

# KLONDIKE DERBY

## 2018 Participation Guide



**Test Your Winter Skills!**

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16-18, 2018**  
**Camp McConnell, Livingston, California**

Sponsored by  
**Toloma Lodge**  
**Greater Yosemite Council**  
**Boy Scouts of America**

## **Welcome to Order of the Arrow Klondike Derby!**

The Klondike Derby will be held at Camp McConnell. This is the winter camping event for the Greater Yosemite Council Scouts. Please note the instructions included in this publication carefully, and make sure that your Scouts are well prepared, and well equipped to participate in the Klondike, and most of all to have a GREAT experience. If you have not already planned to do so, it is a good idea to have a Klondike "Shake down" campout prior to the Klondike Derby. This is useful for many reasons, but most of all to let your Scouts get a feel for what to expect, what equipment and clothing they might need to improve on, and to check out their Scout Craft skills, sledge-running abilities, and a variety of other items. Adult leaders and SPLs with little or no cold weather camping experience can benefit from Basic Winter Awareness Training offered in the month of January. See Council calendar for details.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any member of the Order of the Arrow for assistance prior to or at the Klondike Derby. The Order of the Arrow Lodge is anxious to make this the best experience for the Council Scouts and Scouters. We welcome your help, and your advice. If your unit has older Scouts and/or Scouters who would like to assist or be part of the Staff, or to assist with operating the "cities," please have them contact us right away.

Yours in Scouting,  
Toloma Lodge

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**Friday-Sunday, February 16-16, 2018**

**Klondike Headquarters:** Camp McConnell Dining Hall

**Cost:** The fee is \$15.00 per registered Scout or Scouter. Registration is transferable within a unit.

Your unit may choose either of the following sessions:

(1) Fri-Sat, Feb 16-17 or (2) Sat-Sun, Feb 17-18

**Note:** All Scouts and Scouters must be “layered” for cold weather. This includes proper footwear (no tennis shoes). Be Prepared for a clothing inspection by the “Royal Mounties.” See Health and Safety Section!

## **KLONDIKE DERBY SCHEDULE**

**Check-In** - Units must check in first at Klondike Derby Headquarters to confirm pre-registration information and receive your campsite assignments. The Check-In time is 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday and 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Saturday. PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE CHECK-IN TIME. Read carefully the “Parking at Camp McConnell” page in this guide.

**8:30 PM- Klondike Meeting.** Meeting of the SPL and Scoutmaster only.

**8:30 AM - Opening Flag Ceremony** (Flag Pole)

**9:00 AM to 2:00 PM - Activities.** This is the Gold Rush Klondike Derby. The activity locations are the Alaskan cities on the way to the Klondike. At each city the "Mayor" will award points for the patrol's performance. The points received at each event are used to calculate the Awards for the “Awards Ceremony”.

Klondike Sledges should be built "as closely as possible" to the specifications on the enclosed plans and will be inspected before the events starts.

The youth and leaders of the Toloma Lodge of the Order of the Arrow will run the events.

**Noon to 1:00 PM - Lunch.** Served to all at the Klondike Headquarters, Dining Hall.

**Check Out by 3:00 PM** - Campsites must be inspected and pass the inspection by 2:00 PM of the Unit's check out day.

**3:00 P.M. Awards Ceremony.** Patches and ribbons will be given out at a short meeting.

**Session 2** - Please do not arrive at the Klondike Derby site before 4:00 PM.

**NOTE:** The Trading Post/Concession Stand will be located at the Klondike Headquarters Site. You may purchase candy and soft drinks at the Concession Stand.

The Patrols that complete all of the events will qualify for one free item for each member of the Patrol at the **Concession Stand**. The Patrol Leader for the qualifying patrols will receive one free Candy or Soda for each member of the Patrol.

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## **Overview**

The Klondike Derby is a three-day Winter Camporee that brings together Scouts and Scouters from the entire Council. The Klondike Derby is an all-day sled race between “Cities” with “Gold Rush” flavor sporting names such as Fort Yukon, Fairbanks, Skagway, etc. Each city has a competitive specialty using Scout craft skills such as cooking, pioneering, first aid, teamwork, nature, and others. By combining the winter camping experience with the Scout craft competitions, the Klondike provides an opportunity for Scouts to experience new challenges while having a lot of fun. All units are encouraged to participate in this great adventure.

