Pine Hill District Klondike

Participants Guide

**2025**

Klondike Committee

Pine Hill District – Garden State Council

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**January 24th-26th**



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# Welcome to Klondike 2025

Welcome to the annual Pine Hill District Klondike Derby. We are modifying the format that we had last year a bit. Hopefully it will provide for better flow and more time for activities.

We are also pleased to encourage well prepared Webelos Scouts to participate!

# General Information

The information in this participant guide may change before the actual event. Final instructions for completing the Klondike will be provided Saturday morning if any changes are to take place.

## Contact Information

### Address

Pine Hill Scout Reservation

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| Official Address | GPS Address for Cub Field |
| 12 Watsontown New Freedom Rd, Berlin, NJ 08009 | 120 Watsontown-New Freedom Rd. Berlin NJ, 08009 |

### Emergency Numbers

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# Klondike Schedule

## Friday

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| **Time** | **Event** | **Location** |
| 4:00 – 8:00 pm | Check-In | Webster Lodge |
| 8:30-9:30 pm | Mayor’s Meeting | Lekau Lodge |

## Saturday

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| **Time** | **Event** | **Location** |
| 7:00- 8:00 am | Registration open | Webster Lodge |
| 7:30 – 8:30 am | Sled Inspection | Cub Field |
| 8:30 – 8:45 am | Morning Colors | Cub field |
| 9:00 – 9:30 am | Rotation 1 | Follow map to your assigned town |
| 9:40 – 10:10 am | Rotation 2 | Follow map to your assigned town |
| 10:20– 10:50 am | Rotation 3 | Follow map to your assigned town |
| 11:00 –11:30 pm | Rotation 4 | Follow map to your assigned town |
| **11:30 –12:30 pm** | **Lunch** | **Camp site or General area’s** |
| 12:40 – 1:10 pm | Rotation 5 | Follow map to your assigned town |
| 1:20 – 1:50 pm | Rotation 6 | Follow map to your assigned town |
| 2:00 – 2:30 pm | Rotation 7 | Follow map to your assigned town |
| 2:40 – 3:10 pm | Rotation 8 | Follow map to your assigned town |
| 3:20- 3:40 pm | Rotation 9 | Follow Map to your assigned town |
| 3:45—4:30 PM | Make Up Rotation |  |
| **4:00– 6:00 pm** | **Dinner** | **Individual Campsites** |
| 6:00 – 8:00 pm | Closing Ceremony, Results and Troop Skits | Camp Fire Pit |
| 8:00 – 10:00 pm | Camp Time | Individual Camp Sites |
| 10:00 pm | Lights out |  |

## Sunday

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| **Time** | **Event** | **Location** |
| 11:00 am | Check-out by 11:00 am | Webster Lodge |
| 9:00 am – 11:00 am | Clean-up | Camp Wide |

# General Information

## Check-In

All Troops will enter camp through cub field. Check in will be at Webster Lodge

* Final Roster of Troop
* Final Sled Roster
* Any outstanding Klondike fees
* Soup cans for Commissioners’ Soup. Reds and Chickens ***No “Cream of” soups***. Once can per Scout.

## Vehicle Traffic

For the safety of the youth participating in the Klondike, vehicle traffic will be restricted to foot traffic during the event. 1 trailer will be permitted per troop in each campsite (conditions permitting). All other vehicles will be required to park outside cub field.

Inspection tours will occur after the Leaders meeting and points will be awarded to each sled for compliance with the Vehicle restrictions. Points will be deducted from each sled in the troop for any unauthorized vehicle traffic during the event.

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| Day | Authorized Vehicle Traffic Times |
| Friday | Morning till 8:00 PM |
| Saturday | **None** |

## Klondike Leadership Headquarters

Webster Lodge will be the Headquarters of the Klondike Staff. Anyone needing information or contact with the event staff can either go to Webster Lodge or call 732-778-2387.

## First Aid

First Aid is available at Webster Lodge throughout the event. A volunteer EMT will staff the First Aid Station for any needs.

If anyone that feels they need to warm up more than they can during the events are welcome to stop in with their buddy and warm up at Webster Lodge. Event staff and scoutmasters are expected to send scouts and their buddies to the Webster Lodge if they suspect that the scout is beginning to suffer from hypothermia or other cold related injuries.

(**See Scout Handbook for Cold Weather injuries**)

## Leaders Orientation

Scoutmasters, Senior Patrol Leaders, and their buddies will check in at Webster Lodge on Friday evening from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm to receive their Klondike Competitors packets and event schedules. Unit Rosters will be due at this time and all scouts on camp must be accounted for.

Soup cans will be collected at this time.

There will be a **leaders orientation at 8:30 pm on Friday January 24th** at Lekau Lodge. Any updates or schedule changes will be presented then.

## Arrow of Light Scouts

AOL’s are encouraged to participate. AOL’s may either arrive on Saturday morning before colors or camp overnight with their troop. AOL’s who camp overnight must have their parent (or other adult family member) camping with them. The Adult responsible for the Webelos can have no other responsibilities with a troop. They will ensure that the Webelos is prepared for the winter camping experience.

