

2022



2022 KLONDIKE DERBY
OSBORNEDALE STATE PARK, DERBY, CT
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FACT SHEET

What is the Klondike Derby?

For many years, the Housatonic Council has held an annual winter Council-wide Extravaganza for all Scout Troops. The title of "Klondike Derby" suggests cold weather, snow covered hills and large groups of hardy, well prepared Scouts, and adults out for a day of Unusual Scouting Challenges.

This year will be no exception. Scouts from all over our Council will once again rendezvous with sledges and komatiks to compete by patrol, of at least four members, for top honors and super prizes in this day-long event.

How does the Klondike Derby work?

First, youth must **BE AWARE** that everyone must **BE PREPARED**. Sledges or Komatiks must be constructed or repaired.

Each sledge team or Patrol/Den will have 4 to 8 youth. *(If your patrol has less than four members, they will be added to another patrol to form a group of 4 to 8 and will be under that patrol name. Webelos can move to a Troop Patrol and would be under the Troop Patrol Name or as a combined Den with another Pack.)*

Each sledge team will follow their map along the trail to various stations, where Scout skills are put to the test in a unique and challenging way. At the different stations, teamwork, Scout spirit and Patrol organization are coupled with knowledge and are put into action that strive to complete the requirements of the stations and earn the maximum number of points. But before the action begins, each Team Driver (Patrol Leader) is handed a packet with the specific instructions for completing the events.

After a patrol/den completes all the stations, the Patrol Leader checks to make sure that the score sheet has been signed by each station master. The patrol/den returns the sheet to the Klondike Headquarters area by 2:45 P.M. The points will then be tallied for all the competing teams. After the score sheets have been tabulated, the winners will be recognized at the awards ceremony, ribbons and special prizes are given to the best Scout Patrols. Every Patrol that participates will receive a special Klondike Derby Participation Ribbon for their Patrol. All Individuals – Scouts and Adult Scouters - who have paid the registration fee will receive a colorful patch, commemorating the event, to wear on their uniform.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND YOUR YOUTH THERE!!!

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- DATE:** Saturday, January 15, 2022
- PLACE:** Osbornedale State Park, Derby, CT
- TIME:** Check-in will be on a Troop basis starting at 7:30 A.M. Plan to arrive on time to avoid the rush and ensure that your patrols will be able to start with the opening bell at the opening Ceremony beginning at 8:40 A.M.
- FEE:** There is a registration fee of **\$20.00** per person - each youth and adult - to cover the cost of patches, award ribbons, insurance, prizes, and facility rental.
- REGISTRATION:** Registration forms should be completed and returned to the Scout Office by the close of business on **Friday, JANUARY 7th**. The total fee for all names on the registration form must be paid by this time. Please be sure that the forms are complete and that the troop number and patrol names are listed. We use this information to prepare the paperwork for the event. **Patrols will have two categories: Patrols under 14 years of age and older Patrols 14 years of age and older.**
- WEATHER:** The Klondike Derby will be held snow or no snow, but in the event of rain, dress for the wet weather.
- FOOTWEAR:** **ANYONE ATTENDING THE KLONDIKE DERBY WITH IMPROPER FOOTWEAR WILL BE SENT HOME.** This includes sneakers, street shoes and similar footwear. Suitable boots for winter are an absolute must. Be sure that everyone has re-waterproofed their boots prior to the Klondike Derby.
- CLOTHING:** There is a 99% chance the temperature will be cold. Be sure that all youth dress appropriately for the weather. Youth found, during the initial inspection, to be inadequately dressed for the weather will not be permitted to participate.
- AWARDS:** A participation ribbon will be awarded to each Patrol competing in the event. Special prizes will be awarded to the top three patrols.

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PATROL CATEGORIES FOR AWARDS

- **Webelos** – Youth Webelos aged and registered in their Cub Scout Pack as such.
- **Patrols - Younger Scouts**
 - No Scouts past their 14th birthday.
- **Venturing/Older Scout patrols/crews**
 - Registered Scouts of any age.

We hope this change will accommodate the great majority of our patrols within your unit.

However, before the Klondike Derby, we encourage each unit leader and leadership team to review which competition (younger or older) each patrol/crew will participate in. The unit leader is then asked to fill in the roster sheet and register the patrols accordingly. Scout's Honor for documenting proper ages.

