

2024 **Tri-District** "Journey through Alaska" Klondike Derby

Leader Guide

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# **2024 Klondike Derby**

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# Journey Through Alaska and the National Parks of THE LAST FRONTIER





# Each scout will need a Day Pack for Gear and Lunch in Place on Saturday

## Registration

Each unit will need to register online at www.sequoyahcouncil.org

The cost is \$20 per Scout and adult with an included Saturday night dinner in the dining hall.

THERE WILL BE NO WALK-ONS.

Patches will be given to each registered participant both Scouts and adults.

# **Rules & Regulations**

- 1. All Scouts should be in Class-B uniform during all Saturday activities.
- 2. Each patrol should have a patrol flag on their sled complete with a patrol name and troop number.
- 3. Each patrol must have a patrol yell.
- 4. While at camp we expect that everyone will follow the BSA Guide to Safe Scouting.
- 5. We expect that everyone will remember and follow the Scout Oath and Law.

## **Upon Arrival**

Please check in with the event staff at HQ. You will be given your campsite assignment at check-in. Please proceed to your campsite, drop off your gear and park your vehicles back at the parking lot at HQ.

<u>Please note that due to the winter season, many campsites will not have running water during this event.</u> Also, some bathhouses will not be available for use.

# **Opening Ceremony**

Please be sure to be at the opening ceremony. If there are any announcements this is when they will be given out.

#### **Check Out**

Please go through your campsite to make sure everything has been cleaned up. Please clear out all trash and belongings from the campsite. Check-out at Headquarters no later than noon on Sunday.

### **General Schedule**

Date	Event(s)	Time
Friday	Check In	4:00-6:00 PM
Friday	Campsite Setup	4:00-7:00 PM
Friday	Cracker Barrell	8:00-9:00 PM
Friday	Lights Out	10:00 PM
Saturday	Check In	7:00-8:00 AM
Saturday	Opening	8:30 AM
Saturday	Morning Events	9:00AM-12:00 PM
Saturday	Lunch In Place	12:00PM-1:00 PM
Saturday	Afternoon Events	1:00PM-5:00 PM
Saturday	Dinner in Dining Hall	6:00-7:30 PM
Saturday	Campfire & Awards	7:30PM-9:30 PM
	Presentation	
Saturday	Lights Out	10:00 PM
Sunday	Chapel Service	9:30AM-10:00 AM
Sunday	Check Out	12:00 PM

# **Campsite Inspections**

Please study up on what a Scouts BSA campsite is supposed to look like. We will have judges from each district come through and do a campsite inspection. Awards will be given out for best campsite setup.

Notes to Unit Leadership and to Campsite Inspectors:

• The purpose of the campsite inspection is to help teach Scouts the value of having a clean, neat, and safe campsite. The inspection is intended to be a positive experience for Scouts and adult leaders rather than a punitive measure.

### **Sled Inspections**

We will not be inspecting sleds this year. Each sled should still be prepared with items that may be needed throughout the day's events. Recommended items are listed below, but each patrol may have the items that they fell appropriate for the day.

#### **Sled Recommendations**

- One blanket
- Three 6-foot poles
- Patrol first aid kit
- Materials to make slings and splints
- Fire building materials including fire starter (flint & steel, hot spark) and a hand ax
- At least two gallons of water
- 6 ft. length of rope for each member
- Compass
- Trash bag
- At least one tarp for shelter building (8x10 or larger)
- (2) 40ft length of rope
- Scouts BSA Handbook (at least one)
- A tool that would be useful for trail maintenance
- Working Flashlight viewable in daylight
- Work gloves for each member of the patrol
- Patrol flag
- Make sure the sled is strong enough to bear the weight of your equipment and will hold together!
- Sleds may have wheels for use during the day, but they must be removed for the race.
- Sleds should be "decorated" to meet the theme of the event. This year's theme is "Journey through Alaska"

# Klondike Derby Events (Award will be given)

Each patrol will start at one event station and move in a clockwise manner through the rest of the stations. There will be multiple patrols at each station working on that event separately. Below is the Event Station List and Location of the Event.

<u>National Park – (EVENT)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	
Glacier Bay (First Aid/Search and Rescue)	Chapel	
Wrangell-St Elias (Shooting Sports)	Pool Shelter	
Kenai Fjords to Lake Clark (Sled Race)	Old Parade Field (across from Trading Post)	
Katmai (Orienteering)	Freddy's Place	
Denali (Ferry Pull)	Handicraft Shelter	
Gates of the Arctic (Fire Building)	OA Shelter	
Kobuk (service project)	TBD	

# **Glacier Bay NP**

First Aid/Search and Rescue

As you explore the 3.3 million acres across mountains, glaciers, rainforests, wild coasts and deep sheltered fjords, please be sure to secure and render first aid to those in need.

Each patrol will be assigned a Klondike staff member who will be "lost" and "injured" in the woods. The patrol will have to use basic Search and Rescue techniques to locate the "lost scout". They will have to use First Aid skills to apply appropriate first aid to the "injury". They will then have to use first aid skills to transport the scout back to the Chapel area. **This is NOT a race between patrols.** It is an opportunity for scouts to work together as a team and demonstrate their skills.