**AOLs cannot participate in Range and Target Activities during the weekend**.

## Participant Patches

* Each participant and registered leader will receive a patch.
* Additional Patches may be purchased for $ 3.00 per patch (based on availability)

## Trading Post

The Trading Post will be open several times during the event. The schedule will be as follows:

Friday - 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Saturday - 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

## Commissioners Soup and Hot Chocolate

Commissioners soup will be ready and warm throughout the day at Lekau Lodge.

Hot chocolate stations will be available at the following location: Lekau Lodge?Sled Scoring

Most competition events will award up to 25 points. The awarding of points is completely up to the judgment of the Mayor running the event and will be made in the following areas. ***Adult coaching at events is strictly forbidden. 3 is the base score with points added or subtracted based on effort, leadership, knowledge, skill and enthusiasm totaling no more than 5 per category..***

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| Scoring Area | Points |
| Teamwork/Communication | 5 |
| Leadership/communication | 5 |
| Scout Spirit | 5 |
| Scout Skills | 10 |
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## Best Decorative Sled and Best Flag

An award will be presented to the sled that is the most creative/decorated sled and Best Flag. One award will be presented for this sled.

## Do a good turn daily

Event staff will have additional points to award to sleds found showing scout spirit by doing spontaneous good turns around the camp.

## Klondike Sleds

Most Troops already have sleds on hand. There are no wheels allowed. If you are a first timer or need to replace a sled, here are some links to recommended designs. There are a maximum of **8** Scouts per sled.

<http://www.scouters.us/homesle.html>

<http://foxvalleytfc.org/flyers_docs/Klondike_sled_plan.pdf>

# Partial Klondike Competition Events Summary

### Knots & Lashings Challenge

Knowledge of the basic Scout knots and then some will be needed to complete this unique challenge. A handbook or knot book may be useful. How are your lashing skills? Can you make a flagpole? Can you create a tripod for cooking? Can you make a camp gadget? Stop by and test your skills!!!

### Wilderness Survival Challenge

Just what it says, survive outdoors with what’s available

### Fire Challenge

Remember your Firem’n Chit? Let’s just see about that. And it’s more than just building a fire!!!

### First Aid Challenge

Here’s a chance to use your acquired Tenderfoot, 2nd class, and 1st class, first aid skills in a number of different scenarios. Be prepared!

### Team Work Challenge (multiple stations)

Teamwork is essential in Klondike, but especially here. Listen carefully and think before you act.

### Map & Compass/Orienteering Challenge

Hope you have a compass. Try not to get lost here!

### Shooting Sports

How good is your aim in the cold. Yes, the firing range will be open!

### Hatchet Throwing

Count your fingers and toes, sharp objects will be flying!

# Sled Rotations

During check in a sled packet will be assigned for each sled. This packet will contain a specific rotation of which towns you are to go to and when. Sleds will not be allowed into a town early or after their allotted times. At the end of the day there is a designated time (3:10-4:00 pm) for sleds to make up any towns they were unable to make due to unforeseen circumstances.

# Additional Klondike Events

## Camping Overnight

Each sled team that camps in tents overnight will earn credit towards the council Winter Camping Award.

## AOLs, they may turn Blue, but are worth Gold!

Each sled can invite AOLs onto their sled.

# Other Activities

## Troop time

Take an opportunity to change, warm-up in your campsites.

# Closing and Camp Fire Ceremony

At the end of the competition, each sled will send the “sled leader” and a buddy to Webster lodge to turn in the score sheet for their sled. During that time, Troops will be able to stow their sleds and gear. Once completed, all troops will return to the campfire pit, by 6:00 pm, for the Closing Camp Fire Ceremony. Any troops wishing to perform a skit, a cheer, or a song will be invited to participate. If your troop is interested, let us know at registration and we’ll put you on the list. The Campfire will conclude with a reading of the poem “The Cremation of Sam McGee”.

# Sled Packing List

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| Check | Item | Quantity |
|  | Patrol Flag (on pole) | 1 per sled |
|  | Extra Socks | 1 pair for each scout |
|  | First Aid Kit (recommended)   * Adhesive Bandages * Gauze * Tape * Mole Skin * Ace Bandages * Scissors * Paper * Pencil * “Hot Hands” * Emergency Blanket * Emergency Poncho * Mirror | 1 per sled |
|  | Water bottle | 1 per scout |
|  | Matches | 1 pack |
|  | Tinder/Kindling | Sufficient for 1 fire |
|  | Drinking/Soup Cup | 1 per scout |
|  | Staves 6 foot length | 3 per sled |
|  | Blanket | 1 per sled |
|  | 50 ‘ Rope | 1 per sled |
|  | 6 ‘ Rope | 1 per scout |
|  | Jute | 1 roll |
|  | Clipboard with protective cover | 1 per sled |
|  | Hatchet (with axe guard) | 1 per sled |
|  | Knife (folding) | 1 per scout with Totin’ Chit |
|  | Totin’ Chit Card | At least 1 |
|  | Dry Towel | 1 per scout |
|  | Rain Gear (Poncho, garbage bag, etc.) | 1 per scout |
|  | Scout Handbook | 1 per sled |
|  | Field Book | 1 per sled |
|  | Compass | 1 per scout |
|  | Small Shovel | 1 per sled |
|  | Tarp (at least 7’ x 9’) | 1 per sled |