

Klondike Derby

Friday January 22 to Sunday, January 24, 2010



What is it? The Klondike Derby is a 2-night winter camping event for Scouts, sponsored by BSA - NCAC, to demonstrate their Scouts skills, team work and leadership in solving various problems in a competitive atmosphere. The competitive challenges will be offered at various stations, and performance will be graded for eventual inter-patrol rankings. The Klondike Derby will close with sled races. The races are for fun. Several hundred Scouts will attend from about two dozen troops from the Montgomery County District.

When is it? Friday, January 22 through Sunday, January 24, 2010. As every scout must be registered for the Klondike Derby, **T-255 must know which Scouts will be attending by the end of the Tuesday, January 19th meeting.**

Departure: Meet at CCUMC at 7:00 pm, Friday, January 22, 2010. Return 2:00 pm, Sunday, January 24.



Where is it? The Klondike Derby will be held at **Little Bennett Regional Park**, 23701 Frederick Road, Clarksburg, MD.

What will it cost? \$30.00 – scouts only. Adults free. Make checks payable to “BSA T-255”, and note 2010 Klondike Derby. Checks should be given to Mr. Rose or Mr. Pierce no later than January 19.

Adult Participation: Adults are welcome to camp with the Scouts on this trip. In addition, for those not wishing to experience the challenges of winter camping, adults are needed to help run the various Scout challenge stations on Saturday. No experience is needed for most of the stations, as usually one experienced person is assigned per station. However, these people need help in scoring and mob control. Parents and adult Scout leaders are not permitted to follow their own Scouts. Therefore, participating in running the challenge stations is an opportunity to see your Scout in action. See Mr. Tillman, Mr. Rose or Mr. Pierce for additional information. **Parking:** Parking is limited to 2 cars to camp site – expect to park in the overflow parking lot. Tickets are given.

Additional Information:

- 1) The NCAC web site has a PDF file with lots of additional information <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/registration/calendardetail.asp?orgkey=2185&ActivityKey=621189>
- 2) Each Patrol will have to gather additional material for the Klondike Derby. A list of required materials is attached. Most items should be readily obtainable. Subject of 1/5 and 12 and 19/2010 Troop meetings.
- 3) Park in only approved areas. The police write **tickets**.
- 4) School homework planning: School is off Monday, January 25, 2008: Martin Luther King Holiday.

Special Note on Trash:

All trash must be taken out by the Troop. Park trash cans are not to be used.

Klondike Information:

I. Each patrol will need sleds. As only one carcass remains of previous years' sleds, T-255 will build 3 new sleds during the meetings of January 5, 12 and 19.

II. Klondike is a completion of Scout skills – knots, first aid, fire making, orienteering, survival, team work, leadership, spirit. We will review many of these skills in the 3 meetings prior to the Klondike.

III. Patrols must deposit their survival kits at the designated area by the Nature Center no later than 9:00 PM on **Friday evening**. Do not leave your survival kit unless you or a staff member has labeled it with your Troop number and patrol name. The Survival kits will be judged and scored against the following criteria:

- 1) Visible patrol identification including troop number,
- 2) Portability/compactness/usability, and
- 3) Durability.

The score for the survival kit will count toward the overall Klondike Derby score.



Survival Kit Contents:

Fuel, kindling, Matches and tinder for 2 fires
Bottled Water (1 qt. – each scout has their own)
Pot for cooking (1 qt.)
Duct tape (1 foot)
Compass
Pencils and paper (two sets per patrol member)
Blanket (not space blanket)

Rags (6 or more, useful as bandages, splinting material, and blindfolds) + splints
Rope - at least **12** which are 8 feet or longer, 1 should be 12 feet long
First Aid Kit
Twine (10 feet)
Trash bag
Outside of kit - At least ten (10) staves, each 5' +

