

KLONDIKE DERBY

TOHICKON DISTRICT

WASHINGTON CROSSING COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

January 28, 2023

THE MAIN CAMP SIDE

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OCKANICKON SCOUT RESERVATION

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It is time once again to load up the sleds, harness the dog team and head for the Arctic Tundra and frozen trails of Camp Ockanickon for the annual Klondike Derby competition. Sled registration will be held at Dawson City with check-in and inspection at Anchorage early (8:00am) Saturday morning. During this Registration Time and Sled Inspection, a sled leader orientation will be held on the porch of Foster Dining Hall. That meeting will begin at 8:30am to review the day and discuss any last-minute changes or instructions will be given - plan on attending that meeting. The Derby will start promptly at 9:00am.

Saturday, January 28, 2023
Ockanickon Scout Reservation
Point Pleasant, PA

Possible Events

Scout/Patrol Challenge, Pioneering, Orienteering, Cooking, Ice Rescue,
Emergency Preparedness, Fire Building, OA Challenge, First Aid

Tohickon District Klondike Derby Unit Participation

Yes, Troop/Crew/Post _____ has _____ sleds to enter in the competition.

There will be _____ scouts participating. There will be _____ adults registering.

Registered 11/10 – 1/13: _____ scouts X \$15 = _____ : _____ adults X \$5 = _____ Total _____

Registered 1/16 – 1/23: _____ scouts X \$20 = _____ : _____ adults X \$10 = _____ Total _____

Each registration will include the 2023 Klondike Patch for each registered participant or adult

Extra patches may be purchased: _____ X \$3 = _____

<https://bsawcc.org/event/toh-klondike-derby-2023/>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mike Paradiso at 215-766-9399 or mikeparadiso76@gmail.com or Don Woodling at 215-766-0281, or drwoodling@verizon.net.

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To All Tohickon District Scouts and Scouters:

In 1897, the ‘Cry of Gold’ sent over 10,000 men on a mad dash across the Alaskan wilderness to an area in the Yukon Territory in Canada, known as the Klondike. The long trek through forest, over mountains, and across rivers was a real test of man and beast, not only of each man’s strength but also of his wilderness skills, his determination and his ability to work with others as a team. Of the total number who started, only 2,000 made it to the Klondike area and only a few of these stayed long enough to strike it rich.

The **Klondike Derby** gives us, as Scouts, the opportunity to experience the trials and tribulations on the Klondike Trail. As a patrol, you and your teams will have a chance to demonstrate some of the skills and team work that made the 1898 Yukon Gold Rush a colorful part of American history.

In addition to being fun, this event should be a learning experience. We are encouraging Scouts and Webelos Scouts to use the **Scout Handbook** as a resource, where appropriate. We hope to capture some real flavor of the Klondike. Try to emphasize the hardship men faced and the importance of *being prepared*.

Welcome to the **2023 Klondike Derby**. We sincerely hope each unit will participate in this great annual event. **This year, we will return to what has been called the Traditional Klondike Derby as the Scouts will once again load up their Klondike Derby Sleds and muscle them from town to town to handle the various challenges they will face.** The attached program has been prepared to provide you with basic information necessary to complete your registration and the Rules and Regulations, which will govern the conduct of the event on Derby Day. You will note the material is very vague on actual programs and data; it does not speak directly to the nature of the field problems. This emphasizes the importance of *being prepared* without knowing exactly what will happen. We request that all “Mayors” of Klondike towns (stations) be fair to all Scouts by consistent scoring, elimination of value judgments, and not discussing the problems before the event.

To all units, Scouts and Scouters who plan to help or participate, we extend our thanks. Remember, we do it all for you, the **finest Scouts and Scouters** in the world. Without you, there would not be a Klondike Derby or a reason to have one.

Have a great derby and good luck!

