

Silver Mesa District 26

Klondike Derby 2009

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Morgan County Fairgrounds, Morgan, Utah



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Introduction

The Klondike is a region in the Yukon Territory of Canada where gold was discovered in 1896, and a gold rush followed in 1897-98. The Klondike is roughly centered on the town of Dawson, where the Klondike river empties into the Yukon, and where gold was first discovered in August 1896. At that time, there were less than 5,000 people living in the area. By 1899, there were over 30,000.

The Klondike lies about 64 degrees north latitude, and 139 degrees west longitude. It is about 250 miles east of Fairbanks, Alaska, and about 400 miles northeast of Anchorage, roughly halfway between the Gulf of Alaska and the Arctic Ocean. At the time of the gold strike, much of the Klondike was (and still is) harsh, unsettled country. With no railways to the Klondike, transportation was primarily by hiking and dog sled. The life of a prospector during the Klondike Gold Rush is preserved for us today in the writings of Jack London, Robert W. Service, and others.

Scouting's Klondike Derby is based on the real life struggles across the frozen Klondike by men and dogs in search of wealth in the gold fields. But while the struggles of the gold prospectors were matters of life and death in the unforgiving Klondike, the Scout Klondike Derby is a fun-filled winter competition featuring Scout skill challenges at a series of stations representing Klondike gold rush towns and camps.

Each Scout patrol becomes their own dog sled team and proceeds to the various stations to try their abilities. The sled is loaded with the material and equipment needed to solve the problems at the stations, as well as lunch for the Patrol members.

Like the gold rush, our Klondike Derby will proceed come snow, rain or shine. Winter conditions will probably be cold, so please "Be Prepared". Keeping dry and warm are the keys to a successful winter camping experience.

Location & Directions

The Klondike Derby will be at Morgan County Fairgrounds. Follow I-15 north toward Ogden about 30 miles. Take exit 324 (near Farmington) for Hwy 89 North, follow that about 10 miles until you merge onto I-84 east toward Evanston. When you get to Morgan, take exit 103 for Morgan. Turn right at the bottom of the ramp, under the train trestle, then immediately left along the train tracks. After all the city buildings, eventually you will see the fairgrounds on your right. Total distance is about 60 miles from Sandy.

Tour Permits

Tour permits are required for travel to and from all scouting events, including this Klondike Derby. Be sure to file your tour permit with the Council Scout Office before you leave, and make sure you have and use seat belts for every participant.

Check-in

Signs will direct you to the check-in location. Please check in immediately upon arrival, so that you can get any last-minute facility information, schedule changes and other important information about the Klondike Derby. We are required to provide a count of all participants, so please be prepared to tell us how many boys and adults are in your group.

Camp sites and layout

We will be camping on a developed park lawn and baseball field. This means several things.

- First, there are NO BATHROOMS, so we will have porta-potties delivered to the site. There are no other toilet facilities, so these need to be respected.

- There will be NO WATER. Plan ahead to bring your own, and protect it from freezing.
- There will be NO DIGGING. Bring only tents and structures that can support themselves without damage to the ground.
- There will be NO GROUND FIRES, they will kill the lawn and DAMAGE WILL BE CHARGED TO YOU. Fires must be in raised containers that protect the lawn from excessive heat, embers, cinders, ash, and other damage.

Park Facilities

Arrival. The sun goes behind the mountains (as early as 4pm), and it will quickly start to get dark and cold. If your camp equipment requires a lot of setup, you may need to send someone up early. Be sure to check in upon arrival (see above).

Parking. Parking is usually adequate, but may be closer or farther from the camp sites depending on snow and ground conditions. Be prepared to carry or sled your gear at least a hundred yards or so to your actual camp site in some cases.

Trash. There are some dumpsters on site, but they are not for our use. Please pack out all of your own trash of all kinds.

Other waste. All food waste (including dishwater) must always be disposed of at least 200 feet (66 yards) from lakes and streams. Since both of our group campsites are adjacent to the river, we cannot dispose of dishwater inside the camp. Please plan to carry out any dirty dishwater or other food waste.

Snow caves and igloos. You may make snow caves or igloos (if conditions permit), but they must be completely dismantled and broken down before you leave.

River off limits. There is a river near camp that may or may not be frozen over. If frozen over, the ice is probably thin. Stepping or slipping into the river will soak boots and socks, leading to a cold and miserable experience. Stay away from the river!

Scoutmasters and Patrol Leaders are responsible for the conduct and discipline of their troop members. Please make your troop aware of all of the following rules.

