



Crossroads District - Garden State Council - Scouting America

KLONDIKE DERBY WEEKEND

"THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE!"

JANUARY 15TH - 17TH, 2027

Pine Hill Scout Reservation

120 Watsonstown New Freedom Road. Pine Hill, NJ 08021

CAN YOUR SCOUTS SURVIVE 2 NIGHTS AND 3 DAYS OF WINTER CAMPING?

The Crossroads District Klondike is a three-day, two-night winter camping experience designed to challenge Scouts through outdoor skills, teamwork, leadership, and cold-weather preparedness. This full-weekend event immerses participants in authentic Winter Camping Conditions, reinforcing the values and resilience of Scouting.

Program Highlights

Klondike Derby & Trekker Challenge — Saturday

Saturday features two major competitive events:

Klondike Derby

- Traditional sled-based competition across nine skill stations.
- Ideal for Scouts working toward **First Class Rank**.

Trekker Challenge

- A high-adventure backpack trek for Scouts **First Class and above**, competing in teams of 2–3 with no more than two years' age difference.
- Each Trekker carries gear on a **homemade pack frame**.

The day concludes with a **camp-wide campfire**, celebrating Scout Spirit, fellowship, and the accomplishments of all participants.

Event Competitions

Standard Derby Sled Run

Scouts construct a sled prior to the event and pull it through a nine-station course testing essential Scouting skills.

Teams earn points at each station; the **highest-scoring team** wins the Derby.

Backpack Trek (Trekksers)

Designed for experienced Scouts, this trek emphasizes endurance, navigation, winter survival, and leadership.

Trekksers must carry all personal and team gear using a **homemade pack frame**, demonstrating preparedness and ingenuity.

Webelos & Arrow of Light Participation

Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts are invited to attend **Saturday only** and compete in a dedicated **Webelos/AOL classification**.

Troops are encouraged to **sponsor Packs**, providing younger Scouts with a meaningful introduction to the teamwork, leadership, and adventure they will experience upon crossing over into Scouts BSA.

Growing the Promise of Scouting

Troops may invite **prospective Scouts** to participate in Saturday's Derby Sled Run.

With proper winter gear, recruits may optionally join the **full weekend campout** with their sponsoring Troop.

This is an opportunity to showcase the excitement, camaraderie, and real outdoor adventure that Scouting offers.

Lunch Break

11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Troops are **strongly encouraged** to have **Scouts cook lunch**, reinforcing outdoor cooking skills and youth leadership. Adult-prepared meals are discouraged.

Registration & Fees

Units registering **between August 1, 2026 and November 30, 2026** may attend the event **free of charge**.

Registrations received **on or after December 1, 2026** will incur a **\$5 fee per Scout**.

Campsite Assignment

Campsites are assigned based on **Hosted Station Route placement**.

All other campsite allocations are determined by **unit size**, **attendance needs**, and the discretion of the **Klondike Governor**.

QUESTIONS?: Contact:

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