

2020 Klondike Leaders Guide

Pomperaug District



January 17th- 19th
Deer Lake Scout Reservation
Rev Date 1/2/2020

ALOHA!

The Pomperaug District and Troop 63 and Troop 20 are excited to host the decades first Klondike Derby. We are excited this year to bring you a program of events for the scouts to test their skills, knowledge and mostly teamwork. If you have not already guessed, the theme for this year is all about an interesting geological phenomenon in a beautiful and warm climate setting.

There will be two guides. This is the adult leader guide which is edited by adults and will help Scouters figure out what they need to do. Separately we have released a Patrol Leader and SPL Guide which will have far more detail for the events. This PL guide will be written and updated by the scouts. Adults should read through this Guide to be sure that we have covered all of the details for this year's event and if there any questions, please contact our Event Chairman, one of the Host Troop Contacts or our District Chairman. We also ask that you be sure to cover as much of both the Derby and Campout details with your scouts and adult leaders before the event.

Finally, please be sure to submit your 2020 Klondike Application Form to our District Executive or register online no later than January 13th. Do not delay, as we need as accurate a count as possible of units and patrols so that we can prepare in advance for your arrival. Please be sure to fill out the registration form completely as it has some important information we need for the final planning.

Thank you, Klondike Derby Committee

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2020 KLONDIKE Details

The 2020 Klondike Derby will entail a series of mostly team building challenges/quests for each Patrol will need to complete. Each station will be judged and timed. The winner will be the patrol with the least amount of cumulative time through all the stations.

Scouts may have penalty time added/subtracted at certain stations based on how well each team performs the assigned task which will also include aspects of leadership, teamwork, and Scout Spirit. Each sled will be given a schedule with an assigned route to their Stations that must be completed in the specified order. In order for each team of Scouts to pass the tests they must rely on their leadership, teamwork, Scout Spirit, Scout skills, their sled, equipment, food, and water. Scout Patrols will pull/push their Klondike Sleds unless informed otherwise. For nearly all the stations we will be supplying materials so the competition is as even as possible under any weather condition.

While Adult Leaders may accompany each team, however Adults are NOT to assist Scouts while at any station. Except in extraordinary circumstances Points **will be deducted for Adult involvement and assistance with Scouts while completing various events. The only involvement of an adult with a sled is if a health or safety situation arises.**

WEATHER

Winter weather will be a challenge and concern for Scouts during the Klondike. As seen from past Klondike Derby's, temperatures can range from -10 to +55 degrees, with wind chills as low as minus 35 degrees. The weather can include snow, rain, sleet, or sunshine, sometimes all in the same day. **Scouts (and Scouters) must be appropriately dressed for the weather, or they will not be allowed to participate.**

Camping

Units camping on Friday or Saturday night will be assigned a camp site based on the number of tents you indicate as required for your scouts, an appropriate area allocated for adult tents and a general area for setting up a cooking area. Units should check-in with a Klondike staff member upon arrival on Friday at the Leary Hall . We will try to assign campsites in advance and communicate assignments via email. Vehicles will not be permitted to beyond parking lot without permission from program staff and the Ranger Please register no later than 1/13/20 to allow for the Klondike committee to efficiently assign space. Late registrations will be put at the end of the list and may be subject to less than ideal arrangements.

Sled check-in

In the morning, Troop leaders will be required to check each sled and patrols participating in the Klondike before embarking on their first station. This 'self check-in' process will assist in reducing the long wait lines in the morning that have previously been noted. Troop leaders will be provided a checklist to review with the scouts and inspect the sleds for safety & required materials.

Each Patrol Leader will be responsible during sled inspection of their sled and will present instructions to his group on preventing hypothermia. The leader will also assign an “Observer” within his group to keep track of everyone’s health, and make sure each scout is prepared for the weather, and is able to continue participating throughout the Klondike.

Information on hypothermia has been included in this packet as a reference for your convenience.

