

Scouting America - Brooklyn Council

2026 Klondike Derby

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Leader Guide – F1

Schedule of Events:

10:00am - Check-in, Event Station Set-Up, Station Volunteer Check-in

11:00am - Opening Ceremony on the Boardwalk

Between 11:25am- 3:00pm the following will occur:

- Event Stations Open

- Event Stations Close

- Pack Sled Race

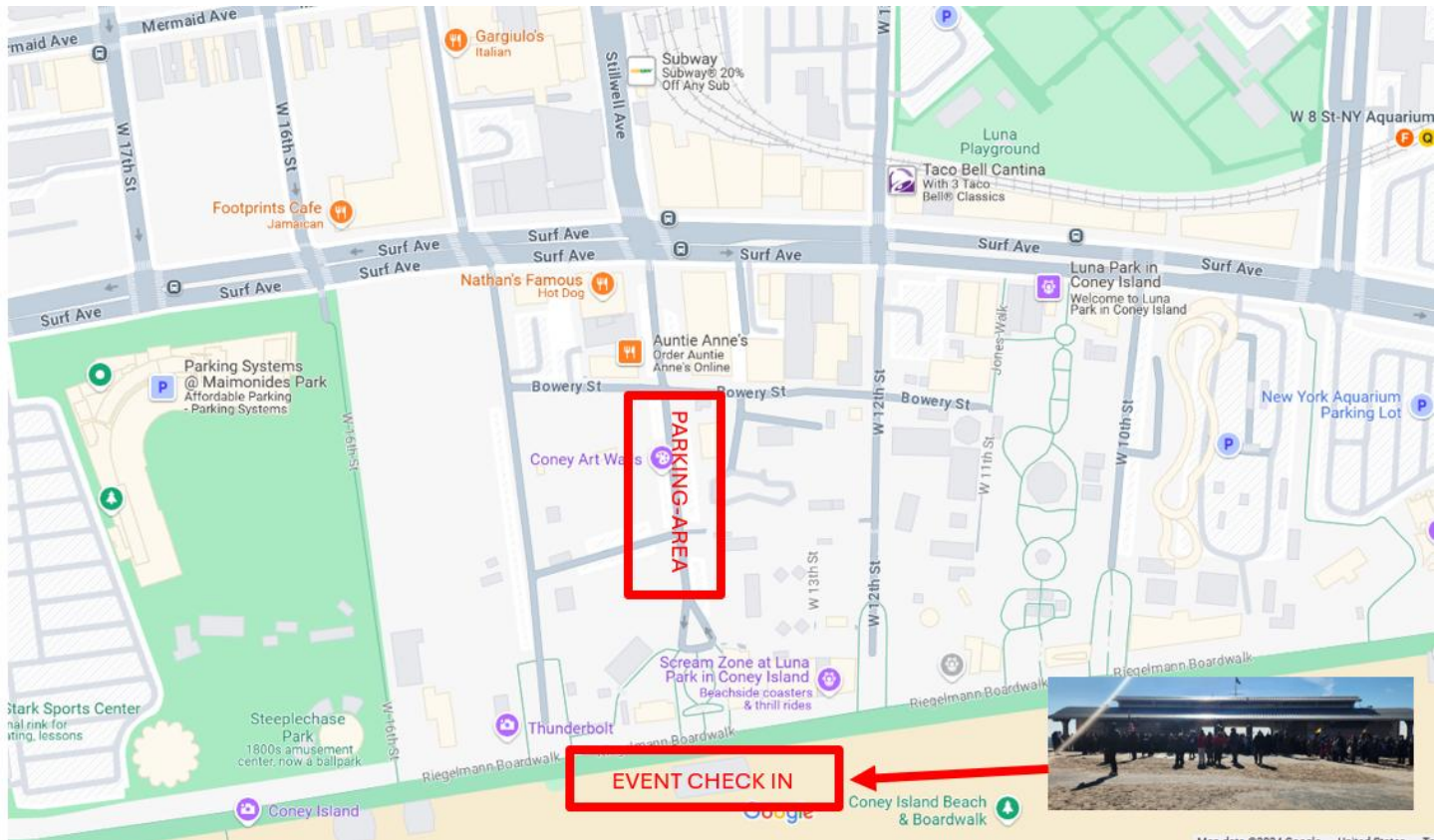
- Troop Sled Race

- Scout leader Sled Race

3:00pm - Awards and Closing Ceremony

Units should plan to arrive in Coney Island before 10:00am. Upon arrival, all units should line up their sleds on the boardwalk for inspection.