Sincerely,

Tohickon District Klondike Derby Staff

*** Key Points to Remember ***

The safety of all of our participants is a top priority for Scouting. The Klondike Derby Staff is in alignment with this and would like to provide a positive experience for all participants. For this reason, the goals of this event are: Safety, Sportsmanship, Skill proficiency and fun. For this reason, the following rules are included in this packet to be reviewed with all participants and adhered to:

1. **Health** - Although many restrictions due to the recent pandemic have been relaxed, COVID and other respiratory infections continue to be a reality, especially during the winter months. If a Scout or Adult is not feeling well the day of the Derby and believes that they may have a cold, we ask that they stay at home and not expose the other participants to their illness.
2. **Dress Appropriately** - The weather in January can vary greatly from week to week and day to day. All scouts need to be prepared by reviewing and anticipate the needs for Derby Day. Although the ground may be frozen with no snow, **NO SNEAKER ARE PERMITTED!** With few exceptions the Derby is held regardless of weather conditions. Dress properly! Any Scout improperly dressed will not be permitted to participate. Warm clothes, hats and gloves are appropriate for January. Make sure each Scout dresses warmly.
3. **Electronic Devices** - All Scout and WEBELOS participants shall not possess any electronic device (Cell phone, two-way radio, game boy, etc.) during the event. Leave such items in the car or with an adult leader. Failure to obey will result in disqualification of the sled.
4. **Cameras** – Adults are permitted to take pictures of the Scouts and WEBELOS participating from their own unit but refrain from taking pictures of Scouts or WEBELOS from other units, this is BSA policy.
5. **Attendance** – participants that arrive late or leave early need to inform their Unit's Leader so that the Derby Staff can locate them should there be an emergency.
6. **Medical** - Medical care for all participants will be available all day at the Klondike Hospital. The location of the Klondike Hospital will be announced during the opening of the Derby. All Unit Leaders are requested to have a copy of the BSA Health Form for each Scout Participant should it be needed. The Derby Staff will not need a copy.

General Information

1. OPEN TO ALL TOHICKON DISTRICT SCOUT TROOPS, VENTURING CREWS AND SECOND YEAR WEBELOS CUB SCOUTS. It is recommended that WEBELOS Scouts be integrated into individual Scout patrols in order to participate in a true learning experience, rather than participate as a total WEBELOS manned sled.
2. PATROLS: Each patrol in a Unit may enter a sled in the competition with a **maximum of 8 Scouts**.
3. RECOGNITION:
 - * Embroidered Klondike Derby Patch
 - * Participation Ribbon for each Unit and Patrol
 - * Klondike Participation Certificate for each Patrol
 - * Trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Patrol Overall Winners
 - * **NEW Award** – Most Outstanding Sled Spirit
4. OVERNIGHT CAMPING: Overnight Camping will be allowed this year. All reservations must be made separately through the Scout Office in Doylestown
5. WATER is available outside Foster Dining Hall and Totem Lodge on Derby Day.
6. TRADING POST is located at the Silver Slipper on Derby Day – a new menu that complies with BSA Policy will be available.
7. MAYORS' MEETING: **All Mayors for the Klondike derby will meet at 8:15am Derby Day on the porch of the Foster Dining Hall.** Town name signs and Scoring Sheets along with instructions, last minute announcements and addressing any questions will be made during this short meeting.
8. LUNCH: This is also returning as a scored event and a menu to be followed will be available in January Roundtable that will include the ingredients for Lunch by each sled.
9. REGISTRATION AREA: Registration will be at the front of the Welcome Center near the Foster Dining Hall. This is the first place to stop, report in (see below) and receive your sled number. You will also receive the Scoring Sheets, Event Map and Sled Agenda for each Registered Sled.
10. TROOP REGISTRATION: This will be completed by the Senior Patrol Leader who will report and supply a prepared list of:
 - the number of sleds (patrols) participating from their unit (Units can have multiple sleds)
 - the names of Scouts and Webelos Scouts (**maximum of 8 Scouts per sled**) participating from their unit
 - the names of adults Leaders attending for each Troop (minimum of 2 registered Scouting Adults is needed) from their unit
11. SLED CHECK-IN: When the Senior Patrol Leader has completed registration of all of the Sleds from their unit, all of the sleds should immediately go to the Parade Field located in front of the Camp Office for sled check-in. Sled Leaders should then contact one of the adults who are performing the gear check and request that their check-in begin. Once a sled has completed its check-in, additional items are not permitted to be added to the sled.
12. FEES: Fees are based on when you register your Scouts. There is an on time as well as a late registration fee. We encourage early registration.