## **Cost and Registration Procedure**

Registration fee is \$15.00 for each Scout or Scouter attending the Klondike Derby including those that attend for the day only. All attendees should be pre-registered for planning purposes. Registration is transferable within a unit. Please pay registration fees at the Modesto Service Center, Stockton Office or online by Unit on the Council’s website. If a pre-registered Scout or Scouter is unable to attend due to an emergency, a \$10.00 refund may be made to the Unit’s Council account.

The fees for this event include a Camping, Saturday or Sunday Lunch, and the operational costs of awards, patches, insurance, equipment rentals and supplies. We have made every effort to keep the costs down, but this is the best that we can do. Your understanding is appreciated.

## **Klondike History**

The Klondike Derby has been held at Pinecrest Recreational Area since 1997. Previously it was held at various locations. Our first experience at this location was overwhelming, due to the number of participants. It is nice to know that we have created a very successful event. However, the rules in this guide have been made to conform to the requirements that have been placed on this event by the Pinecrest Forest Service. It is very important that Scouts and Scouters follow all the rules and regulations. We must be good Scouting “citizens” to be welcomed back for future Klondike Derbies.

## **Check-In and Campsite Assignment**

Upon arrival only the Scoutmaster and the Senior Patrol Leader must Check-In at Klondike Derby Headquarters (Dining Hall). The Check-In times are 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday and 4:00 PM to 6: PM on Saturday. Please be prepared as follows:

1. Check-in at the Klondike Derby Headquarters to confirm pre-registration information or provide any last minute changes.
2. Confirm that you have your Tour and Activity Plan and that you have medical forms for all participants.
3. Receive your Klondike Derby competition packets for each Patrol. (At the evening meeting).
4. Receive your campsite location assignment.
5. Pick up your Headquarters parking permit.

## **Unloading & Loading Equipment at Meadow View Campground**

It is requested that unloading and loading of equipment be made as expeditiously as possible. Keep extra vehicles in the area to a minimum.

### **Rules for Winter**

1. Be prepared for just about anything while winter camping.
2. This Winter Camporee/Klondike Derby may be difficult for young new Scouts who have not been camping before with your unit. Please be sure to screen and properly prepare those Scouts attending to make sure that everyone will have an enjoyable time.
3. Be sure that all your Scouts are registered and covered by accident insurance. Winter camping is a beautiful experience when Nature is properly respected, which means it can be dangerous for the unprepared.
4. Camp only in designated campsites.
5. You will need to provide your own water containers, which can be filled at any water station.
6. Wood fires **must** be in a **portable fire ring**. All ashes must be removed from the event site. Do not dig down through the snow to bury the ashes. Fires are prohibited on camp roads or paved surfaces.
7. No straw or the like may be used for ground cover. You may use ground clothes, plastic and cardboard, which must be removed afterward.
8. There is no winter garbage or trash pick up. All trash and garbage must be placed in bags and removed when you leave. Police your campsite carefully. Leave it in better shape than you found it.

## **Severe Weather**

The policy for modifying or canceling the Klondike Derby due to extreme winter weather conditions is as follows:

- 1). Winter storm or Blizzard warning in the Pinecrest area;
- 2). Wind chill below -32° F;
- 3). Visibility less than 100 feet;
- 4). Any other non-weather related conditions which the Council, U.S. Forest Service, or the Klondike Derby Staff deem to be unsafe.

“This year we are forced to bring the Klondike to the valley floor due to the Bark Beetle and the drought killing the trees. There are still standing dead trees in the campground and the activity area of the Pinecrest Recreational Area, so Klondike has been moved to Camp McConnell.”

Call the Greater Yosemite Council Office for the latest information at (209) 545-6320.

## **Health and Safety**

Scouts must be in proper clothing to participate in the events. Dress to stay warm and comfortable. Don't wear anything made of cotton! It holds moisture, and makes you cold! Winter clothing is most important! Tennis shoes are not appropriate.

During past Klondike Derbies, a number of Scouts have been observed with inadequate or improper clothing for weather conditions that could have resulted in cases of Frostbite and Hypothermia. Be sure to review symptoms of Hypothermia and Frostbite and know how to recognize and treat them.

Be prepared for Sun exposure even in winter. Use sunscreen and sunglasses.

## **Injury or Illness**

Send a runner to the nearest city or Klondike Staff member. Don't move injured patients. Keep them warm and comfortable. Note and report the following:

Exact Location.

What happened? Are they conscious and breathing? Obtain description of injury. How many injured?

Patient's name, age, sex and Unit if known.

What first aid has been given?

Who is with the patient?

Who is caring for the patient?

Time of accident.