Scout conduct will be governed by the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and Outdoor Code.

Respect other troops and their members. If you wish to visit another campsite, enter at the camp entrance and request permission to enter.

Adult Leaders are required. At least two leaders per troop at all times, and at least one leader for every five scouts.

Tour permits are required (available at the Council Office or the Sandy Scout Shop). Permission slips and medical forms are required for each Scout. A sample "authorization and consent" form is attached that you may copy for each boy.

Transportation must comply with Scouting rules. Scouts may not ride in pickup beds or trailers at any time. A seat belt must be provided for each Scout—please insist that they use them.

Uniforms are an important part of any Scouting event. All Scouts should be in uniform for this camp. If you look like a Scout, you will feel, think and act like a Scout.

Leave No Trace camping rules are in effect. If you brought it in, pack it out! Straw bedding is not allowed, as it decomposes very slowly.

Tent heaters are prohibited. No flames or fire heaters are allowed in tents, ever.

First aid kits should be brought by each troop.

Prohibited items include sheath knives, wrist rockets, guns, and fireworks.

Schedule

Troops may arrive Friday evening, or Saturday morning if preferred. All of the actual competition will take place on Saturday with the following schedule:

Friday:

3:00 – 7:00 pm Check in
4:00 – 7:00 pm Set up camp and eat dinner
7:00 – 9:00 pm Organized camp games
10:30 pm Lights out

Saturday:

7:00 - 8:30 am Breakfast and clean up
8:30 am Meetings for Judges and Patrol Leaders
9:00 am Opening ceremony
10:00 am Klondike competition at stations
12:00 pm Hot Lunch (cooked and graded at station, leave no trace)
1:00 pm Sled race, turn in score cards, clean up camp
1:30 pm Award Ceremony

Klondike Derby Competition Rules

Each patrol needs a sled. Sled plans are readily available on the Web. We encourage initiative in design, but please observe the basic construction dimensions (length, height, and width). No wheels are permitted on the sled regardless of the weather.

Patrols must compete as a patrol with all members present at each station. The patrol may not be split into two or more parts to compete at more than one station at the same time. The patrol leader may, however, send one Scout ahead to the Lunch competition area at 11:30 to begin preparing the lunch. Hot Sparks (magnesium fire-starters) are permitted in the Fire by Flint and Steel event only. Eye protection will be provided and must be worn.

Each Patrol will be assigned a Group Number as identification during the event. Each Patrol Leader will be given a map, rules, and a score sheet at the Patrol Leader's Meeting. There is no time limit at most stations. Patrols are not required to try all stations, but cannot repeat a station to improve their score.

Adult Leaders and visitors are welcome to observe the operation of the Klondike Derby, but we do ask that they not accompany Scout Patrols throughout the day. No coaching of Patrols, or delivering of items to any Patrol, will be permitted once the Derby starts. One of the objects of this event is to encourage the Scouts to use their own resources and make their own decisions.

If Webelos dens participate, it should be on Saturday only. Webelos Den Leaders or Den Chiefs should accompany their Den on the trail throughout the day. They should work with the Den to make the Klondike Derby a learning experience of Scouting Skills. (Coaching of Webelos dens is OK.)

The decision of the judges for each event is final. There is no appeal, and **NO WHINING IS PERMITTED.**

Scoring

Points will be awarded at each station based on the difficulty of the problem and the speed, correctness and/or completeness of the Patrol's response. Points will also be awarded for camp inspections, and for the hot lunch. This is a patrol event. Each judge will be allowed to award a ten point (all or nothing) bonus for Patrol Cooperative Effort and Team Spirit at each station.

Lunch

Two Judges will be eating as the guests of each Patrol at the lunch station. Each Patrol may be awarded as much as 500 points for preparing a "HOT LUNCH" at the lunch competition area. Bringing an already

prepared lunch or making a "cold" lunch of sandwiches and a beverage will be awarded no more than 200 points. No open fires or liquid fuels are permitted. Propane stoves are required for cooking. Patrols may forfeit all lunch points for any of the following:

- Adult help of any sort (except Webelos patrols)
- Use of open fire
- Use of liquid fuel (e.g. white gas)
- Leaving the site without proper cleanup

VERY IMPORTANT: Adults (except the two Klondike Derby judges) must bring their own lunch too. There are no facilities at which you can buy lunch.

