Aptakisic & North Star
Klondike Derby 2017

Information for Leaders

January 21, 2017
Camp Oakarro
40635 Mill Creek Road • Wadsworth, IL 60083
The Klondike Gold Rush was touched off by the discovery of gold on Rabbit (later Bonanza) Creek, a tributary of the Klondike River, in August, 1896. The world learned of the discovery when some of the newly rich pioneers reached the West Coast by steamship in July, 1897. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer’s description of a “ton of gold” touched off a stampede of adventurers and gold seekers.

The wealthy went by water. The poor struggled over the White Pass and Chilkoot Pass and then down the Yukon River in handmade craft. The foolhardy took the “all-Canadian” route and found themselves spending two years on the trail.

Once they arrived and found an unoccupied section of stream or river, a miner could stake his claim by registering it with the government offices. Those who arrived earliest got the best stakes.

Arriving quickly meant being prepared, well equipped, and skilled in the outdoors. Our Klondike is a continuation of that tradition. Your Patrol will be presented with a number of challenges along the course of the Klondike Derby. If you’ve brought the right gear and mastered some outdoor skills, you have a chance to finish strong and take home a prize.
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Schedule of Events

7:30 - 8:00  Volunteers come to Pavilion for information and materials

8:00 – 8:50  Registration/Sled Inspection

8:50 – 9:00  Flag Ceremony at Pavilion

09:00 – 09:05  Travel Period
09:05 – 09:45  First Assigned Station

09:45 – 09:50  Travel Period
09:50 – 10:30  Second Assigned Station

10:30 – 10:35  Travel Period
10:35 – 11:15  Third Assigned Station

11:15 – 11:20  Travel Period
11:20 – 12:00  Fourth Assigned Station

12:00 – 1:00  Lunch
  (Lunch is to be prepared and eaten at the pavilion)
  Judges return score sheets to pavilion

01:00 – 01:05  Travel Period
01:05 – 01:45  Fifth Assigned Station

01:45 – 01:50  Travel Period
01:45 – 02:30  Sixth Assigned Station

02:30 – 02:45  Patrols Assemble at Pavilion
  Judges return score sheets to Pavilion

02:45 – 03:15  Tally of scores/planned Sled Dog Demo

3:15 - 3:45  Closing and Awards Ceremony
  Dismissal

Note: Webelos with adult welcome from 12:00 – 3:45 to observe afternoon stations rotation and planned Sled Dog Demo. Separate Webelos challenge event also available at this time.
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Preparation

The events for the Klondike have been set in the following Alaskan locations:

- Anchorage
- Fairbanks
- Juneau
- Ketchikan
- Sitka
- Nome
- Kodiak

A prepared Patrol would know how to:

- Use a compass
- Pace a consistent step
- Ensure their sled will hold a patrol member
- Be able to demonstrate first aid for common winter accidents
- Be able to work together as a team under a single leader’s direction
- Build and light a fire using no lighters, accelerants, or fire starters
- Cook a simple item over an open fire they have built
- Identify tracks and scat from various animals
- Be able to pull their sled and its contents
- Be able to follow directions
A prepared Patrol would have in their possession:

- A sled with a harness or pulling position for each patrol member (except musher)
- A wagon may be substituted, if no snow
- A brake or brake rope for the musher
- Ropes, straps or bungee cords to secure sled load
- Patrol Flag
- Two ropes, 25’ or longer
- Two ropes, 6’ or longer
- Tarp to cover load and for lunch seating
- One or more compasses
- First aid kit
- Additional triangular bandages, splints, etc for demonstrating first aid
- Two staves
- Blanket (or something resembling a blanket, like a tarp)
- Garbage bag
- Tinder, Kindling and Fuel for building a cooking fire
- Frying pan and pancake batter (premixed – amount adequate to make several pancakes)
- Hot pad or mitt
- Small shovel
- Lunch meal & beverage for each patrol member
  - Should include one (or more) hot item which is not a beverage (hot water will be provided at the pavilion)
  - Should be prepared and eaten as a patrol
- Propane or other approved backpacking stove on which to prepare meal (if required)
- Cooking pot or pan for lunch meal preparation (if required for meal prep)
- Suitable sealable container for retrieving and transporting hot water from staff as needed for meal prep
A prepared Patrol member would be wearing or have on their person:

- Long underwear or other base layer (optional if temperature is above 40 degrees)
- Sweater or fleece
- Winter coat
- Snow pants
- Winter hat
- Neck gaiter or scarf
- Mittens or Gloves
- Insulated winter boots – no gym shoes or sandals
- Personal survival kit (compass, matches, small first aid kit)
- Water container like a nalgene with water inside it
- Pen or pencil
- Pocketknife (unless you have not earned your Tot’n Chip)
- Plate or bowl, and spoon or fork for eating lunch. Mug if you like hot chocolate.
- Dry clothing kept in their vehicle in case it gets slushy and you get wet
**Behavior**
The Boy Scout Oath and Law should guide your behavior for the day. Scout Spirit and Patrol cooperation play a part in the scores at several of the Cities.

**Patrols**
Every Patrol will consist of between five and nine Scouts. Each Patrol should have a leader. Each Patrol must have a sled capable of carrying at least one of their Patrol members.

**Registration**
Registration will take place at the pavilion. You will identify all members of your Patrol and the adult leaders attending, and settle up any additional fees. Each Patrol must have a name, know their Troop number and consider having a yell.

Sled and Patrol Member inspection will take place during one of the six stations. Your Patrol will be assigned a starting City and given a map after registration.

**Stations and Mayors**
Each station has a Mayor who is the volunteer judge in charge of that station. The Mayor determines your Patrol’s score for the event being hosted in his station. Arguing with the Mayor is not a good idea and will usually result in a lower score.

**Scoring**
At each station you will be challenged to complete an activity to the best of your Patrol’s ability while exhibiting teamwork, leadership and Scout Spirit. Your Patrol will be awarded a certain number of points based on your performance.

Each Mayor will keep corruption in his or her station to a minimum by recording the number of points awarded on a master score sheet.

**Travel**
You may NOT proceed to the next station until directed to do so by the Mayor. Do not visit the stations out of order. It is almost certain to cause confusion when adding your Patrol’s score.

**Lunch**
Lunch is to be prepared and eaten at the pavilion. **This year we will be providing hot water to the patrols.** It is intended to assure all participants get something warm to eat/drink. Patrols should plan their menus to include one item that can be prepared by adding hot water (soup, ramen, freeze-dried food). We ask patrols to be mindful of the time constraints and proceed directly to/from the pavilion when directed. Please bring a suitable sealable container for safely retrieving and transporting hot water from staff at the pavilion.

**Electronics**
There were no cell phones, game boys, pagers, iPods, smart phones or laptops in 1896. Hint.

**Adult Assistance**
Adults may not help any Patrol with the challenges to be completed. If your Patrol is found to have been helped by an Adult, 10 points will be deducted from your final score.
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Other Information

**First Aid**
First Aid will be provided at the Pavilion. If you are a first responder, please make the registration staff aware of this and provide your cell phone number.

**Warming Center**
The Training Building will be available as a warming center and is located between the fire bowl and the caretaker’s house just off the parking lot. We ask that Scouts be accompanied by adult leaders if they need to warm themselves. Adhere to all YPT guidelines.

**Water**
Hot water will be available throughout the day at the Pavilion. If the pump is frozen, cold drinking water will be available as well at the Pavilion.

**Parking**
Cars and trailers are not to be taken past the gate at the top of the hill.

**Camping**
Please contact Debi Geiger at (debora.geiger@scouting.org) for a campsite assignment if your troop would like to camp. If you set up in an event area, you will be asked to move.

**Volunteers**
The more the merrier! If your unit is coming, please bring an extra adult or two to help with the activity stations. Free Coffee! Lunch is provided! It’s really not that cold!

**Volunteer Lunch**
Lunch will be provided to Adult volunteers working at an activity station. Come to the Pavilion at the lunch break. Bring your score sheets with you.

**Weather Cancellations**
If the wind chill is less than 15 degrees below zero, Fahrenheit, the event will be cancelled. We’ll try to contact the unit leader at the phone number and email address provided on the registration form if the event is cancelled.

**Any Other Questions?**
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