



2020 KLONDIKE DERBY

Old Trails District, Westmoreland Fayette Council B.S.A.

January 10th-12th, 2020

What is a Klondike Derby?

Many years ago, men raced by means of dogs and sledges across the frozen wastes of Alaska in search of GOLD! Scouting has capitalized on this theme and has developed the Klondike Derby as an activity for Scouts.

Each dog team (so called because two to five Scouts act as huskies) form a separate expedition, and follows a course outlined on a map given to the team. The map guides the team over the field course to simulate "cities", with authentic Alaskan and fictitious names. Each team driver (patrol leader) is handed a sealed envelope containing his instructions. Teams line up at the starting line, are checked for readiness, equipment, etc., and when told are away on the trail. They tear open their sealed orders containing course directions, maps etc. Each team then starts off for a different city as shown on its map.

A practical problem involving basic Scouting skills will be encountered in each city.

After the final city on its expedition, the team checks in with the judge who marks a number of gold nuggets (points) on a tally sheet. Awards are presented accordingly.

Sound good? You're doggone right! Every Scout will want to be in the Derby. Look over the enclosed plan, talk it up with the Scouts and get the patrols working now! The Klondike Derby is the BIGGEST winter activity happening in the Old Trails District!



Troop 111, Connellsville Pa. 1st Place Patrol, 2019 Klondike Derby; Will they keep the Title?!

Why You Should

Register Early!

Units registered and paid by January 3rd, 2020, at the Scout Office, will only be charged \$10.00 per Youth and \$5.00 per Adult.

Along with the discount all Units registered and paid before January 3rd, 2020 will also receive a bonus of FIVE points added to each of your patrols total points!

Event Details

- January 10th-12th
- Location: Bullskin Twp. Farigrounds
- Registration Opens at 6pm on Friday
- Depart no later than 10am Sunday
- Cost \$10 per Youth/\$5 per Adult if registered by January 3rd.
- Late Registration adds \$2 per person.
- Lunch will be Provided



Troop 620 with the Best Built Sled

Webelos, Scouts BSA, and Leaders

Webelos may attend this event if invited by a troop, but only on Saturday of the event. Health forms are mandatory for all attending, along with a registration form with a roster of names for both youth and adults. Cost will be \$10 for Scouts BSA, and Webelos. If registered before January 3rd FIVE points added to each patrol's score. The cost includes the event patch, lunch on Saturday, and the event Prizes for the winners.

Proper clothing is a must, and should be layered so the Scout can remove some layers if too hot or add layers if cold. Scout uniform is not required. No inappropriate shoes will be allowed. This should be covered at pack, den and Boy Scout meetings if attending. This event will not be canceled because of cold weather. So bring plenty of clothing to change into to keep dry if necessary. There will be a Cold Weather Camping PowerPoint sent out to all Troops. It is very strongly advised that you go over this PowerPoint with your Unit to ensure that they know how to pack, what signs to look for in regards to medical issues and other important cold weather camping information.

Other than Lunch Saturday Troops must provide their own food for the day or weekend.

Unit Leader Notes on Stations

New to the 2020 Old Trails District Klondike Derby each unit attending the Derby will need to provide one station per patrol registered for the event. Each unit will need to submit their station's activities no later than when you pre-register your unit. It is recommended that you do this as early as possible so that the station you want to run does not get chosen by another Unit. You will also need to put together a scoring rubric for your station. Each Station is to only give 10 points. The patrols will start visiting stations at 9:00AM and should spend roughly 40 minutes completing the activities at each station. Patrols will be allowed 10-15 minutes for travel between stations. It is recommended that each Unit provides 2 leaders per patrol registered.

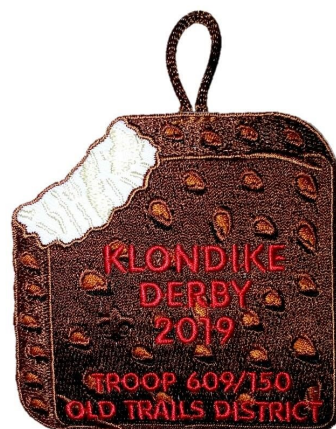
Thank You to each and every one of you for the time you put into this event to make it a great experience for the Scouts!

Plan

Patrols check in at the starting line and have sleds inspected. Patrols are given general instructions and sealed orders, where they proceed as directed by their orders.

The Mayor of each city awards points to the patrols. He then explains to them the problems which they must resolve and what to do when they finish. As they complete the problem, he awards them the number of points they earned and sends them to the next city.

Once all stations have been completed Patrols are to turn their score sheets into program director Aaron Coffman to tally all of the scores and to prepare the Patrols for the Sled Race.



Cool Patches! What will 2020's look like?