13. ADULTS/VISITORS: The Derby Staff encourages adults to attend the event and observe their Scouts and WEBELOS in action. Adults **may not** coach Patrols during the derby. The Klondike is a test of leadership skills and the skills of the SCOUTS. Please remember, **NO SMOKING**.

14. EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR EACH PATROL (as this year the Sled is included, this list is different from last year's event):

- a. Klondike sled, towing harness, rope/twine to secure articles
- b. Patrol flag that is displayed on the sled
- c. Four Scout staves, or 4 poles - 6' long by 2" diameter
- d. Patrol cook kit and a Dutch oven
- e. Patrol chef kit
- f. 8 each, 10' lengths of rope (not twine or string)
- g. Plastic bag for trash (**All trash is to be taken home by each Patrol.**)
- h. Adequate rain gear for each Scout
(Water repellent, water proof or water-resistant jackets are not acceptable as rain gear)
- i. Eating utensils and adequate mess gear for each scout
- j. Clean-up materials for the noon meal
- k. 8 quarts of water (minimum) for cooking and clean up, water is available at Totem lodge
- l. 2 blankets and 1 sleeping bag per sled
- m. Patrol first aid kit
- n. Water proof matches, flint and steel or metal match
- o. Compass (at least 3 per sled), notebook paper and pen or pencil
- p. Axe or hatchet for wood at fire building
(Each Scout using these tools must have their Tote-n-Chit with them)
- q. New (latest edition) Scout handbook
- r. 6' measuring tape (minimum)
- s. Canvas or poly sheet goods equivalent to a 16' x 12' dining fly
- t. 2 lengths of 2x4's 12-18 inches long
- u. Heat resistant or fire-retardant gloves for fire and hot pots
- v. An American flag

This is a minimum equipment list. Any or all of the listed items may be requested at the initial or final inspection. A food list and any additional equipment items required will be furnished at the January Scout Roundtable.

15. TEAM REGULATIONS:

- a. An appropriate Klondike Derby sled must be used
- b. Patrols may include second year Webelos Scouts but a sled may not exceed 8 scouts under any circumstance. Scouts in excess of 8 **may not "tag along"**.
- c. Senior Patrols or Leadership Corps are considered a patrol and are permitted to enter.
- d. All patrol members must wear gloves to prevent rope chaffing and frost bite.
- e. Scout Spirit shall be the order of the day. Mayors of each station will be instructed to refer persons and/or Patrols, which do not exhibit Scout spirit to the Klondike Committee for appropriate action. Disciplinary action for sufficient cause can result in total disqualification of a sled for a complete station or the Derby itself.
- f. Sleds are not permitted to leave the station early. All Sleds must wait for the signal to depart each station.

17. SLED SPECIFICATIONS: Metal runners are permitted provided the metal used is safe as determined by the inspection judge. **Sleds on wheels are not permitted.**

18. FOOD – LUNCH: Once again, this is a scored event for the Scouts and WEBELOS participants. At the January Roundtable, a Menu of ingredients will be distributed. This list will then be used to make the meal on Derby Day. That meal is for the Youth participants only. Adults will need to bring their own lunch and will not be eating with the youth participants.

19. RESPONSIBILITY: Scouts participating in the Derby have a responsibility to their sled Patrol. Accordingly, participating Scouts and Webelos Scouts will not be allowed to frequent the Trading Post until the Derby is completed.