Check-in will take place on Riegelmann Boardwalk @ Stillwell Ave
Parking passes will be distributed at the event check-in table



Scout Troop/Patrol guidance: It is recommended that there be a minimum of 6 scouts and a maximum of 8 scouts per patrol. Each Troop/Patrol must have its own sled. The committee will not enforce a minimum or maximum number of scouts per sled as these are just recommendations.

Cub Pack/Den guidance: Cub scouts will need to be broken into teams no larger than five for the event stations. Sled sharing within a unit will be allowed for the Sled Race, Decoration Competition, and Sled Equipment & Safety Check.

Dress Code: Plan for the weather accordingly. Scouts will need to dress for an outdoor winter activity. Good outdoor clothing, such as warm coats, hats, gloves, long johns (thermal underwear), multiple pairs of socks, waterproof boots, rain gear (if necessary), etc... should be worn. Be prepared for the cold! Dress in layers, keeping in mind that layers can be removed (if you're hot) or added (if you're cold). Scouts will not be allowed to participate in sneakers or improper clothing.

*****Note - Footwear must always remain on for safety reasons*****

Sled Guidelines: Each Pack/Den/Troop/Patrol needs to have a sled to compete. No exceptions. *Sled sharing will not be allowed!* The sled that is inspected must be the same one used for competing in the event. Sleds should be made primarily of wood. A sample sled design is provided in this packet. Feel free to ask the Klondike Derby committee for sled advice, and of course, the internet is a good resource.

****NEW****

Store purchased sleds and toboggans are allowed so that additional units can participate in this great event. With that said, units with purchased sleds will not be eligible to win the sled race or best sled competitions (Troop). They can participate in the race for fun and will still be eligible for the skills challenge competition, as well as the best decorated sled (pack)

Scout Competition List	Cub Scout Competition List
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best New Sled (One Champion) • Best Legacy Sled (One Champion) • Sled Race (1st, 2nd, 3rd place) <p>Skills (1st, 2nd, 3rd place)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sled Equipment and Safety Check • Tenderfoots Snowshoe Relay Race • Build a Survival Shelter • Frostbite Triangulation Challenge • Ice Rescue and First Aid • Ice Fishing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Decorated Sled (1st, 2nd, 3rd place) • Sled Race (1st, 2nd, 3rd place) <p>Skills (1st, 2nd, 3rd place)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sled Equipment and Safety Check • Log Stacking • Ice Fishing • Canoe Pull • The Diamond Run Obstacle Course • Harpoon Bullseye

Scout leader Competition List Scout leader sled race
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Scout Troop \ Patrol “Best New Sled” and “Best Legacy Sled” awards: There can only be one winner for each. May the best new and legacy sled win!

Criteria: Scout provided oral history of the sled, weight (lighter is better), primary use of wood as a building material, sturdiness, and finish quality.

Packs \ Dens “Best Decorated Sled”: There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

****NEW THEME THIS YEAR****

The theme will be “Super Heros”. Decorate and adorn your sled to your heart’s content

Sled/Equipment/Safety Check: Each Pack/Den/Troop/Patrol is to have their sled prepared for an equipment check (please see below for a check list of required equipment). It is suggested that the tarp be used to secure most of the equipment in the sled. If necessary, the sled should be lashed prior to inspection and must contain all gear on the equipment list for the maximum points to be awarded. A box may be used to hold the equipment.

