

YCCNE District Winter Klondike January 24th 2009 (01/08/09)

Klondike: Saturday, January 24, 2009
Who: Boy Scouts and Webelos IIs (with troop sponsors please!)
Check-in: Saturday Morning, 8:00 – 9:15 AM, January 24, 2009
Event: 9:30AM – 3:30 PM Klondike derby
Location: [Andover Recreation Park](#) (same location as 2008 derby)
Cost: \$7.00/person at registration, pre register by Jan 15th and save \$1 only \$6ea
Optional: Overnight Saturday with a ceremonial fire Sat night
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Planning Meeting: **Tuesday Jan 13, 7pm**, at Saint Roberts <http://www.saintroberts.net> 198 Haggetts Pond Road Andover Massachusetts. The meeting will be in the room just of the front right side of the sanctuary. Enter through the main front doors sanctuary. The side door on the north side (parking lot) maybe also be open.

Boy Scout/Cub scouts Unit reps and event Helpers Make this a great event by helping with activity and other tasks

This year's theme is the Alaskan Gold Rush, with a bit of luck and skill, the sled teams cannot just only survive the grueling journeys and hardships, for the rush to the gold, but can reap the windfalls. Our contest will be themed around the gold rush in the Klondike and Yukon territories in the winter of 1897/8.

The event will challenge the teams on winter survival, search and rescue, general emergency preparedness and other fun stuff.

Event schedule	
Saturday Morning, January 24, 2009	
8:00 – 9:15am	Check-in/registration
9:30am	Starting Ceremony
9: 45am	The Rush For Gold Is On
11:45 – 12:45pm	Break for Lunch*
12:45 - 2:45pm	The Rush For Gold Continues
3:00-3:15pm	Iditarod Sled Race
3:15 – 3:30pm	Closing Ceremony/Awards:
Optional:	
3:30-7:00pm	troop camp setup and dinner
7:00pm	ceremonial fire
Sat night	Overnight camp** (we had two troops last year)
9:00 (sun)	Overnighters final check out

*Lunch - Scouts/troops need to provide their own lunch while on the trail.

**Troops need to provide their own dinner and breakfast (show off "how do you survive?")

- **This year's 2009 Klondike derby.**
 - Differences from last year? Not many.
 - Building on success of last year.
 - Events will be organized by town or locations along the "Klondike trail"
 - Events will be similar to last year's event and will be focused not just on scout survival skills. Expect a few more events that stress rescue, first aid and land navigation. More on specific events to follow.
 - I hope each troop will own a town (event), a mayor from the troop or another individual can be assigned the Mayor. Mayors coordinate the event of the town. All mayors should email Eric K.
 - Troops can pick their events, A list is attached of possible events, you can pick one of these or come up with one of your own. Events will be assigned on a first come first served base by emailing to erk@kueglers.org with your proposed selection. There is possibility for the troops to set up their town event in their campsite, for those who staying overnight, to show off a little and pass on some scouting skill in there luxurious camp site. One could focus their specific event on some useful camp feature that would aid in your survival or make you life easier on the trail.
 - Also looking to bring back the hot dog lunch with the scouts providing one can of soup (more on this to come)
 - Ceremonial fire Saturday night, looking for song leaders and story tellers
 - Opportunity to show off troops skill by surviving over night.
 - Cooking with wood is encouraged.
 - Provisions for large vehicles and trailers, beach area parking.

SPECIFICS:

- **Location...[Andover Recreation Park](#) <-click**
This years event will be the same as last years: Andover Rec Park. Expect a slightly different layout. The entrance to rec park is just off of Abbot St in Andover just after spring grove cemetery. Use the link above to get google directions from you location. You can also google map "Pomps Pond Rd, Andover Ma 01810".
- **The Klondike Derby Needs Your help! (See attached list for more complete help needs)**
The event we have planned will be great IF we can get your help...We can't do it alone! Seriously, an event this big can not be executed without a lot of help. The KD will only successful if we can get sufficient help.
 - Each attending unit should identify at least 1 adult volunteer that can help with the event. This Volunteer needs to attend the last organization meeting **Tuesday January 13th**.
 - There are almost 20 events we would like to set up and man to keep our scouts busy.
 - We need help with registration, ramen soup, and other help.
 - We need help setting up and striking everything (hopefully Friday afternoon/night setup)
- **Looking forward to seeing Troops & Webelos II Dens from YCC North Essex!**
Although Klondike Derby is geared toward Boy Scouts, this event makes a great opportunity for Webelos II dens to get a taste of Boy Scouting and for building connections. Ideally, troops will reach out to their feeder packs and invite Webelos II dens to join them for the derby. The organizers of the Klondike Derby strongly recommend Webelos II dens attend as integrated invitees of a sponsoring Troop. **PACK AND TROOP**

LEADERS: Reach out to each other! If you need contact info, please check with your Unit Commissioner or District Executive.

