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SCOUTS BSA

KLONDIKE DERBY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 2024

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 Chuck ASAP!

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BLACK ROCK DISTRICT KLONDIKE DERBY 2024

Dear Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster:

The 2024 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

Cole Mitchell
District Executive

P.S. To help Scouts get the most from the experience, we ask that adults not follow them throughout the course unless there are special circumstances. If you would like to see your Scouts in action, please consider volunteering at a station. Otherwise, please allow your Scouts to move about on their own as they will gain more from the experience this way. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Event Information:

- Saturday, January 27th, 2024 – please note the event will be held rain, snow, or shine!
- Check-in begins at **8:00 AM** – event will begin promptly at **9:00 AM with opening.**
 - **All sleds report to the Welcome Center upon arrival.**
- **Stations will start at 9:15 AM** – if a sled does not follow the schedule, they may run the risk of not completion stations.
- Event will conclude with a group dinner followed by awards ceremony at **5:00 PM**
- Units will have a chance at earning the following trophies: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place overall and 1st place for each event.
- **Advanced Trail Teams** – see “[2024 Black Rock Klondike Advanced Trail Guide](#)” for specific information on that portion of the event.
- Stations will last 30 minutes and sleds will be given 15 minutes to travel between stations.
- Lunch will be 1 hour and 15 minutes – see the “Cooking” section below for more details.
- **Patrol Size: no less than 4, no more than 8** – patrols must be single gender.
 - One Scout is the driver of the sled (steers and brakes).
 - All Teams / Patrols should be from the same Troop / Crew but low number groups may be combined if needed to fully participate.
 - **No more than 8 Scouts** may be with the Patrol and participate at the stations. We encourage a mix of older and younger Scouts – this event is a great training tool for older Scouts to lead and teach and younger Scouts to learn!

Registration Information:

- Scouts BSA in a patrol: \$15.00
 - The fee for youth is for participation in the Klondike, materials used in the Klondike, facilities, participation patch, and closing dinner.
 - Staff and Chaperoning Adults: \$5.00
 - The fee for adults and staff is for facilities and closing dinner. Adult fees help keep the Scout fee down.
 - Units and Staff must register on the BSA event registration system. Navigate to www.hmc-bsa.org/calendar to sign up or scan the QR code below!
 - No paper registrations will be accepted – if assistance is needed please call Cole at the Council Office at (610) 926-3406
 - Please contact Chuck Faust at bsa03eagle@hotmail.com if wishing to staff the event. Help is needed!



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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, focusing on 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 use their leadership skills to lead other Scouts and possibly Cub Scouts to complete a task.

Scoring: 15 points

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

Scoring: 15 points

The Yukon Tournament (back for 2024!): Scouts will get the opportunity to shoot muzzleloading rifle, knife throwing, and tomahawk throwing. Scouts will not be judged on accuracy but will be judged on how well they listen and follow instruction. Bonus points will be available.

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 "Cooking" section below.

Scoring: 50 points

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

Scoring: 15 points

No cell phones (except for GPS apps) or walkie talkies / radios are permitted to be used on the trail. If any of these items are used, point deductions and/or disqualification will result.

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KLONDIKE DERBY BASIC TRAIL COOKING DETAILS

- 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's international cooking theme is "Parisian".
- 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 – certain exceptions if needed for cooking, clarify with event chair)
- 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 – this is a Black Rock tradition that helps families in need
- 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!

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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 or use a sled.

- Patrol flag
- Patrol roster
- Patrol cooking gear
- 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 (can be split into smaller containers for drinking and cooking)
- GPS or smartphone application that you can enter coordinates and have at least one Scout able to use the device – GPS units may be available to use if you do not have access to one but please make an effort to provide your own. If you will need to borrow one, please contact the event chair.
- 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 staves (or equivalent)
- Scout Handbook
- Fire starting materials 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.

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TROOP / CREW ROSTER

Troop / Crew (circle) # _____

Unit Leader & Phone # _____

Sr. Patrol Leader _____

Adult Leaders at Camp for the Derby

Name & Phone # _____

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Patrol Name: _____

Scouts:

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