In the event of severe weather, an e-mail and phone chain will be used to notify Unit Leaders of the postponement (or cancellation) of the Klondike. All cancellations will also be posted on the Pomperaug District page at <http://www.ctyankee.org/districts/pomperaug/news>.

KLONDIKE: Stations

Each Station has been created and designed to encourage participating patrols and scouts to have fun while using their best individual and teamwork skills to complete the task. The following provides the Station number, a description of the activity or task that must be performed, the basic scoring details, as well as the individual storyline behind these creative events.

Klondike challenges: *see SPL guide for exact descriptions and helpful hints - this is only a general idea of what is in the planning phase (edited 12/18)*

- Each troop should prepare and present a song or Skit for the Saturday evening Campfire
- Your contact for this detail will be announced in the final update.

Updates and changes are possible

Any changes to this will be posted on line with a rev date on the front page. We will directly email all registered units with the changes and a new copy. If you have downloaded this guide check back weekly or get on our email distribution to be notified

The Troop 63 and 20 scouts are practicing and running each station they designed and may be altering and changing them from what they are learning.

KLONDIKE: Sled Equipment List*

Other than your personal gear or any other items that you want to carry on your Patrol's sled, the following items are mandatory and must be on your sled (or person) during the initial Sled Inspection at the start, throughout, and at the finish of the Klondike Derby:

- **EACH SCOUT SHOULD BRING A CUP/MUG AND A PACKET OF HOT DRINK OR SOUP MIX,**
- Tote-n-Chip Card(s)
- Firem'n Chit Card(s).
- Firewood (kindling/tinder) ignition source
- Compass(s)
- First Aid kit for patrol
- Splint sized sticks with securing bandages
- 4 ropes (25 feet in length)
- Fire starting materials (matches, lighters, lint, shavings, tinder, fatwood, etc.)
- Water- 1 quart for each scout in Patrol
- Patrol Roster
- Patrol flag
- Patrol yell or chant
- Pen and Paper
- Cyber Chip if using technology (anyone with technology can be asked to show the card – points off for not having it)

KLONDIKE: Station SCORING

Each of the stations will be scoring and ranking the patrols from #1 through #n

When the event is complete all the rank scores will be added and the lowest score will be declared the winner. This method assures that each station is scored and weighted equally.

And remember that appropriate Scout Spirit is courteous, kind, friendly and includes sportsmanship and positive team support.

KLONDIKE: Special Instructions

1. All Units must pre-register in order to receive a 2020 Klondike Derby Patch.
2. All Troops should arrive 15 minutes before their start time on Saturday Morning.
3. Patrol Leader will check-in at Headquarters. At the check-in, each sled team and Crew will be given a set of instructions, an updated map of the course and events, and a score sheet. All events must be completed in the assigned order, shown in the instructions.
4. Parking is in the main Deer Lake Parking lot. Any vehicles that need to drive further into the camp must coordinate with the program staff and Ranger
5. A Registration Application form is included in this package. Units should register ASAP. Units wanting to camp on Friday night, must pre-register. NO WALK-INS, PLEASE.
6. Water is available at Leary Hall
7. **All trash must be packed out.** .
8. Fuel Use - See Guide to Safe Scouting. No drugs or alcohol permitted at a BSA event. No exceptions.
9. The First aid stations will be at the heated Leary Hall. **Report ALL injuries to program staff**
10. **Each Troop may be asked to provide two adults to serve on staff;** staff members from units running stations will be assigned to supervise their Unit's station during the event. All other staff members will be used as needed for various tasks. Names and phone numbers should be listed on the Registration form. Volunteers should attend Friday evening cracker barrel for instructions. Station Managers will assist with keeping track of time and scoring.

