

The Battlefield District

2024 Klondike Derby Camporee

Leaders Guide



Search for the Spirit

February 16 – 18, 2024

Camp Tuckahoe, 400 Tuckahoe Rd., Dillsburg, PA. 17019

PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE PACKET GENERAL INFORMATION The Battlefield District's Activities Committee presents the 2024 Klondike Derby, "Search for the Spirit" This Camporee is for all WEBELOS/Arrow of Light Dens, Troops, and Crews.

A **Klondike derby** is an annual event held by some Boy Scouts of America and Scouts Canada districts during the winter months and is based on the heritage of the Klondike Gold Rush. BSA units have been running Klondike derbies since 1949. This year will mark the 75th anniversary of the Klondike. The event varies by district, but the typical Klondike derby consists of several stations where patrols/units must test their Scoutcraft skills and their leadership abilities, earning points towards a total score. Units with one or more patrols will navigate between stations. The unit must transport their gear on a homemade sled pulled by the Scouts. Districts may have specific guidelines for the construction of sleds. As we celebrate another year of the Klondike, we will send your scouts in search of the spirit.

Rank requirement - Demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law. So, what is spirit? The nonphysical part of a person which is the seat of emotions and character; the soul. Having spirit and showing spirit has been a big part of scouting for over 100 years. Your patrol will need to demonstrate that scouting spirit in your quest to earn the Klondike Championship Plaque this year. Below you will see a summary of the challenges your patrol will have to face. Patrols are encouraged to practice your scout skills and teamwork in preparation for the Battlefield District Klondike 2024.

Theme: This event will be based on the challenges your patrols may face as they search for the spirit of scouting. Saturday's program will consist of various scout skills and teamwork activities.

- **Contact Information:** If you have general questions or concerns, please contact:
Sydni Newborn @ (717) 827-0901 or sydni.newborn@scouting.org
Herb Snyder @ 717-528-7496 or herbasnyder@gmail.com

Patrols: Each patrol is expected to have their own sled to carry their equipment around the Klondike Derby Saturday, a sled packing list should be comprised from reading through the Patrol Leaders Program Guide. Sleds are allowed to have wheels on them throughout the day but will need to be removed for the Sled Race. If your unit is planning to share one sled with two patrols, please have your Scoutmaster contact Herb Snyder so we can schedule the patrols together for the day. Please try to keep patrols to no more than 10 members. Depending on how many patrols we have registered we may make allowances for larger patrols.

Registration & Check-In: The registration fee is \$10 per scout, and \$5 per adult. Late registration fees are \$16 per scout, and \$10 per adult after January 22, 2024. This fee includes program supplies, awards, and event patches. Early Bird registration allows us to have sufficient staffing, patches, and supplies, thank you for understanding. Late registrants starting on January 22nd are not guaranteed to receive patches or other recognition items. Units that sign-up before the late registration date can add scouts and adults after January 22nd. Still, they will be charged the appropriate late fee. Registration on Tentaroo will close on February 9, 2024.

NOTE: Staff is needed for Saturday! Our Camporees are successful because of the many adults that help on staff. Adults may register for staff on Tentaroo at no charge. There is no fee for staff and a lunch is provided also at no charge for those volunteers.

Meals: Units will be responsible for their own meals; Saturday lunch may take place out on the trail or back at their campsite or cabin.

Check-in: Please have the unit leader check-in upon your arrival at Camp Tuckahoe to complete your unit's registration. Turn in your roster at this time. Units arriving Friday evening should report by 8:30 PM. Units arriving Saturday morning, please check-in before 8:30 AM. Changes in registration will be corrected at that time.

Unit Roster and Registration: Please provide the staff with a copy of your Unit's roster at check-in Friday or Saturday morning. Registration must be done on Tentaroo (please indicate number of patrols when registering). Tentaroo will go live on November 1st, 2023. It will remain open until February 9, 2024 and will close to any changes. Any changes that need to be made before check-in, please contact Sydney Newborn.

Camping: Campsites will be available on a first come first served basis after 5:00 PM, Friday, February 16th. Campsites must be left in better condition than found.

Cabins: All cabins are reserved for the Battlefield District units until November 01, 2024. After which they will be opened to the public. Please don't hesitate to reserve a cabin ASAP. Please contact Sydney Newborn.

Check-out: Check out will be Sunday morning, 7:30AM – 11:00 AM. If you are staying in a cabin, you will need to have a Camp Master verify your cabin is in good condition before you leave.

Vehicles and Parking: Only vehicles and trailers carrying unit gear will be allowed to go to the campsites to unload. Vehicles carrying personal gear must go directly to the parking area and personal gear may be carried to the campsite. One trailer per unit may be unhooked and left in the campsite for the weekend. The trailer's wheels must be chocked, and you must use jack stands or blocks under the rear of the trailers. All vehicles must be parked in the parking areas. There will be no unauthorized vehicles permitted in the program area.

Trash: Units are responsible for removing all trash from the campsite.