TEAM/PATROL SPECIFICATIONS

We offer two competitions: one for typical patrols, and one for Venturing/Older Scout patrols. The recommended size of each patrol should not exceed 8 persons; we recognize that it may not be possible to conform to this recommendation.

Venturing/Older Scout patrols/crews may be registered Scouts between the ages of 14 - 21.

We hope that this will accommodate the great majority of the natural patrols within your Troop operation (or Crews in Venturing). However, before the Derby, we encourage each unit leader and leadership team to review which competition (younger or older) each patrol/crew will participate in. The unit leader is then asked to fill in the roster sheet and register the patrols accordingly. Scout's Honor for documenting proper ages.

SLEDGES: Sledges or Eskimo Komatiks are required for each Scout Patrol.

STATIONS: Stations are expected to accommodate 3 patrols at a time to prevent backups so that stations can be completed timely.

JUDGES: The word of the adults serving as judges at the stations or elsewhere at the Klondike Derby is final.

SCORING: The points awarded at each station will be left to the discretion of the individual judges. Each station will have either a maximum of 10 points or a timed score. **Gold nuggets will be given to the patrol based on the points earned at the station. Keep these nuggets SAFE to be turned in at the end of the day in the assayer's office.**

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- ADULTS:** Adult leaders are not to participate with the Scouts. The Patrol Leader oversees the Patrol. Webelos Dens should be guided by their parents, but the parents should not do the event for them.
- VISITORS:** Visitors are welcomed and encouraged. Dress warmly and wear boots.
- INJURIES:** Report all injuries to the Klondike Headquarters area. If in doubt, **DO NOT MOVE THE INJURED PERSON.** Come immediately to Headquarters so that First Aid Trained Personnel can be sent to the scene.
- LUNCH:** All Patrols are required to cook a hot lunch such as hot dogs, hamburgers, or foil meals, including a hot beverage to drink. Cooking will be done only in the Troop's station location using fires in containers. No firewood will be available. Each group must provide its own wood, food, grill for an above-ground fire, and clean up supplies. Stoves may also be used. **NO GROUND FIRES!** Most of the sites have fire rings. Bring a shovel to dig them out of the snow.
- CLEAN-UP:** The lunch areas must be left cleaner than they were found. **ALL TRASH, CHARRED WOOD AND ASHES MUST BE PACKED OUT.** Bring along plenty of plastic garbage bags they have many uses.

IDITAROD RACE THEME

As part of the theme, Gold Nuggets will be earned at each station equal to the points earned at the station. Turn these nuggets in at the end of the day to be tallied at the Assayer's Office (HQ).

You will also have a score sheet if your score sheet has less compared to your collected nuggets or less nuggets compared to your score sheet. The lesser score will be counted.

Make sure the Mayor (Station Master) enters your score and initials it. Keep your nuggets in a SAFE location.

SLEDGE RACE COMPETITION

A patrol Sledge Race competition MAY be held after the events have finished for the day. First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded to the patrols for the fastest races and an award for the best-looking Sledge.

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ANNUAL SUPER SOUP DIP

Hot Soup will be centrally located at Headquarters and open all day for everyone to stop in for a mug or two of hot soup when they get cold. It is all free, but you must provide your mug or cup for the soup. There will be a second Soup Dip at the furthest station from Headquarters.

FIREWOOD LOG

A firewood log is required from each scout to keep the fires burning at Headquarters.







This year's Klondike theme will be an

IDITAROD RACE THEME

SAFEGUARD YOUR GOLD NUGGETS AND SCORECARD

Carefully stow your nuggets and protect your scorecard. Your final score will be based on the LOWER of the number of nuggets turned in and the score as indicated on your scorecard.

Scoring:

-  Each nugget earned is worth 1 point.
-  Each minute taken (after the allotted time to return) results in a deduction of 1 point.
-  Maximum of 10 nuggets earned at each city.
-  5 nuggets for a pre-registration bonus (if earned).
-  5 nuggets for arriving at the correct first city, as indicated in the sealed orders.
-  Maximum of 10 nuggets for judging at Juneau check-in (includes sledge, equipment, uniform, appropriate gear for weather, etc.).

