



BLACK ROCK DISTRICT KLONDIKE DERBY January 28th, 2023

Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation

402 Blue Mountain Road, Schuylkill Haven PA 17972

To all Scoutmasters and SPL's: Please be aware that more volunteers are needed to make this a successful event. Adults and Scouts over the age of 16 are needed. If anyone is interested, please contact me ASAP.

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HAWK MOUNTAIN COUNCIL

Dear Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster:

The 2023 Klondike Derby will continue to be a great tradition of winter activities for our district. We are proposing an exciting array of activities for this year's Klondike and, as in the past, we need your support.

First, please take the time to read the attached booklet and become familiar with its content. There are changes from previous Klondike Derbies. The format will be slightly different from previous years. As long as Patrols/Teams follow the guidelines that are contained in this booklet, they will be fine and have a great experience at the event.

Secondly, as Scoutmaster, be aware of the limited role that you and other adults actually have once the Klondike Derby begins. This is a Scout only event that is conducted using the Patrol method. We need to keep it this way. Any assistance from adults, Leaders or otherwise, will result in penalization to the Patrol.

Finally, don't be afraid to ask questions prior to the event. It will help make it a better event for everyone involved.

The main purpose of this event is to have fun and test the Scouts on their knowledge of Scout skills. Our aim is to help you, as a Leader, to find out where your Scouts excel and where they could use help. At the end of the Derby, we will make available to all leaders that want it, a copy of the score sheet. That way you will be able to see how your Patrol(s) scored at each station.

Yours in Scouting,

Chuck Faust
Activities Chair

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NOTE: ADULTS MAY NOT FOLLOW SCOUTS THROUGHOUT THE COURSE. IF YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR SCOUTS AT WORK, VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT A STATION. OTHERWISE, PLEASE LET YOUR SCOUTS OPERATE ON THEIR OWN. THEY WILL GET MUCH MORE OUT OF IT IF THEY ARE ALLOWED TO FIND THEIR OWN WAY! THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

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The Registration Cost this year is:

- Scouts BSA: \$10.00
 - The fee for youth is for participation in the klondike, materials used in the klondike, participation patch, and closing dinner.
- Staff/Adults: \$5.00
 - The fee for adults and staff is for participation patch and closing dinner. Adult fees help keep the Scout fee down.
- Units AND Staff must register on blackpug.com
 - No paper registrations will be accepted, if assistance is needed please call the Council Office (610) 926-3406
 - A \$5.00 late fee will be added for each participant after January 20th, 2023.
 - Please contact Chuck Faust at bsa03eagle@hotmail.com if wishing to staff the event. Help is needed.

Units will have a chance at earning the yearly trophies. 1st 2nd 3rd place, Overall and 1st place for each event.

Basic Information

Date: Saturday, January 28th, 2023. (THE EVENT WILL BE HELD RAIN, SNOW OR SHINE)

Time: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm **Place:** Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation

Registration: All units must register online through their Blackpug Account by 5 pm Friday, January 20th, 2023. If assistance is needed please call the Council Office (610) 926-3406. On the day of the event, a Unit Leader or SPL must check-in at the Welcome Center with a completed Derby Roster listing all the Scouts and adults in camp. All vehicles must remain in the parking lot. Any registration received after the deadline will have a \$5.00 per Scout late fee.

Starting Time: All Patrol Leaders must arrive at camp, with their Patrol and sled, between 8:00 and 8:45 am. Teams are to arrive at this time also (see Advanced Trail page for details). They must report outside of the welcome center for check in. Stations will last 30 minutes and sleds will be given 15 minutes to travel between stations. Lunch will be 1 hour and 15 minutes. The Derby will start promptly at 9:00 am in the parking lot. Stations will start at 9:15. If a sled does not follow the schedule, they run the risk of not completing station(s). The recognition and awards portion will take place following the Klondike Derby at approximately 5:30pm

Teams: Not less than 4 or more than 8 Scouts to a patrol. One Scout is to be the driver of the sled (the driver steers and brakes the sled). All teams should be Scouts from the same Troop/Crew but low number patrols may combine if needed in order to participate fully. **NO MORE THAN 8 SCOUTS MAY BE WITH THE PATROL AND PARTICIPATE AT THE STATIONS.** We encourage your Troop to mix older Scouts and younger Scouts. This is a great training tool for your older Scouts to lead and teach.

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SKILL STATIONS FOR BASIC TRAIL

INSPECTION: Two (2) Inspections will be conducted. The first one will be before starting the trail, on Patrol and Personal gear. The second one will be at the end of the trail on the sled, its construction, and durability. All participants must wear proper attire at all times. (See personal equipment)

Scoring: Pre-inspection 15 points, Post inspection 5 points.

FIRST AID, and SEARCH & RESCUE: Will consist of a First Aid scenario and search & rescue scenario. Scouts will be required to rescue, treat and explain why they treated them in that manner found in the First Aid section of the Scout Handbook.

