

Klondike Derby 2018

Winter Outdoor Skills Competition! Saturday, February 17, 2018.

This is a traditional Scouting Winter Camping and Outdoor Skills competition. Each patrol/crew must build and bring a wheeled Klondike sled or a wheeled miniature Conestoga or Prairie Schooner Wagon with their trademark canvas bonnets! Participants can serve as the draft animal of their choice: dogs, horses, oxen, or mules - depending on the vehicle they bring! Patrols/teams will load the wagons/sleds with their personal and patrol equipment and pull them through the competition course using a map and compass to find each station. Competition Stations will be named after famous Gold Rush towns. Patrols/teams will receive "gold" nuggets for their score at each station.

Some events will be competitive, some will be instructional. Each station will time and test patrols on their team work, winter camping skills, Scouting knowledge and their problem solving ability. Details in the Klondike Leader's Guide on our website this winter.

WHEN: Saturday, February 17th, 2018

WHERE: **Camp Tahuaya – South campsites** *maps and directions are available on the council website at www.longhorncouncil.org*

WHO: Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts and Venturers

REGISTRATION: Early Registration Deadline is 5:00 PM on Wednesday, February 14th, 2018
Full fee for all Registrations after 5:00 PM on Wednesday, February 14th, 2018
Final Payment must be received by Thursday, February 15th, 2018

FEES: **Early Registration Discount:** \$17.00 before 5:00 PM on Wed., February 14th, 2018. Includes patch & awards
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SCHEDULE: Check-in	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Friday	Opening Ceremony	8:30 a.m. Saturday
Crackerbarrel:	9:00 PM Friday	Lunch in campsites	12:00-1:00 PM Saturday
(for adult leaders, SPL's, SYL's)		Afternoon competition	1:00-4:00 PM Saturday
Check-in	7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Sat.	Sled/wagon Race	4:00 PM Saturday
Leaders Meeting	8:00 a.m. Saturday	Awards Campfire	7:00 PM Saturday

Competition Events will include:

- equipment inspection
- Orienteering Course
- Obstacle Crossing
- Fire Building
- Travois Races
- Emergency Shelter Building
- Rescue and Cold Weather First Aid
- Flag Pole Raising
- Bear Bag skills
- Blindfold Tent Setup
- Sled and Wagon Slalom races
- Other activities – Be Prepared!
- Dutch Oven Cooking- Patrols may provide a dinner entrée cooked in a Dutch Oven with recipe to be judged. Entry must be brought to the Dining Hall by 6 PM and must be of sufficient portion for three judges to sample. This is a Troop competition – 1 entry per troop.
- More details on the competition is in the Klondike Leader's Guide on our website.

Klondike Derby Equipment:

Clothing

The Scouts need good outdoor winter clothing, such as long johns (thermal underwear), gloves, hats, warm coats, multiple pairs of socks, good waterproof boots, rain gear, etc. Be prepared for a long cold weekend – even if it isn't! Dress in layers, so that layers can be removed if you're hot or added if you're cold.

Required Patrol Equipment – points awarded for these needed items on your sled

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Klondike Sled or Conestoga wagon | <input type="checkbox"/> Dry Tinder and Dryer Lint | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Stave (or equivalent) (2 each required) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Handbook | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Pocket Knife (or equivalent) | <input type="checkbox"/> Clipboard with patrol roster, pencil, and paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tarp, 9 foot by 9 foot or larger | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Gallons of water in a container | <input type="checkbox"/> Small cook set or mess kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit with splints, padding, and Ties to splint a broken leg | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail mix or Snacks or Energy bars (enough for the patrol) | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 foot ropes (ends whipped or taped)(8 each required) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Compass (or equivalent) | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Hatchet (with sheath) or Mallet or Hammer | <input type="checkbox"/> Metal Tent stake (8 required) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blanket (or second tarp) | <input type="checkbox"/> 50 foot Rope (ends whipped or taped) | <input type="checkbox"/> Trash bag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag (or second blanket) | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Bow Saw | <input type="checkbox"/> Nugget Bag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flint & Steel or Magnesium fire starter | | |

The Klondike Sled, Prairie Schooner, and Conestoga Wagon

Every competing patrol/team needs a wheeled Conestoga or Prairie Schooner Wagon or a Klondike Derby Sled with wheels. These should be fashioned to look somewhat like the traditional wheeled Conestoga or Prairie Schooner Wagons, with their canvas weather tarp and frame, or Klondike Sleds with wheels.

Conestoga Wagons

Conestoga Wagons were huge freight wagons with an arching weather cover or bonnet developed in Pennsylvania by descendants of German colonists and used for hauling freight throughout the East and on the Santa Fe Trail to New Mexico.

Prairie Schooners

The Conestoga wagons were too heavy for their draft animals on most rugged western trails. The much smaller Prairie Schooners were developed specifically for overland travel and saw wide use throughout many of America's western migrations to the latest Gold Rush fields. Many travelers simply retrofitted their standard farm wagons with a canvas bonnet. The popular Boy Scout Trek Carts from the early days of Scouting were a single-axle adaptation of the famous frontier wagons and their trademark canvas bonnets.

Klondike sleds

In the winter in the far north frontier, their only means of travel was by dog team. During the Klondike Gold Rush dog sleds were used for transport, freight and mail delivery. Winter travel in the North Country without a dog sled was almost impossible.

Nugget Guide. Nuggets will be awarded for each event as shown below:

- 1st Nugget – Patrol/crew completes the event.
- 2nd Nugget – Patrol/crew demonstrated teamwork.
- 3rd Nugget – Patrol/crew showed Scout spirit.
- 4th Nugget – All things were done to Scout handbook or stated standards.
- 5th Nugget – Judge's discretion.

Volunteers

Like Klondikes all over the USA, this Klondike Derby is a traditional camporee format. Each unit is asked to send one or two adults to assist with one event station (Klondike Towns) during the competition. Set-up, equipment, materials, and program & scoring information will be provided by the event staff. Contact camping@longhorn.org for more information or to make advanced arrangements. All volunteers are very much appreciated!

Longhorn Council Klondike Derby Registration Form

Early Registrations due by 5 PM Wednesday, February 14th, 2018. Full Fee Registrations fee after 5:00 PM February 14th. Klondike Derby is a rain or shine activity.

Leader: _____ District: _____ Troop Team Crew Unit #: _____
(Circle one)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ (Cell): _____

Email Address (must be legible): _____

Please sign up our unit for _____ patrols/teams with one sled each for the 2016 Klondike Derby.

Number of youth participants: _____

Number of Adults: _____

Register by Feb. 14th: Total attending: _____ X \$17 = \$ _____

Register after Feb 14th: Total attending: _____ X \$22 = \$ _____

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Camping? Friday Night _____ Saturday Night _____ Not Camping _____

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