11. In the event of severe weather on Friday or Saturday, requiring postponement or cancellation of the Klondike, Unit Leaders will be contacted by phone or e-mail, Should the event be cancelled. If necessary, a Go/No-Go notice posted to the web site by 12:00 PM on Friday.
12. Proper Footwear and Clothing: Scouts who are not appropriately dressed for the weather will not be permitted to participate. That means warm boots, long pants, heavy jacket, gloves, hat, and rain gear. *Remember cotton kills.* Troop Leaders are responsible to police their patrols before they are sent out to participate with the Klondike. We suggest communicating to parents early to make sure the scouts are properly prepared. Most important, please make sure that all scouts have two pairs of gloves in the event of snow.
13. Leave-No-Trace: Please use only above-ground fire containers (grills, tubs, stoves, etc.) or existing site fire rings. All trash must be carried out by each unit.
14. Scouts will be given time to transition to the next station and complete the task before moving to the next station (25 mins for skill; 5mins. travel). An audible signal will be used to indicate transition to the next station.

2020 Official Patrol Roster

Patrol Name: _____

Troop: _____

Name	Age	Rank	Leadership
			Patrol Leader
			Asst. Patrol Leader

All Information above is correct

Signature of Patrol Leader

Date

Signature of Senior Patrol Leader

Date

Signature of Unit Leader

Date

2020 Pomperaug District Klondike Derby

Type of Unit: Boy Scout Troop _____
 Unit # _____ Town: _____
 Unit Leader's Name: _____
 Leaders e-mail: _____
 Phone (Home): _____ Cell: _____

- Is your unit camping on Friday Night? Yes _____ No _____
- Is your unit camping on Saturday Night? Yes _____ No _____

Patrol Name		Number of Scouts	
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RECOMMENDED MINIMUM NUMBER OF ADULTS PER UNIT IS 4

Each unit may be asked to supply Two Adults to serve on staff the day of Klondike (7:30AM – 4:00PM)

Adult # 1 _____ Phone # _____

Adult # 2 _____ Phone # _____

Approx. # tents _____ How many Patrols? _____

Total # of Scouts: _____ Plus Total # of Adults: _____ Total Attendees: _____

Amount Due: _____

Registration due on or before January 13th, \$15.00 /person

Register on line at:

Fax to : (203) 876-6884

Mail completed Form & Check Payable to:

Connecticut Yankee Council

ATTN: Pomperaug

Klondike Derby 60 Wellington

Road, P.O. Box 32

Milford, CT 06460-0032

2020 Klondike Cold Weather Camping Parent/ Scout Confirmation Form for units to use

The scout and parent confirm that they have read and discussed the information in the Cold Weather Camping Tips guide and following sections. They also understand that if they attend the winter camping trip - Klondike- unprepared, they will be sent home until properly prepared.

Please sign below and provide to your scoutmaster before attending the Klondike.

Parent/ Guardian _____ Date _____

Scout _____ Date _____

1. Always bring a bit more than what you'll need - food, water, clothes.
2. Bring extra WATER. It's easy to get dehydrated in the winter.
3. Remember C O L D. Clean - dirty clothes lose their loft causing you to get cold. Overheat - never get sweaty, since that moisture can cause problems later. Layers - dress in synthetic layers for easy temperature control. Dry - wet clothes lose insulation.
4. If Camping in the snow, wear snow pants over your regular clothes.
5. Bring extra pair of gloves in case the first pair gets wet (i.e. snow).
6. Bring 2 pairs of socks per day.
7. Always keep your hands and feet warm & dry.
8. Dress right while sleeping. Change into clean, dry clothes before going to bed. Wear a wool cap and gloves while sleeping. 40% of heat is lost from your head.
9. Put the next days clothes into the bottom of your sleeping bag to keep them warm for the next morning.
10. Consider using long lasting hand warmer pads while sleeping down by your feet.
11. Place hand warmers in boots to dry out the inside of the footwear over night.
12. Eat high-energy snack before bedtime to warm your core temperature.
13. Ensure that you have a sleeping bag rated for the right temperature. Consider doubling sleeping bags for extremely low temperatures.
14. Sleeping bag liners or blankets can also assist in a warm night.
15. Never sleep directly on the ground. Use a closed cell foam pad to insulate you from the freezing ground.
16. Go to bathroom before going to bed, so that you do not need to get up middle of the night.