- **Will there be water available?** Scouts must bring personal water for the duration of their stay. Each team should contribute 2 gallons of potable water to the event.
- **What does each sled team eat?** Our current plans are to provide only hot broth soup during the day (same as last year). Sled teams must provide their own choice of hot or cold lunches. **Adults don't forget to arrange for your meals.** Keep it simple.
- **What does the fee cover?** The registration fee covers patches, facility fees, insurance, supplies, awards, Port-o-lets. This fee is still lower than most other fees from different districts and councils.
- **Be prepared:**
 - **This is a winter event.** It could be very cold it could be wet it could be beautiful. We must stress the requirement for each attendee's proper preparation for this winter event (including adults). Each of us should prepare for our own safety and health. Do not allow your scouts or adults to rely on someone else to provide this. **Dress appropriately for this event!** TROOP LEADERS: Please contact Webelos II dens in advance to make sure their Scouts come as prepared as you will be.
 - Webelos II Dens attending should have sponsorship of a Boy Scout Troop. The Klondike activity events will typically employ Scout Skills beyond the experience of most Webelos IIs. Troop and Pack leaders will ensure these scouts have a good experience by making sure they are paired with appropriate Boy Scout leadership.
- **What about the Overnight?** Troops wanting to extend their Klondike experience are welcome to stay overnight Saturday.
 - You can set up your campsites after the day event. We may have more than one camping area, possibly have a few troops on the north side just off the beach parking lots. Depends on how many troops are camping and each troops specific requirements. We hope those who camp host one of the towns/advents.
 - You do not need to keep your overnight gear in your sled. Do not bring it directly to the main area; keep it in your vehicle until the derby has completed.
 - Each troop should be completely self-sufficient. The Klondike ends at 3:30 Saturday. The rest is up to you.
 - Leave the area as we found it.
 - Prepare to camp light. you cannot drive trailers to the campsites (you can get close).
 - Parking for trailers is planned at the beach area parking lot
 - Those planning to stay overnight let me know.
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Do Sled Teams need to bring anything special? See additional list below:

Each Sled Team should bring:

- A Klondike sled:
suitable for transporting and containing (most of) the following:
The sleds can be simple – don't over engineer – here are some idea links
<http://www.inquiry.net/outdoor/winter/gear/sleds/>
- <http://www.scouters.us/homesle.html>
- <http://home.att.net/~hitchings/troop42/sled98.htm>
- In your sled: A full complement of Scout Skill items (e.g. saw, hatchet, materials for very small fires, shelter/tarp, rope etc...), Fuel for fires may be in short supply (or wet) at the location.
- Think of items for rescue and transport/care of the injured such as rope, blanket and medical items.
- A bundle of firewood to contribute to the common fellowship fire (this is separate from team fire materials)
- 2 gallons potable water to contribute to the derby supply
- **Communal firewood and water will be collected as part of the competition and should be carried on the sled.
- Each Scout and Adult should bring:
 - Each scout must come prepared with personal Scout Skill items. Including personal water, spoon and cup for hot soup.
 - **Lunches – Teams will be providing their own lunches of choice. Keep it simple. Don't; forget your adults and cubs.**
 - **Weather appropriate clothing.**

Sled Items expected:

- Patrol Flag!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Patrol roster
- Patrol Yell/Call
- (2) 6 foot long poles
- Blanket
- Boards for splints
- First aid kit
- Flint & Steel kit
- 100 feet of rope in useful lengths with ends whipped, Use for lashing and other purposes
- Scout Handbook
- **Lunch for each scout (can "cache" for day)**
- Ground cloth
- Tarp
- **Trash bags**
- Sack to hold gold nuggets
- Wood and tinder to start several small fires
- A pot to boil water
- At least two compasses
- Ruler
- Pencil and paper
- Camp Saw
- Hand axe
- Shovel

Personal Items: (backpack/on person):

Each scout should have an **extra set of dry clothes** in their own backpack or in a waterproof bag on the sled these are to include **2 additional pairs of socks**, hat, mittens etc.

- Cup for each scout (Not Paper)
- Spoon for soup
- Personal Water
- Pocketknife
- Pencil and paper
- Watch
- Compass
- Flashlight