

# **KLONDIKE DERBY**

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**OCKANICKON SCOUT RESERVATION**

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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, a chance to experience the trials and tribulations on the Klondike Trail. As a patrol, you will have an opportunity to demonstrate some of the skills and teamwork 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 **2022 Klondike Derby**. We sincerely hope each unit will participate in this great annual event.

**This year, there will be a unique difference to the event. Imagine if you were part of the 1897 Cry for Gold but somehow lost your sled and sled dog team in an avalanche. How would you survive? What would you do? You would have to survive without those items and as a team, carry all your tools and items to survive. This year for the first time – The Tohickon District will hold a Sledless Klondike. Scouts will not need their traditional sleds but will need to carry all their items on the backs or their hands as they travel the Klondike.**

The attached program has been revised and 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 Sledless 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. All town “Mayors” of Klondike stations will be fair to all Scouts by consistent scoring, elimination of value judgments, and not discussing the problems before the event. Unlike last year’s event, this year, the Scouts will travel around the circuit visiting and being challenge in each town they encounter. The Mayors will have their towns set up and will wait until each Team arrives to explain the challenges that they will encounter at the stop.

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

## \* Please Remember \*

All 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.

## 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 patrol.
2. PATROLS: Each patrol from a Troop in the competition may have up to a maximum of 8 scouts.
3. RECOGNITION:
  - \* Embroidered Klondike Derby Patch
  - \* Participation Ribbon for each Troop and Patrol
  - \* Klondike Participation Certificate for each Patrol
  - \* Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Patrol Overall Winners
5. WATER is available outside the Foster dining hall and Totem Lodge on Derby day.
6. TRADING POST is located at the Silver Slipper on Derby day.
7. MAYORS' MEETING: **All Mayors for the Klondike Derby will meet at 8 AM Derby day.**
8. LUNCH: Adults, staff and visitors may obtain lunch at the Silver Slipper Trading Post.
9. REGISTRATION AREA: Registration will be at Dawson City.
10. TROOP REGISTRATION: This will be completed by the **Senior Patrol Leader** who will report the number of patrols participating, the Patrol Name, a list of the names of the Scouts and Webelos Scouts (**maximum of 8 Scouts per patrol**), and the number of adults registering. The Patrol Leaders will be required to attend a **mandatory orientation at 8:46 AM at the flagpole**, during which scoring and routine directions will be given.
11. SLED CHECK-IN: Registration and sled check-in will begin at 8 AM. When the patrol leader has completed registration of his patrol, he shall immediately report to a Derby official and request inspection of his Patrol and their equipment. This inspection must be completed by 8:45 AM. Upon completion of registration and inspection, all Patrols are to be moved to the designated starting area.
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: All are welcome. Adults may observe their Scouts in action but they **may not** coach Patrols during the derby. The Klondike is a test of leadership skills of the SCOUTS. Please remember, **NO SMOKING.**

#### 14. EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR EACH PATROL:

- a. Patrol flag
- b. Four Scout staves, or 4 poles -6' long by 2" diameter
- c. Patrol chef kit
- d. 8 each, 10' lengths of rope
- e. Plastic bag for trash (**All trash is to be taken home by each Patrol.**)
- f. Adequate rain gear for each Scout – It must be rain gear, ski jackets etc, that are water repellent/resistent are not acceptable
- g. Eating utensils and adequate mess gear for each scout
- h. Clean-up materials for the noon meal
- i. 8 canteens or plastic water bottles with water for cooking and clean up, water is available at Totem lodge
- j. 2 blankets and 1 sleeping bag per sled
- k. Patrol first aid kit
- l. Waterproof matches, flint and steel or metal match
- m. Compass (at least 3), notebook paper and pen or pencil
- n. Axe or hatchet for wood at fire building
- o. New Scout handbook
- p. 6' measuring tape
- q. Canvas or poly sheet goods equivalent to a 16' x 12' dining fly
- r. 2 lengths of 2x4's 12-18 inches long
- s. Heavy (leather or fireproof) gloves for fire and hot pots

There is no need to bring this year:

- Klondike sled, towing harness, rope/twine to secure articles (Leave this home this year – it is not needed)
- a Dutch oven

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. FIRST AID: Medical care for all participants will be available all day at the Klondike Hospital.

#### 16. TEAM REGULATIONS:

- a. A Klondike derby sled or box are not permitted this year.
- b. Patrols may include second year Webelos Scouts but a Patrol may not exceed 8 boys under any circumstance. Boys in excess of 8 **may not “tag along”**. Patrols may combine to form one 8-man patrol when participation is low.
- 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. **No sneakers are permitted!** The derby is held regardless of weather conditions. Dress properly! Any Scout improperly dressed will not be permitted to participate. Make sure each scout dresses warmly.
- f. 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.

17. BACKPACK SPECIFICATIONS: should be large enough to hold the assigned items and the personal items for each Patrol Member.

18. FOOD – LUNCH: Each Patrol will be responsible for its own lunch, which will be prepared at the cooking station. A food list will be provided at January's Roundtable. Instructions and menu will be provided at the cooking station. The meal will be cooked on charcoal, which the District Staff will provide. It is permissible to carry extra hardwood as a fuel supplement. Foraging for firewood on site is permissible at the cooking station.

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

20. MAP: Will be distributed Derby day.

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## 2022

8:00 - 8:45	Patrol registration at Dawson City Patrol check-in at Anchorage
8:46 - 9:00	Patrol leader orientation at flagpole Participation and promptness mandatory ( <b>no make ups</b> )
9:00	Mayors need to have their site preparations completed. Opening Exercises at flagpole
9:10	<b>Start Derby</b> – depart for first city
<b>9:20</b>	Report to first city
9:50	Depart first station for second city
<b>10:00</b>	Report to second city
10:30	Depart second station for third city
<b>10:40</b>	Report to third city
11:10	Depart third station for fourth city
<b>11:20</b>	Report to fourth city
11:50	Depart fourth station for lunch at Fairbanks
<b>NOON</b>	<b>All Patrols will report to Fairbanks for cooking event and lunch.</b>
1:45	Depart Fairbanks for sixth city
<b>1:55</b>	Report to sixth city
2:25	Depart sixth station for seventh city
<b>2:35</b>	Report to seventh city
3:05	Depart seventh station for eighth city
<b>3:15</b>	Report to eighth city
3:45	Depart eighth station for Anchorage and check out Mayors turn in all score sheets to Dawson City
3:55	All patrols must report to Anchorage for check out. Following check out, stow all personal and Troop gear and return to the flagpole for closing.
4:15	<b>Closing</b>