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POINTS TO REMEMBER:

1. The fee is \$20.00 per person - youth and adults.
2. Dress properly - but not in Scout Uniform.
3. Watch out for frostbite and hypothermia.
4. Bring wood or charcoal for cooking fires. Coleman type and propane stoves are also permitted. All units should cook a hot lunch in the picnic area or at their station.
5. Take your trash home with you.
6. Remove all residues from the cooking fires. Fires are not permitted on the ground and must be made in a container or fireplace.
7. Park all vehicles in the parking areas.
8. Report all injuries to Klondike Headquarters. This is important for the Council insurance coverage.
9. Bring firewood log for headquarters.
10. BE PREPARED
11. HAVE FUN

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SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

(Times are subject to change and weather)

7:30 AM – 8:40 AM	Units will check in at the Headquarters area between. Each group will be given a sledge inspection for cold weather preparedness and equipment.
8:40 AM – 9:00 AM	Patrols will remain in the assembly area until the opening ceremony has finished. Each patrol/den leader will receive a patrol packet containing the map, score sheet, and schedule for the day.
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	After the opening ceremony, Patrols will proceed to their first stations, as noted on their station score sheets. Patrols should make sure that their score sheets are signed by each Station Master.
12:00 PM – 12:45 PM	LUNCH
12:45 PM – 2:30 PM	Upon completion of all stations, the Patrol leader will return to the Klondike Headquarters with the completed score sheet. After turning in the completed score sheet, each leader will receive information on the Sledge Race competition, which will be held after all stations are completed.
2:45 PM	TURN IN PATROL SHEET AND NUGGETS
2:45 PM – 3:30 PM	SLEDGE RACE
3:30 PM	AWARDS AND CLOSING CEREMONY

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STATIONS

UNIT #	STATION#	DESCRIPTION	FOR WEBELOS
Troop 1			
Troop 3			
Troop 7			
Troop 11			
Troop 19			
Troop 25		Shelter Build	X
Troop 27			
Troop 28		Ice Rescue	X
Troop 55		Blindfolded Sledge Slalom	X
Troop 65			
Troop 101			

SOUP STATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT TROOP 7 AND TROOP 105

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Scout Klondike Equipment List

A patrol should bring all the following items. Depending on the events for this year's Klondike Derby, some or all these items may or may not be required.

1. Sledge
2. 1 Log/Scout for HQ
3. Water Bottle
4. Patrol flag.
5. Homemade pouch for nuggets (very important as only nuggets turned in count).
6. Twelve six-foot lengths and four ten-foot lengths of rope (strong sash cord, ¼" clothesline or similar) – rope should be supple and broken in.
7. Proper uniform (see below) and rain/snow/cold gear for each Scout. **NOTE:** Unprepared patrols observed by the staff to be having trouble with the weather will be told to head for (and/or escorted to) base.
8. Lunch supplies (see lunch instructions), including grate, pots, and other cooking gear, as well as plates, cups, and silverware for each team member.
9. Adequate lunch clean-up material. WATER for cooking, clean-up, and general refreshment (each Scout should of course have his own supply in addition to patrol supplies).
10. Two or more compasses.
11. Patrol First Aid Kit.
12. Time piece.
13. Fire starting implements (NO LIGHTERS).

Klondike Notes:

1. No water. Must bring your own.
2. No RV's, smoking or pets.
3. Above ground fires only.

SLEDGE ACROSS THE RAVINE

Klondike 2022 Troop 1 Oxford

It's 1000' deep, 20' across with just a thin metal cable spanning the Ravine.
Each Patrol must get 1 scout and 1 sledge across

Patrols must provide their own rope, harness,
or whatever you need to cross the Ravine.
There is a 10min time limit

Scoring:

- 1 pt Flag & cheer
- 2 pts for preparedness. Do you have the equipment (see below) and know what you will do?
- 4 pts for crossing in under 10min.
- 2 pts for cooperation and team work
- 1 pt for compass point
- 1 extra point if you know how to make a Swiss seat

Equipment Needed:

- A Sledge (a light one is better)
- A Scout willing to risk their life for the patrol
- Rope to get a scout and sledge hoisted and across.
- Compass

Assistance will be given to Webelos

Troop 7

Klondike Station

Each group will be given a #10 can (3lb coffee can) with a string across the top. The goal is to use a homemade fire starter to burn through the string. You have one match to light the fire starter. The only thing that can be in the can is the fire starter (no additional wood or burnable objects). The patrol must know what is used in the fire starter and why it was used.

