blanket

gallon size, plastic zip-lock bag matches

bow-saw

hatchet

pocket knife

drinkable water

compass

Gauze pads or Gauze roll

6 Triangle bandages

First Aid Kit

Watch

Paper and pens/pencils (stored in waterproof bag)

BSA Handbook

Patrol Flag

Canteen or thermos

Water bottle

Change of socks/gloves

Individual Mess kit

Totin Chit

Fireman Chit

Units not camping for the weekend at the Klondike are encouraged to arrive at Fort Steuben Scout Reservation on Saturday, January 25 no later than 8:00am. Units arriving the morning of the competition will register their competing patrols at the dining hall. Registration will close at 8:45am on Saturday morning. All competing patrols are to gather at the parade field at 8:50 am, where a small opening, flag ceremony, and an official commencement of the competition will be held. Units are to bring their fully prepared Klondike Derby sleds to the parade field at this time.

Each competing patrol will be assigned a starting station at registration. After completing the event at that station, units may go wherever they want.

Arrow of Light Scouts Welcome!

If your Scout unit has an active Cub Scout pack with Arrow of Light Scouts, they are more than welcome to join in on the fun!

Arrow of light Scouts will be treated as a member of a competing patrol, not just a tag-along! Please take this into account when planning your patrols for the competition.



Scoutmasters Needed!

Each station will be staffed by two adult volunteers. If you, or any other adult leader attending the Klondike derby wish to lend a hand in facilitating a great experience, please attend the Scoutmaster & Senior Patrol Leader meeting on Friday night, 9:00pm, at the Dining Hall.

For those arriving Saturday morning and wishing to volunteer, please see Jordan or Cole at the Dining Hall from 7:30am to 8:30am. Each station will have supplies to build and maintain a fire for the duration of the race!

Patrols who are competing in the Klondike derby must provide their own sled that they will be responsible for hauling competition equipment in throughout the race. The maximum amount of Scouts per patrol is 8. A schematic for a traditional Klondike Derby sled may be found through various online resources; however, patrols are welcome to design an innovative and creative sled if they wish!

Upon registration, whether Friday night or Saturday morning, units will be provided with a competition map and detailed schedule. Patrols competing in the Klondike Derby must gather at the parade field, which will act as the starting line for the race, promptly at 8:50am on Saturday for a short opening ceremony and flag raising.

After the opening, patrols may travel throughout the camp to various stations where they will have to put their Scouting skills to the test using the materials they bring along on their sled.

Critical thinking skills will be put to the test throughout the day when Scouts are challenged to plan their route of travel throughout the stations, participate in event activities, and cooperate with fellow patrol members.

This is a youth run event, so adult help is strongly discouraged throughout. The stations will open promptly at 9:00am, and will close at 12:00pm for lunch break. The Klondike Derby will be providing a grab-and-go style lunch at the dining hall for those who want it. Stations will re-open at 1:30pm and close for the day at 4:30pm. Dinner will be the responsibility of the units. We will be hosting an awards ceremony at 5:00pm.