Scoring: 15 points

LASHINGS: Patrol Members should know all of the required lashings found in the Scout Handbook to complete an unknown task.

Scoring: 15 points

LEADERSHIP EXERCISE 1: Scouts will need to understand and demonstrate the Patrol Method to complete a task designed to test the leadership skills of the patrol.

Scoring: 15 points

GEOCACHING: Scouts will be required to show ability to learn and use a common GPS unit to complete an assigned task.

Scoring: 15 points

NEW for 2023: The Yukon Tournament: Scouts will get the opportunity to shoot muzzleloading rifle and throw some knives and tomahawks. Scouts will not be judged on accuracy on how well they listen and follow instructions. Bonus points will be available to earn. Due to time constraints, some might not be able to shoot muzzleloading rifle.

Scoring: 15 points

SURPRISE 1: Scouts will be judged, while completing an unknown task, on leadership and participation.

Scoring: 15 points

WOODS TOOLS: Patrols must demonstrate the safe use and handling of various woods tools as shown in the Scout Handbook. Scouts should be knowledgeable of the parts of the tools, as well as the effective use of the tools.

Scoring: 15 points

COOKING: See below section: "Cooking"

Scoring: 50 points

Knots: Scouts will be asked to tie several knots found in the Scout Handbook.

Scoring: 15 points

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Cooking:

- Will take place following the 3rd station time block at the third station you are assigned, you may begin lunch at 11:15.
- Patrol lunch should consist of a main course, warm drink and dessert.
- Bonus points for entrée following this year's cooking theme.
- Precooking meat and raw vegetables is recommended for timesaving, pre-portioning ingredients also helps.
- Ingredients must be added together on the trail.
- This year the cooking theme is "Mediterranean"
- Cooking will be judged by the judges using a blanket format so all will be fair between all patrols.
- Judges will have a fire going so if Scouts have trouble lighting a fire they will not miss out on their warm lunch meal.

KLONDIKE DERBY BASIC TRAIL REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT LIST:

- Mess kit & eating utensils
- Rain clothing
- Folding pocketknife (no fixed blade knives)
- Cold weather clothing, gloves and cap, extra socks in coat pocket (if it is a warm day, above 40 degrees, a long underwear/thermal layer need not be worn but must be brought along. BE PREPARED!)
- Waterproof shoes or boots.
- Each scout must bring one can of NON cream based beef or chicken soup that will be donated to a local food pantry.
- Backpack to carry the Scout's share of the Patrol's gear.

SCOUTS MUST HAVE:

Stocking caps or hats that are able to cover the ears, gloves or mittens, and waterproof shoes or boots. Athletic shoes/sneakers will not be permitted on the trail. Hoods do not qualify as proper headgear but are recommended as additional protection. Anyone not properly dressed will not be permitted on the trail!

*Scouts are expected to be dressed appropriately for the weather; however during the pre and post inspection, Scouts should make sure they wear the gear listed above.

PATROL EQUIPMENT:

Scouts must split the patrol gear between the entire patrol and carry in packs to each station.

- Patrol flag
- Patrol roster
- Patrol cooking gear (YOU WILL NEED A POT WITH A HANDLE THAT CAN BE SUSPENDED OVER THE FIRE)
- Pan that can be used for a L.N.T. pan fire, with matches, tinder, kindling and firewood for lunchtime meal (Fire pans are simply anything that serves as a flame-resistant metal tray with sides of at least three inches)
- A few rocks, or suitable substitute, to set your fire pan on. It needs to be elevated a few inches off the ground
- Patrol first aid kit (including at least four triangular bandages, three pairs of rubber gloves and three safety glasses)
- Padded splints for arms and legs
- Sled repair kit
- Water jug(s) to hold two gallons of water
- GPS or smartphone application that you can enter coordinates and have at least one Scout able to use the device – GPS units will be available to use if you do not have access to one but please make an effort to provide your own.
- Watch
- Minimum of two compasses
- Rope (100 feet)
- One full size blanket
- Paper and pencils, and a covered clipboard (or equivalent)
- Tarps for shelter and ground cover
- Three (3) six foot long poles (or equivalent)
- Scout Handbook
- Fire starter and kindling

Note: There will be an initial inspection of Scouts and Patrol gear at the Welcome Center before going on the trail and a final inspection after you finish. All equipment listed above is necessary for the Derby.

NO CELL PHONES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF USING FOR THE GPS STATION OR WALKIE TALKIES ARE PERMITTED ON THE TRAIL. IF ANY OF THESE ITEMS ARE USED, POINTS DEDUCTIONS AND/OR DISQUALIFICATION WILL RESULT.

**BLACK ROCK DISTRICT KLONDIKE DERBY
TROOP / CREW ROSTER**

Troop / Crew (please circle one) # _____

Unit Leader _____

Sr. Patrol Leader _____

Patrol Name: _____

Scouts:

Patrol Name: _____

Scouts:

Patrol Name: _____

Scouts:

Patrol Name: _____

Scouts:

Adult Leader: _____

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