20. MAP: Event Map will be distributed Derby Day during registration.

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Start Time	Description	End Time
7:00am	Town Mayors to set up their towns – one vehicle to drive in – must exit by 7:45am	8:00am
8:00am	Sled Registration – Welcome Center	8:55am
8:15am	Town Mayors Meeting – Porch of Foster Dining Hall	8:30am
8:30am	Sled Leaders Meeting – Porch of Foster Dining Hall	8:45am
9:00am	All Towns – site preparations completed	9:00am
9:00am	Opening and Flag Ceremony	9:15am
9:15am	Travel to Station #1	9:20am
9:20am	First Station Event	9:55am
9:55am	Travel to Stations #2	10:00am
10:00am	Second Station Event	10:35am
10:35am	Travel to Station #3	10:40am
10:40am	Third Station Event	11:15am
11:15am	Travel to Station #4	11:20am
11:20am	Fourth Station Event	11:55pm
11:55am	Travel to Lunch	12:00noon
12:00noon	Lunch (Event #5)	1:50pm
1:50pm	Travel to Station #6	1:55pm
1:55pm	Sixth Station Event	2:30pm
2:30pm	Travel to Station #7	2:35pm
2:35pm	Seventh Station Event	3:10pm
3:10pm	Travel to Station #8	3:15pm
3:15pm	Eighth Station Event	3:50pm
3:50pm	Travel to Parade Field in Front of Camp Office for Check-out	3:55pm
3:55pm	Check-out	4:15pm
4:15pm	Closing Ceremony, Awards and Flag Retirement	4:30pm
4:30pm	End of 2023 Klondike Derby	

Town Mayors:

- turn in all score sheets to Mike Paradiso during Check out time at front of the Parade Field
- clean up site during Check out time
- Vehicles allowed back into camp for gear after 4:45pm when Scouts have left the main camp side

Remember a Scout is.....

Register early (by January 20) to take advantage of the Early Discount.
REMEMBER a Scout is Thrifty - a Unit can always add more names after the 20th but even at the higher price, the Early Discount means savings for the Troop.

Review your outdoor and leadership skills and Be Prepared! **Remember a Scout is Brave.** Are you ready to take on the various challenges you will encounter?

Avoid the rush for Check-in and Sled Check-in by getting to the camp by 8:00am so that your sled is ready to go. **Remember a Scout is Loyal** – by getting there early, you and your sled mates can review the event Map to know where you are going and get there on time for the next event as you only have 5 minutes to travel from one event to the next.

Registration is at the Welcome Center. Be sure to have a pre-printed list of all participants from your sled to hand in at that time.
REMEMBER a Scout is Helpful - this will make your Check-in easier and faster for those individuals checking you in and you as well.

There is a new Award and Honor that has been incorporated into the Event – Sled Spirit Award.
REMEMBER a Scout is Friendly, Kind and Cheerful. These are some of the criteria that the town Mayors will be looking for during your time at their stations. This TEAM award (Together Everyone Achieves More) is a demonstration of teamwork and spirit.

Registration is at the Welcome Center. Be sure to have a pre-printed list of all participants from your sled to hand in at that time.
REMEMBER a Scout is Courteous - this will make your Check-in easier and faster for those individuals checking you in and you as well.

Have you reviewed the Rules for the Klondike Derby as noted in this booklet? **REMEMBER a Scout is both Trustworthy and Obedient.** There are rules that have been established to help keep you and your teammates safe: Are you healthy? Will you dress appropriately? Will you communicate to your Troop Leaders when arriving or departing the event? Will you leave all electronic devices at home or in the car? Your safety is our #1 priority.

Are you ready to follow the Outdoor Code and pick-up after yourself and others. **REMEMBER a Scout is Clean.** We should always be looking to leave our Camp cleaner than when we found it so that it is ready for the next group.



There is a Sled Leader's meeting at 8:30am on the porch of the Foster Dining Hall. **REMEMBER a Scout is Reverent** - Being on time is a demonstration of respect and being courteous to the other participants. To get credit for attending this meeting you must be there on time as this meeting is short and to the point. Please fill out this card with your Name, Sled Number and Sled Patrol Name to help track those that attended.

Name: _____ Sled #: _____ Patrol Name: _____

Hope to see you at the Spring Camporee in May!