#### Wrangell-St Elias NP

Shooting sport

Across 13.2 million acres from sea level to 18,008' elevation, you will be sure to brush up on your shooting skills.

Shooting Sports will consist of Archery and Hatchet Throwing. Each patrol must work as a team to complete the challenge.

## Kenai Fjords NP to Lake Clark NP

Sled Race

Sled where mountains, ice, and ocean meet across 40 glaciers flowing from Harding Ice Fields to the vast wilderness of coasts, lakes, volcanoes, rainforests, and plateaus.

The Sled Race will be included in the station rotation. Patrols will maneuver the course laid out before them. Each patrol will be timed. Times will be compared at the end of the day to determine the race winner for the event.

- \*Each sled will need to have its wheels removed for the race.
- \*Each member of the patrol must participate in the race, having contact with the sled in some way at all times (this includes ropes attached to the sled for pulling).

#### Katmai NP

Orienteering

Make sure you can navigate through over 4 million acres of rivers and land covered in bears, volcanoes and many other wild adventures.

Your Patrol must face the challenges of navigating the freezing, bare, and wolf-laden territory of Katmai to find three control points in this difficult orienteering course. Each patrol will be given a course map with the location, description, and hints for finding the three points. The Patrol Leader will have a few minutes to strategize team makeup with his patrol before all members will be deployed to find their respective control point. Points will be awarded according to the number of control points located and validated and the total time for all patrol members to return to base camp. Be sure to bring a compass and brush up on your orienteering skills.

# Denali NP

Ferry Pull

Before you get to the base of America's tallest peak (once known as Mount McKinley) be sure to explore the 6 million acres and pull your ferry across the waters for an up-close view of the world's longest glacier – Kahiltna.

The Goal of the Ferry is to pull the ferry across the "waters" using teamwork. All members of the patrol will need to position on the ferry and work as a team pulling across the course. This will mean that pipes will need to be moved from back to front while the ferry gets pulled along the course. Remember the patrol has to work as a team to not over-pull or move pipes to slowly, both will result in dumping the crew in the icy waters. The only time restraint is due to the rotation. So strategize and work as a team to get your ferry across the waters.

## **Gates of the Artic NP**

Fire building

When you visit the Gates be sure to brush up on your fire building to stay warm as you view the Northern Lights in virtually unchanged ecosystems (as there are no roads, routes, or trails) along America's northernmost mountain range.

The team's station consists of 2 posts spaced 18" apart and about 24" tall. Between the two posts are stretched two strings. The first is about 6" off the ground. The second is about 18" off the ground.

The Goals include: 1) Lay a fire beneath the first string and light the fire, burning the first string. 2) Feed and build the fire until it burns the second string.

Required: Tinder, kindling, fuelwood: Sled teams may bring material to start their fire. Any natural material are allowed. Synthetics, flammable liquids, or torches are not allowed. Also the stations are located near wooded areas and any available material may be used for the fire.

Ignition sources: Matches, flint/steel, or butane lighters may be used. Extra nuggets may be earned for flint/steel attempts.

Notes: Team members cannot touch the strings during the exercise. The only time restriction is the time period for the event rotation. Teamwork and support are encouraged and may be rewarded with nuggets. Preparation and practice can include experimenting with different tinder, kindling, and starting techniques. There are also many different approaches to laying a fire that can have different results.

#### Kobuk NP

Service Project

Take note while helping on the service project of the migration of wildlife and Eskimo tribes that have traveled the ancient and current corridor for the past 10,000 years. Kobuk Valley is located entirely above the Arctic Circle and was once known as the most isolated wilderness that is home to many wildlife such as bears, foxes, Dall's sheep, and Arctic Caribou.

Each patrol will participate in a service project to be determined by Camp Davy Crockett staff. Be sure to assist and work to help preserve, build, and improve the camp for personal use as well as future scouters. This may be helping with trail clearing/building, brush clearing, etc. If you are working on conservation hours, these can be counted for such badges.

### **Event Scoring**

Each patrol can earn up to 10 gold nuggets per event. Scoring will be based on how well each patrol works using the patrol method and teamwork to complete the activity. Gold nuggets will be awarded based on the criteria set up by the leaders at each activity. These criteria will be posted at each event location and discussed prior to beginning the challenge. Bonus gold nuggets may be awarded by event planning staff for outstanding scout spirit by individual scouts or patrols. Each patrol will have to keep up with their gold nuggets throughout the day, using the provided prospector's bag. At the end of the rotations, each patrol will bring their gold nuggets to HQ to be counted by Klondike staff. The patrol with the most gold nuggets will be declared this year's Klondike winner.

# **Campfire and Awards**

Campfire will take place at 7:30 pm on Saturday. Each patrol is asked to provide a Skit or a Song for the campfire. Please let Klondike staff at headquarters know what skit or song you will be performing before dinner on Saturday night. Make sure that all skits meet the guidelines set forth for appropriate scouting found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. Awards will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall winners of the campsite inspection, sled race, and Klondike events.