Old Trails District History

The Old Trails District came about in 1949 when the Westmoreland Fayette Council renamed District 8. The Old Trails District is now also known as District 6

This District made up the Masontown, Brownsville, and Uniontown Areas before 2012. At the end of 2012 they got Connellsville and it's surrounding areas from the Braddock Trails District at the time of Braddock Trails consolidation.

Old Trails District now makes up most of Fayette County supporting many Scout Units by providing quality Day Camp for Cubs and Weekend outings for Boy Scouts.

The Old Trails District is very proud of the quality of its programs which would not be possible without so many great volunteers who are constantly seeking to provide a quality program for the Scouts of the Old Trails District.



Troops 643/625 Ready to Race!

General Information

Klondike Derby will be a day of Scouting fun with a mixture of competitive spirit and outdoor fellowship. The following information will help you plan for this district event.

1. Registration for the Old Trails District Klondike Derby can be submitted to the Westmoreland Fayette Council 2 Garden Center Dr. Greensburg, PA 15601.
2. Each unit registering before January 3rd will receive the early bird price and will also get FIVE bonus points for each of their patrols.
3. Be sure to polish the skis on your Klondike sled for the cross country race. Each member of your patrol must be in the race (except for medical reasons). Points are given to the top 3 finishers.
4. Coffee & Hot chocolate will be available to all Scouts and leaders throughout the entirety of the weekend.
5. All units must have health forms for all attending and they are to be kept at the Main Headquarters for easy access if needed. Leader may pick the health forms following the Klondike Derby Ceremonies.
6. One Scout must be on the Sled when traveling between stations and during the race.

Scoring/How to Win!

Points will be award for many different things at the Klondike Derby. The easiest way to start out ahead is to make sure that your Troop registers your Patrol by the Early Bird Deadline to get a bonus FIVE point from the get go.

Along with the Early Bird bonus points all Patrols staying the night Friday will be awarded FIVE Points, all Patrols with a Patrol Flag will be awarded THREE Points, and each Patrol sending their Patrol Leader to the Friday Night Patrol Leaders/Scoutmaster meeting will receive THREE points for their Patrol! (Units with more than one Patrol must have Patrol Leader from each patrol present to receive the points for their Patrol)

In the past we have scored Patrols based on a Scout's Rank assuming that with a higher rank, Scouts also possess more scouting skill experience. From our experience running this event the last two years that is not always the case so for this year we are going to try it out by not doing this. We recommend that you make your Patrols well balanced between new and experienced Scouts.

Each Station through out the Day will award and upwards of 10 points per station based on the successes of the Scouts at that Station. No one Station can give more than 10 points to a patrol.

Other possible points may be awarded throughout the Klondike Derby as the Chairmen of the event see fit in an effort to better the program for the Scouts.

Patrols are encouraged to bring their patrol flags. Points may either be awarded for bringing and always displaying their flag or deducted if no flag is present.

Throughout the weekend Scouts should keep their eyes open for Gold Nuggets laying on the ground. Patrols with the most Gold Nuggets will be awarded points as follows; 5 Points for most Gold Nuggets, 3 Points for 2nd most Gold Nuggets, and 1 Point for 3rd most Gold Nuggets.

At the end of the day Saturday Scouts will participate in a sled race in which 10 points will be awarded for the 1st place patrol, 7 points for 2nd place patrol, and 5 points for 3rd place patrol. All Patrols finishing the race will get 2 point. Any Patrol who does not compete in this race will be awarded 0 points.

“Lone Scout” Attendance

As the largest event held by the Old Trails District this winter we want to ensure that all youth who want to attend can attend. With that being said for the 2020 Klondike Derby we will be forming “Patrol 6”. Patrol 6 will be a district Patrol made up of Scouts from Troops within the Old Trails District whose Troops have opted not to participate in this event, but one or more scouts still wish to attend.

Scouts wishing to participate as a part of Patrol 6 should fill out the special registration form and submit it either at the Council Service Center or in person at the Klondike Derby. Scouts participating in Patrol 6 will not be charged the late fee when submitting their registration at the event if they have contacted the Klondike Derby Chairmen, Aaron Coffman, whose contact info is provided on the top right of this page. If any Scouts, Parents, or Units have questions on this program please contact Aaron.

Contact Us

Shot us an email or give us a call for more information on this event.

Klondike Derby
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Team Specifications

1. All Scouts must be clothed for extreme winter conditions; this event will not be canceled.
2. Each patrol leader must submit a roster of patrol members when checking in at camp.
3. Maximum size of each patrol must be seven (7) scouts and a minimum of three (3) scouts.
4. You are encouraged to use your regular Patrols if possible.
5. Your sled must display your patrol flag at all times!

Nugget Pouch

Each team will need a sturdy, leather, canvas or plastic pouch. Mark it with your troop number and patrol name. Size should be about three by nine inches. The Gold Nugget hunt will be an additional activity for Scouts to participate in throughout the whole weekend.