Sled Equipment List:

- First Aid Kit
- Blanket
- American Flag
- Troop/Patrol or Pack Flag on a pole
- Scout Handbook
- 20-foot rope (sled pulling rope accepted)
- Neckerchief (or triangular bandage)

14 points total (Cub Scouts)
2pts. per item

Additional: For Troops Only:

- Patrol roster
- Pencil and clipboard
- Flashlight
- Digital Watch
- 6 ropes (six feet in length each)
- Three poles (between 5-6 feet in length each)
- Tarp (for shelter)
- Shovel

30 points total (Sled Equipment List + Troop Only Equipment)
2pts. per item

Sled Race Guidelines: There will be separate races for Cub Scout Packs/Dens and Scout Troops/Patrols. Only registered scouts can participate in the sled race. It is recommended that 8 scouts participate in the race: 6 pullers, 1 passenger and 1 pusher. The committee will not enforce a minimum or maximum number of scouts per sled as these are just recommendations. A Pack/Den/Troop/Patrol will complete the sled race when *the sled* crosses the finish line. This event will challenge your Scouts' physical endurance, teamwork and Scout skills. For this event you will need a sled capable of transporting one of your Patrol members plus a blanket and 20 feet of ½ or ¾ inch rope. No motorized sleds!

*****Note – Sleds can be stripped of all gear to make them as light as possible for the race. Each sled must have one passenger (with blanket) for the race and typically the lightest scout will be chosen for this assignment by their respective Pack/Den/Troop/Patrol*****

There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place for Cub Scout Packs/Dens and Scout Troop/Patrols

Scout leader sled race

Scout leaders: Grab your units sled and race just like your Scouts! Maximum six leaders per sled

PACK EVENTS

(Maximum time per station = 15 minutes)

A team is no more than Five Cub Scouts

Cub Event #1 – Log Stacking

Cubs in a team of up to five scouts will work together to stack 5 logs. One at a time they will run from point A to point B and pick up a log and run back to point A. They will stack the logs 5 high.

This is a timed event

Cub Event #2 – Ice Fishing

Cubs in a team of up to five scouts will work together on gathering as many fish as they can in an allotted time. One team member will use a fishing pole to catch the fish in the “pond” while the remaining team members are moving the ice ring over the “pond”. Allotted time: 3 mins

Scoring

15pts. = All 10 fish	10pts. = 7-9 fish	5pts. = 5-7 fish
3pts. = 3-4 fish	1pt. = 0-2 fish	

Cub Event #3 – Canoe Pull

Cubs in a team of up to five scouts will work together to pack and move the canoe. One at a time they will run from point A to point B, pick up 1 item and run back to point B. Once all 5 items are in the canoe, they will then carry the canoe to point C.

This is a timed event

Cub Event #4 – The Diamond Run Obstacle Course

Cubs in a team of up to five scouts will work together to complete each obstacle before they can move onto the next.

- Obstacle one: weaving in and out of cones.

- Obstacle two: walk across a balance beam.
- Obstacle three: work together on pulling a sled across the finish line.

This is a timed event.

Cub Event #5 - Harpoon Bullseye

Cubs in a team of up to five scouts will get fifteen chances to throw a harpoon through a bullseye board. There will be a small, medium and large bullseye that will be marked with the following points: **5 points, 10 points and 15 points.**

TROOP EVENTS

(Maximum time per station = 20 minutes)



Scout Event #1 - “Tenderfoots” Snowshoe Relay Race



“A tenderfoot is someone inexperienced. Usually, a tenderfoot is someone unaccustomed to outdoor living. Originally, a tenderfoot was an immigrant to the United States who wasn't used to the rough pioneer life, especially the hardships of ranching and mining. From there, this word came to mean any inexperienced person.”

“Snowshoes were a necessity for the Klondike miners in the cold, snowy Arctic north. Without them, trekking through knee-deep snowdrifts would be a most difficult task.”

Snowshoes will be provided. Extra points will be awarded to any Troop/Patrol that builds their own Snowshoes prior to the event.

A relay style race will be set up. Each Scout in the patrol will put on snowshoes and take off to the go-around marker. When each Scout reaches the marker, he'll be asked a question from the BSA Scout or Tenderfoot Rank requirements. After answering the question, the Scout will return to the starting position and remove the snowshoes. Then, the next Scout in line will put on the snowshoes and take off!