Can not use any premade commercial fire starters, gas, or chemicals of any kind.

The fire starter can be no larger than a toilet paper roll.

Points

1 point for cheer

1 point for a patrol flag (one to be proud of)

1 point for bringing a homemade fire starter

7 points to burn the string under 1 min.

6 points under 2mins

5 points under 3mins

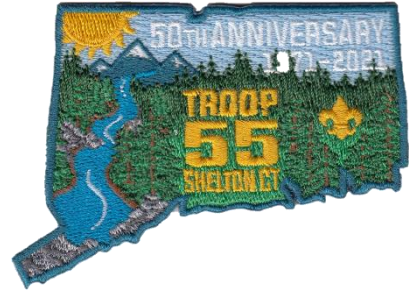
4 points under 4mins

3 points under 5 mins

2 points over 5 mins

Troop 55 Blindfold Slalom Course

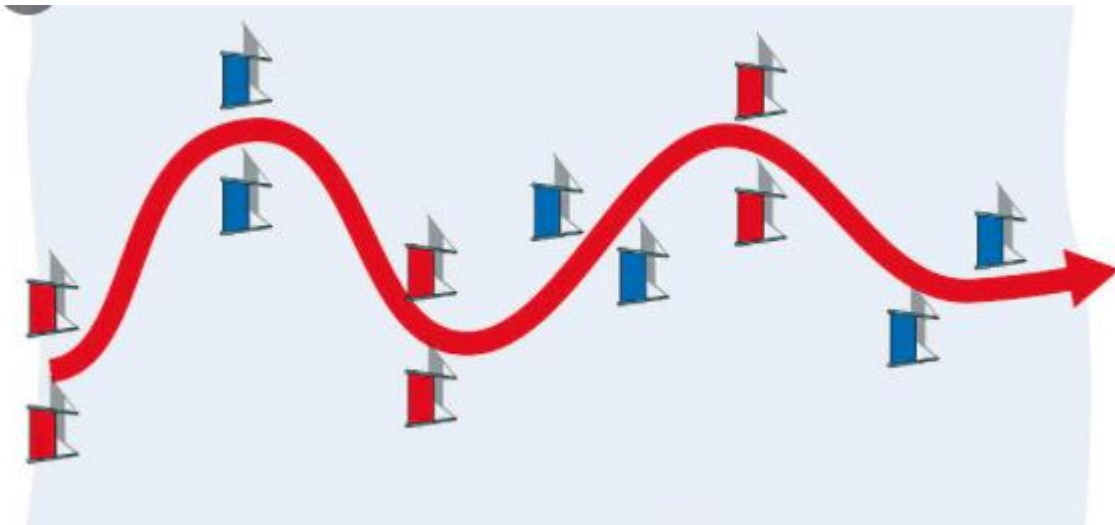
100th year anniversary of the modern slalom



The term **slalom** comes from the Morgedal/Seljord dialect of Norwegian word "slalåm": "sla", meaning "slightly inclining hillside", and "låm", meaning "track after skis". The inventors of modern skiing classified their trails according to their difficulty. *Slalåm* was a trail used by boys and girls not yet able to try themselves on the more challenging runs.

The rules for the modern slalom were developed by Arnold Lunn in 1922 for the British National Ski Championships, and adopted for alpine skiing at the 1936 Winter Olympics. Under these rules gates were marked by pairs of flags rather than single ones and were arranged so that the racers had to use a variety of turn lengths to negotiate them.

Scouts and their sledge will have to navigate through a course of gates (flags) without contacting any of the gates. One scout will be blindfolded and either pull or push the sledge through the course being directed by the other members of the patrol. A point will be deducted for each gate contacted. Patrols should bring their own blindfolds.



Patrol Flag and Cheer	1 Point
Compass Point	1 Point
Completing the course	8 Points

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REGISTRATION FORM
REGISTRATION FEE \$20 / PERSON

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**JUNIOR LEADERS (NOT TAKING PART IN
EVENTS)**

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ADULT LEADERS

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Troop and Station Contact for this Event

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

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* Station Marker are not accurate in size indicate location, most stations need an area of 20 to 30 feet

Travel Line