## **Forbidden Items (The “No-No” List)**

Listed here are forbidden items, equipment and activities. Remember that violations of some of these guidelines could result in injury to Scouts, or violation of area regulations or BSA rules. If the violation is serious, you could be asked to leave the Klondike. Follow the Scout Oath and Law!

No Ground Latrines. Use the restrooms.

No ground fires, all must be in portable fire rings.

No cutting of standing trees or limbs, dead or alive. Bring your own wood supply.

No Axes allowed.

No Scouts using liquid fuel equipment, unless an adult knowledgeable about chemical fuels and equipment supervises youth involved in the storage, handling, and use of chemical fuels and equipment.

No stoves or lanterns on trails allowed.

No open flames in tents.

No smoking is allowed at public events or in any public area. Set a good example.

No Alcoholic beverages or illegal substances allowed. This is not the time nor place.

Do not wear skis in Klondike Derby area.

No pooches; leave Fido at home.

No Grouches, Please! (We are here to have fun!)

## **Camp Cleanup and Service Project**

Be sure you leave your campsite cleaner than you found it. Obviously you may not get everything until the snow is gone. In order to provide for this eventuality, a service project day will be scheduled in the spring.

## **Checkout and Receipt of Patches**

Campsites must be inspected and pass the inspection by 2:00 P.M. of the Unit's checkout day to receive your Klondike Derby patches.

## **WEBELOS Participation**

A Scout Unit may sponsor a WEBELOS Den. The WEBELOS Den and adults must be pre-registered for the Klondike Derby by a host Scout Troop or Team. The Klondike Derby can be an important element in continuing the interests of WEBELOS and their parents/guardians in the Scouting Program. Often this is the first major outdoor event experienced by WEBELOS with a Troop or Team that he is considering joining, so the importance of his having a good experience cannot be over estimated. Make sure to have an adult or Senior Scout meet the WEBELOS Den at the Klondike Headquarters upon arrival in the morning. Because parking space is limited at the campground, please car pool as much as possible. Remember that WEBELOS are not allowed to camp overnight with a Troop or Team, unless special arrangements are made so that the WEBELOS has a parent/guardian camping with him. Such arrangements must be made in advance with the host Troop or Team.

## **\*\* KLONDIKE DERBY EVENTS \*\***

**HEADQUARTERS** - Check in with the “Royal Canadian Mounted Police” with your Patrol Roster. All Patrol members must be in proper clothing to proceed to the other events!

**SKAGWAY** - Your Patrol has found a snowmobile rider in a snowdrift. He has a severe cut and bleeding on his leg, has a compound fractured arm, is in shock and has hypothermia. Give him First Aid and transport him on an improvised stretcher to the Juneau Hospital 100 yards away. Only poles will be provided for the stretcher.

**FAIRBANKS** - You will be given a set of compass headings and a "measured pace" distance to bring you to a miner's "Pot of Gold." Bring a compass.

**POLAR COVE** - You will be given a special “Snow Snake” with instructions to enable your Patrol to propel the snake down a special snow alley for the maximum distance.

**KODIAK** - Materials will be given to your Patrol in order to build a big slingshot for throwing balls at an inner-tube or target. This is a timed event and will be scored on accuracy and distance.

**ATTU** - This is the Hot Chocolate Chug-A-Lug. You are to build a fire, heat your water and mix cocoa for a Chug-A-Lug contest. Patrols are to bring their own wood, pot and water. Two matches and the cocoa mix will be furnished. No combustible fuels may be used.

**SITKA** - Your Patrol is challenged to a Tug-of-War. Be prepared for a tough pull!

**FORT YUKON** - The sledge and one Scout is separated from the rest of the Patrol by an expanse of 40 feet of (imaginary) thin ice. The Patrol will need to join enough pieces of 6-foot sections of rope so that it can be cast and reach the sledge. The stranded Scout will tie the rope to the sledge and be pulled to safety. Your Patrol will need to bring enough 6-foot pieces of rope.

**SEWARD** - This is the great Klondike Race and you are to be prepared for any catastrophe. You will travel over an obstacle course laid out by the Judges. The object is to move over the course as fast as possible in order to win the race.

**ANCHORAGE** - This event is called Indian Handball. Your Patrol will take a ball and you will be matched up with another Patrol in a Indian Handball game. Rules will be furnished at the site.

**NOME** - Your Patrol will have the opportunity to try Bowling Pins target shoot with snowballs. A course will be set up on a hard snow surface with bowling pins and a bowling ball.

**Please note that each patrol will need to carry the equipment needed for each event.  
It can be carried on the Patrol's sledge.**