40 points total (30 + *10 bonus)

- 16pts. for questions (8 questions, 2pts. each).
- 9pts. for speed (9pts. for 1st place, 6pts. for 2nd place, 3pts. for 3rd place).
- 5pts. for scout spirit (5pts. for high, 3pts. for medium, 1pt. for low).
- *10 bonus pts. for sturdy, safe, and effective scout-made snowshoes.

Scout Event #2 - Build a Survival Shelter

Troops/Patrol must construct an emergency shelter using the items they have on their sled. They must work together to 1) locate a suitable location given the conditions as outlined by the event leader. 2) make use of lashings in the construction of the shelter and 3) erect the shelter and transform their Klondike sled into a winter storm shelter for three people.

30pts. total

- 9pts. for speed (9pts. for 1st place, 6pts. for 2nd place, 3pts. for 3rd place).
- 8pts. knots and lashings (1pt. for every PROPER knot and PROPER lashing).
- 8pts. effectiveness and sturdiness (7pts. high, 5pts. medium, 3pts. Low).
- 7pts. scout spirit (7pts. high, 5pts. medium, 3pts. Low).

Scout Event #3 – The Frostbite Triangulation Challenge

*****NEW THIS YEAR*****

Troop/Patrols complete three “Navigation Nuggets” that consists of deciphering an orienteering riddle and completing an orienteering puzzle or mission.

Navigation Nugget #1 – Master the Compass Rose

Navigation Nugget #2 – Landmarks and Bearings

Navigation Nugget #3 - Triangulation

30 points total.

- 10pts. for speed (10pts. for 1st, 8pts. for 2nd, 6pts. for 3rd, 4pts. for 4th, 2pts. for 5th).
- 15pts. for successfully completing all 3 Navigation Nuggets (5pts. each)
- 5pts. for scout spirit (5pts. for high, 3pts. for medium, 1pt. for low).

Scout Event #4 - Ice Rescue and First Aid

This is combined to make one event where the Troop/Patrol will answer questions on Hypothermia, how to perform CPR, How to Stop Bleeding, and Treatment for Shock.

The Troop/Patrol must then demonstrate the use of a human chain to rescue a person use the bowline to throw a rope to rescue a person on ice or in the water after the rescue they find the survivor can't walk, find out what is the injury and treat the injury, secure the patient and transport to Medical Facility.

30 points total

- 2pts. 2 questions on hypothermia (1 pt. each).
- 2pts. 2 questions on CPR (1 pt. each).
- 2pts. 2 questions on how to stop bleeding (1 pt. each).
- 2pts. 2 questions on treatment for shock (1 pt. each).
- 3pts. demonstrate proper human chain rescue.
- 3pts. demonstrate proper bowline throw.
- 2pts. demonstrate proper victim transport.
- 9pts. for speed (9pts. for 1st place, 6pts. for 2nd place, 3pts. for 3rd place).
- 5pts. scout spirit (5pts. for high, 3pts. for medium, 1pt. for low).

Scout Event #5 - Ice Fishing

Troops/Patrols must construct a flagpole with a weighted knot at the end of the pole (the weighted knot must be heavy enough to trip a mouse trap). They must work together to: Use round lashings to tie together three (3) poles to construct a flagpole. Make a weighted knot and tie it to the end of the pole with 4 feet of rope between the pole and the weighted knot. Working as a team, extend the flagpole to trip a mouse trap with the weighted knot. There will be a 10-foot space between the standing line and the mouse traps area that can't be touched. If any Scouts or poles touch any of the 10-foot area, it will signal the end of the event and that Troop/Patrol will only be awarded the points earned up until that point.

40 points total (30 + *10 bonus)

- 4pts. trip mouse trap (1pt. each trap).
- 12pts. proper lashings (3pts. each).
- 9pts. for speed (9pts. for 1st place, 6pts. for 2nd place, 3pts. for 3rd place).
- 5pts. scout spirit (5pts. for high, 3pts. for medium, 1pt. for low).
- *10 bonus pts. for construction of proper monkey-fist

Sled sample:

