

Description: Gold Rush is an outdoor event for teams of Cub Scouts. The theme for this event is based on the Great California Gold Rush. The Cub Scouts are encouraged to do their best in fun activities at a series of towns (stations), where they will be awarded a claim of "gold nuggets" based on their performance. The format is like the Klondike Derby for older Scouts, but the Cub Scouts bring a covered wagon instead of a sled.

Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020 Light Rain or Shine -- Cancelled for severe weather;
Go / No Go decision will be made and communicated on Friday morning, April 3

Schedule:

- 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Set up towns
- 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Check-in for Cub Scouts
- 9:00 AM - 9:15 AM Opening Ceremony and Instructions
- 9:15 AM - 11:45 AM Gold Rush!!!
- 11:45 AM - 12:00 noon Tally & Awards
- 12:00 noon - 12:30 PM Clean-up

Location: Moravian Pottery and Tile Works, 130 E. Swamp Road (SR 313), Doylestown PA

Parking: Please be helpful by carpooling – parking is limited; No parking in Fonthill Castle lot

Prizes:

- Patch for each registered Cub Scout (others will be able to purchase a patch for \$3)
- Ribbon for each Pack that participates
- Prizes for the expedition teams awarded the most nuggets
- Prizes for the teams with the best covered wagons
- Prizes for the most Theme-Oriented Towns
- Prizes for the Cub Scouts' favorite Towns

Cost: \$15 for each Cub Scout (\$20 after March 31), FREE for Pack adults and Town volunteers

Registration: <https://bsawcc.org/event/toh-gold-rush-2/> (limited to first 18 teams registered)

Pets? No pets

Information for Participating Cub Scout Packs:

- Packs may enter any number of **expedition teams** comprised of **6 to 12 Cub Scouts**.
- Each expedition team must be accompanied by **at least two (2) adults** from their Pack.
- Each expedition team will bring their own **Covered Wagon**.
 - These wagons could be built from scratch or be decorated little red wagons
- Each expedition team will be given a map to guide them to a series of towns (stations)
- At each town, the expedition team will engage in an activity for 15-20 minutes and will be awarded a claim of "gold nuggets" based on the team's performance

Information for those hosting Towns (stations)

- Towns
 - Stations will be called “Towns”
 - Towns will be hosted by Scouting units (Troops, Crews, Posts, and perhaps Packs)
 - Each town will be governed by a Mayor (if a youth, mentored by an adult)
 - The name of each town will be provided to the unit hosting the town
- Activity
 - Each unit hosting a town will be responsible for developing an *age-appropriate* and fun activity that will test the Cub Scouts.
 - 1 to 3 teams totaling up to 18 Cub Scouts may be at your town at the same time.
 - Each town is responsible for providing the materials and people that will be necessary for the activity they are hosting.
- Duration
 - Expedition teams of Cub Scouts will have 15-20 minutes at each town, depending on the number of towns and teams. A final schedule will be provided on the day of the event. There will be between 6 and 8 rotations.
- Theme
 - The towns should be made as theme-oriented as possible. This may include the activity name, instructions given, clothes worn, signs displayed, or props used.
- Set up
 - Towns need to be set up between 7:30 AM and 8:30 AM.
 - There will be a **mandatory Mayors’ meeting at 8:00 AM** at the scoring tent.
 - No motorized vehicles will be permitted to drive on the grass, so be prepared to manually transport any materials needed from the parking lot.
 - Be Prepared – you may want to have canopies or tents in case of rain or heat
- Scoring
 - Each town will be responsible for awarding each expedition team a claim of between 1 and 5 “gold nuggets” (supplied) based on the team’s performance
 - Each town is responsible for creating consistent scoring criteria
 - Most awards should be kept between 2 and 4 nuggets.
 - Awards of 5 nuggets should be reserved for those teams demonstrating superior knowledge, skill, or Scout spirit.
 - Awards of only 1 nugget should be rare, and only in those cases where the Cub Scouts are not attempting to “Do Your Best”
 - Remember – the goal is for the Scouts to have fun. Yes, it is a competition, but in a good-natured way.
 - Each town will be responsible for recording the number of nuggets awarded to each expedition team and reporting scores to the scoring table *immediately after each rotation* using a smartphone (instructions will be provided). This will avoid the need to count nuggets at the end, so that awards can be handled out quickly.