Attire: The Scout Uniform is to be worn at all events – and will be checked at the stations for points. Supplement the Scout uniform with additional layers of clothing. One of the most important requirements is knowing how to keep warm and dry. Each individual must know what to wear for winter weather. Winter weather with changing conditions necessitates being prepared for almost any condition. Cold weather camping requires adequate clothing and waterproof boots to protect the camper and yet be versatile enough to prevent sweating during activities and to retain warmth during idle periods. In order to stay warm, Scouts should layer their clothes. A second and third change of inner clothing will be required for a Scout's personal safety and comfort. Wearing damp or wet clothing next to the skin during idle periods, such as at dinner time or at the campfire activities, is a prime time for the body to become cold and could result later in hypothermia. A winter cap or hat is necessary during the day and at night in the sleeping bag. **No tennis shoes/sneakers will be permitted. Campers improperly prepared for the weather will be asked to leave.**

Scoring: Scoring for each station at the Klondike Derby emphasizes the teamwork and the patrol method of the group as opposed to the specific Scouting skill being tested. If a patrol cooperates with each other and shows good Scout spirit, they will do well in the competition no matter how new they are to Scouting. They are rewarded for understanding what Scouting is all about – doing your best. How the patrol is scored at each station:

- 5 points for participation (DOING, not just attending)

- 2 points for Patrol Spirit. (i.e. acting as a group of one and not one of a group)

- 1 point for Patrol yell (unsolicited)

- 1 point for Patrol leadership (does the PL take charge and direct, and make use of his resources)

- 1 point for demonstrating sportsmanship or teamwork



2010 Klondike Derby Schedule

January 22 – 24, 2010

22 Friday

- 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM Registration – Nature Center
- 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Patrols deliver Survival Kit and Sled to OA at the Nature Center
- 9:00 PM – 10:00 PM Orientation – Nature Center (Scoutmaster & SPL only)
- 10:00 PM TAPS – Quiet in Camp. All lights out

23 Saturday

- 7:00 AM – Reveille
- 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Registration-Nature Center
- 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM Breakfast
- 8:45 AM – 8:55 AM Flag Raising
- 9:15 AM Sessions Begin- First station is assigned
- Noon – 1:00 PM **Lunch at patrols' camp sites; Stations closed.**
- 1:00 PM – Stations re-open for afternoon program.
- 4:00 PM – Sessions End
- 4:00 PM – Flag lowering
- 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM Dinner at Troop Campsite
- 7:40 PM – 7:55 PM Dessert Contest - Patrol Leader to submit at the Nature Center
- 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM Campfire & OA Tap-out – Amphitheater
- 9:00 PM – Cracker Barrel – Nature Center (Adult Unit Leaders)
- 10:00 PM TAPS – Quiet in Camp. All lights out.
- 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Webelos Invitation - Registration/Check-in at Entrance Station

24 Sunday

- 7:00 AM – Reveille
- 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 AM – Worship Services – Amphitheater
- 10:00 AM – Sled Races, Games – Loop A Field (Confirm at Fri. Orient.)
- Closing Ceremony – Loop A Field
- 11:00 AM – Site Inspections/Check-Out Begin
- 1:00 PM – Site Inspections & Check-Out COMPLETED – Park will close.

APPROVAL / PERMISSION SLIP

Approval/permission is granted by the parents/guardians of Boy Scout _____ for their son/scout to participate in the activities of Troop 255, Chevy Chase, Maryland, National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. Approval/permission is granted to the adult members of Troop 255 to authorize treatment of the Boy Scout named above in the event of an accident or emergency. Adult members of Troop 255 that authorize treatment of the Boy Scout in the event of an accident or emergency shall be released from any or all liabilities. Local and national tour permits will be obtained by Troop 255 when necessary. This approval/permission is valid for the Friday, January 22 through Sunday, January 24, 2010, Klondike Derby Trip/ Outdoor Camping Activity.

I can drive: Friday, January 22: _____ YES _____ NO

If YES, I can carry _____ scouts including my own.

I can drive: Sunday, January 24: _____ YES _____ NO

If YES, I can carry _____ scouts including my own.

I will camp out on Friday, January 22 _____ YES

I will camp out on Saturday, January 23 _____ YES

I will help score on Saturday, January 23 _____ YES

Parent Signature

Parent Name (Print)

Date

Emergency Cell Phone contact: _____