Water: Water will be available throughout the weekend at the event. Please bring 5-gallon containers to store and carry your water.

Pets and Animals: Animals are not permitted except for service animals.

First Aid: Our health and Safety Officer during the event is Mr. Steven Reid. He may be found at the Castle or at the "Build it and they will come" station during Saturday's event. Units may take care of minor injuries. Unit leaders are responsible for having a current BSA Health and Medical Record for each participant.

Health, Safety, and Behavior: Leaders and parents are responsible for the health, safety, and behavior of all scouts in their care. Please provide sufficient leadership so Scouts are always supervised. If a situation warrants, individuals will be asked to leave the premises.

Uniforms: The BSA Class A Uniform should be worn for worship services and campfire on Saturday.

Worship Services: Both a Catholic and a non-denominational worship service will be offered on Saturday evening. Please encourage all youth and adults to attend the service of their choice. Please let us know how many of your scouts and/or leaders will attend Mass at check-in.

Recognition: There will be a presentation of the coveted Klondike Grand Champion Traveling Plaque awarded to the top Scouts BSA Troop at the Campfire. The second and third overall Scouts BSA patrols will receive a special ribbon. The WEBLOS/Arrow of Light dens will be awarded 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place ribbons (please note that we usually only have a couple WEBLOS/Arrow of Light dens at this event, we encourage them to compete as packs rather than with their Troop if possible. The first-place winners of the Scouts BSA and WEBELOS/Arrow of Light sled race heats will also receive awards. Units will receive their patches at the time of check-in.

Program Information: Each Patrol is expected to participate in each of the eight challenges throughout the day on Saturday. Each Patrol will be issued a “program schedule” and a map with times and locations for each session. If a Patrol finishes their station early, they must remain in the immediate program area until it is time to move to the next one.

Snowball Award – Every scout or scouter that survives a night or two of winter camping in a tent will receive a Snowball Award. Awards will be given out at Campfire or time of check-out. Units staying in a cabin may participate by setting up their tent near their cabin. Experience in cold weather camping will help prepare you for future wilderness camping or other challenges that may seem very tough. Please report these numbers to Sydni or Herb by the end of the sled race if not before.

Other Items: Each Patrol should review the Arrow of Light requirements or the Scouts BSA skills up through first class as the Program will be a real test of these Scout Skills.

Rank Requirements - Please refer to your BSA handbook for the following scout rank requirements that the scouts may find useful in preparing for the 2024 Klondike stations.

For more information see “Patrol Leaders Program Guide”. Be sure to check the district website for possible up-dates.

Leaders Meeting - There will be a Leader's Meeting Webinar held via Zoom on Sunday, February 11, at 2:00 PM. Units should have at least one adult attend this webinar. This webinar will be recorded, so we ask that no youth participate in the webinar. A recording of this webinar will be posted to the District Website the next day for units to share at their meeting prior to the Klondike Derby.

Sled Race: At the conclusion of the Saturday's events, we will meet on the parade field for the Klondike Derby Sled Race. The patrol leader will come to the sign-in table and register for the big race. The Teams will consist of five members, four to pull and one to push your sled across the field. You will race in single elimination heats and the winners of each heat will race against the other winners until there is only one undefeated Team left. The winning Team will be determined as when the first sled and all five Team Members have crossed the finish line. No wheels for the race. (Wheels will be allowed for traveling throughout camp during the day's activities) There will be both a Scouts BSA division and a WEBELOS/Arrow of Light division.

Sled Race Rules: The following rules and requirements will be in place for all sleds participating in the sled race:

- I. Sled teams will consist of a maximum of 5 members, with no more than 4 pulling and no more than 1 pushing the sled.
- II. No wheels are permitted for the sled race, each sled should be equipped with skis or another non-wheel method of ground transportation.
- III. The winning team will be determined by the first team to cross the finish line with all of their members AND the entirety of their sled.
 - a. If any team member falls or fails to cross the finish line, the team will not be finished with their race until that member has crossed the finish line.
 - b. If any team deviates into another lane and crosses that lane's finish line, they are disqualified from the heat.
- IV. The winning team from each preliminary heat will race a second time in the championship heat.
- V. AOL patrols will compete in a Cub Scout bracket of the sled races.
- VI. In the interest of keeping the sled races fair for all involved, all sleds will need to meet the new minimum dimensions specified below:
 - a. The sled's platform must be no less than 60" long (not including ski length) and no less than 24" wide. Sleds may be no less than 32" tall at their peak.
 - i. These dimensions do not include any wheels attached to the sled.
 - b. Sleds may exceed the above dimensions if the unit desires.
 - c. Sleds that do not meet the minimum requirements may be used for the day's program on Saturday but will not be permitted to participate in the sled race.
 - i. If another patrol would like to lend their sled for the patrol to use, they may do that.



UNIT ROSTER

UNIT #: _____ COUNCIL: _____ DISTRICT: _____

CAMP/EVENT ATTENDING: _____ DATE/WEEK #: _____

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