

Pioneer District Klondike Derby

Event Information

Date: February 21, 2026

Time: 7:30am-3:45pm

Location: Hidden Valley Scout Reservation

Registration

Register online via Tentaroo at: <https://nbf.tentaroo.com/>

Fee: \$15 per youth participant, no adult fee

Register by: January 31, 2026

Campsite or cabin reservations must be made separately by contacting District Director Sal Franqui at: sal.franqui@scouting.org.

Description

Seek Fortune and Fame with us as we brave the elements and race our adversaries in our quest for GOLD! We'll make ten stops in the Klondike Mining Camp: Mine Shaft, Sluice Run, Assay Office, General Store, Sheriff's Office, Livery Stable, Telegraph Office, Saloon, Mint and Boot Hill.

Challenges await as we traverse the treacherous terrain seeking our fortune! Which Troop's sled is sturdy enough, has the right tools, and the strongest team to complete the entire course? Will you bank your nuggets at the Mint or wind up on Boot Hill???

Program Schedule

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Time	Activity	Location
7:30am-8:15am	Registration	Dining Hall
7:30am-8:15am	Sled Inspection	Boy Scout Pavilion
7:45am	Station Keepers Meeting	Dining Hall
8:30am	Patrol Leaders Meeting	Boy Scout Pavilion
9:00am	Klondike Derby Begins	
11:30am-12:30pm	Lunch	
12:30pm	Klondike Derby Resumes	
3:00pm	Klondike Derby Concludes	
3:45pm	Awards Presentation	Boy Scout Pavilion

Arrival & Check-In

Sled teams should plan on being at the registration table in the Dining Hall between 7:30 and 8:15 AM. Course maps and score cards will be distributed at this time. Sleds will be inspected for equipment outside at the Boy Scout Pavilion during the same time. Each sled team should have 6-8 participants. Please be prepared to turn in two copies of your unit roster (attached) upon registration.



No pre-event meeting is scheduled at this time.
Additional information will be shared at the scheduled Patrol Leader Meeting.

Program Details

Stations: There will be ten skill stations to complete on the course, 5 in the morning and 5 in the afternoon. Starting points will be assigned at the Patrol Leaders Meeting. Sleds are permitted to move to their starting point after they register and have passed the inspection. Patrol leaders should remain available at the pavilion for their meeting at 8:30 AM to go over the rules for the day. Teams will only be meeting at their starting point and will move to their first station when the 9 AM horn sounds.

Each sled will be led by the patrol leader. **Adults will not be permitted to travel with the sleds.** Observation at stations is permitted, but points will be deducted for adult involvement in station activities.

Sleds may remain at the fifth station during the lunch hour.

Scoring: Scoring will be based on 100 points with each station being worth 10 points. Awards will be presented to the top 3 patrols. The "Klondike Cup" traveling trophy will be presented to the first-place team, along with all associated bragging rights. In the event of a tie among any of the top places, a tie breaker will be announced. Upon completion of the scoring, awards will be presented at our closing ceremony.

Material List for Sleds:

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| 4 – 6 ft staves | 8 – 10 ft x 1/4" ropes |
| 2 – 20 ft x 1/4" ropes | 1 – Bow saw w/ guard |
| 8 – Steel pegs/tent stakes | 1 – Old blanket |
| 1 – Hatchet w/ guard | 1 – Hammer |
| 1 – Compass | 1 – First aid kit (include cravats, bandages, etc.) |
| 1 – Set flint and steel | 1 – Scout handbook |
| 1 – 3'x3' piece of cloth | 20 – Lashing ropes |
| 1 – Amt kindling (UNTREATED) | 1 – Tarp |
| 1 – Amt tinder (UNTREATED) | 1 – Soup ladle |
| 1 – Amt fuel wood (UNTREATED) | 6 – Wooden splints |
| 1 - #10 can | 1 – 4 ft length twine or string |
| 1 – Patrol flag | 1 – Tree Identification Guide |
| 3 – Gallons of water | |
| 1 – Fieldbook (optional) | |

Scout Equipment:

Canteen, writing instrument, paper, rain gear, pocket knife, dressed for the weather and lots of enthusiasm!

Uniform: Either activity uniform or winter camp attire is appropriate for this event.

Volunteer Opportunities

This event would not be possible without a group of dedicated volunteers. **We are asking each troop in attendance to provide us with at least one adult volunteer.** If you are interested in volunteering to assist with this event, please contact the event chair by January 1, 2026.

- Station Keepers – responsible for running a station and keeping score sheets
- Sled Inspectors – responsible for conducting sled inspections and score sheet collection

All volunteers should report to the Boy Scout Pavilion at 7:30am.

Meals

Meals are not included in the registration fee for this event.

Sleds may remain at the fifth station during the lunch hour.

Volunteer event staff will be provided with lunch in the dining hall.

Cancellation

This event is “rain or shine” and will only be canceled in the event of unsafe conditions as a result of severe weather. Cancellation and refunds will follow the New Birth of Freedom Council Year-Round Camping Policies.

Pioneer District

This event is organized by the Pioneer District of the New Birth of Freedom Council. The Pioneer District serves Scouts within the Camp Hill, Carlisle, South Middleton, Mechanicsburg, Cumberland Valley, East Pennsboro, West Shore and Northern York County School Districts.

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Klondike Derby Roster

District	Unit (Troop, Crew, Ship)

	Scouts		Adults
1		1	
2		2	
3		3	
4		4	
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Please prepare at least two copies of a unit roster for submission during check in.