Judges

A successful Klondike Derby requires judges to supervise and judge the events at the stations. Each patrol (participating team) will be required to staff at least one station with two judges at all times during the competition. If you have a particular event you would like to sponsor, let us know. If not, you will be assigned to a predetermined event on a first-come, first-served basis. Materials and information, including judging criteria, will be provided. Please contact the Klondike Derby Coordinator (on the cover page of this packet) to pre-register as a judge, and to get first choice of stations.

We would like the Klondike Derby to be an activity for all scouts. If the more senior scouts choose not to compete, they may serve as judges. Two judges (two-deep leadership) are required to be at each station during normal competition time. It is a good idea to have an extra judge or two to provide breaks for the judges. Since it may be a distance to some stations, it is also a good idea for judges to take a Thermos of soup or hot chocolate, and a chair to sit in. A hot lunch will be provided, free of charge, to the two judges by the competing patrols as part of the "Hot Lunch" competition. A hot beverage and snack sled for the judges is also planned.

Awards and Recognition

Each scout and adult who registers to participate in the Klondike will receive a patch. Extra patches will be sold as available for \$2 each.

There will be a first, second, and third place award for the competition in each division, determined by points awarded at the various stations. These awards will be given out at the end of the day along with final scores.

Sled Race

We will run a traditional "Dog Sled Race" at the end of the competition. A separate award will be presented at the conclusion of the race. It will not affect the outcome of the trail competition. Participation in this event is optional, encouraged, and a whole lot of fun.

Suggested Equipment

Each sled should carry the following suggested equipment:

- Patrol Flag
- Compass
- First Aid Kit
- Scout Handbook
- Scout Fieldbook
- Paper and pencil
- Pocketknife
- Natural materials (ONLY) for firebuilding (dryer lint is OK)
- Blanket
- Triangle bandage
- Matches
- Flint & steel (hot spark)
- Magnifying glass
- Propane stove for cooking (with full propane canister)
- Food for lunch
- Cooking and eating gear
- Water (at least 1 gallon)
- 6 scout staves, about 6 feet long (closet poles, broomsticks, branches, or similar)

- Rope for knots and lashings
- Stranded rope and string for whipping and splicing
- Plastic bag for garbage

Trail Events

Scouting skills that each patrol may need to demonstrate at the derby include, but are not limited to, the following: map and compass, wildlife identification, animal tracks, plant and tree identification, first aid, constellations, knots, lashings, whipping and splicing, semaphore signaling, estimating height and distance, log raising, fire building, flint and steel, ice/water rescue, winter survival.

Registration

Registration fees are shown on the attached registration form. Please note that they are lower if paid on or before the Early Registration Date (listed there) and are higher after that date. The following troop registration form should be used. Each Scoutmaster will verify that the members of each Patrol are active members of his unit, from a single patrol, or combination of two or more patrols. Leadership members are encouraged to serve as station judges. No patrol may enter the Klondike Derby unless they are listed on the "Roster" sheet signed by the Scoutmaster. Refunds will only be made for medical reasons, however, substitutions may be made on the day of the event.

Unit leaders are required to bring medical forms for each of their patrol members in case of emergency. Tour permits are also required from the local Council office.

Questions?

Call me at the number on the cover page of this packet.

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Registration Form

Unit Leader:	Unit No:
Address:	Sponsor/ward:
City, ST Zip:	Zone/stake:
Phone:	Patrols competing:

Early Scouts (by 1/17):		@ \$6.00 each	
Early Leaders (by 1/17):		@ \$6.00 each	
Later Scouts:		@ \$7.50 each	
Later Leaders:		@ \$7.50 each	
Total persons		Total fees:	

Register at South Valley Scout Shop.
 Please make all checks payable to "BSA District 26".
 Questions: contact Shawn Winterbottom, 554-7123 (cell) or 561-7448 (home)

Receipt for Silver Mesa District 26, Klondike Derby 2009

Unit:		Date:	
Total Scouts:		Received by:	
Total Leaders:		Amount paid:	

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I consent and authorize my child, _____, to participate in the above Scouting activity and I accept responsibility (including financial responsibility) for my child's actions there. I understand that in the event my child behaves inappropriately during the event, I may be required to come and remove my child from the event. Under these circumstances, it is my responsibility to arrange for my child's return home.

I know of no health restrictions that would endanger my child through participation in this event. In case of emergency I understand that every effort will be made to contact me. In the event that I cannot be reached, I give my permission to the event leaders to give first aid and seek professional medical assistance, which may include hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or medication (including injections or intravenous medications or transfusions) for my child. I also give my permission to the medical professionals to properly diagnose and care for my child as they deem necessary.

I am aware of the risks associated with the event, and hereby release the Boy Scouts of America, the sponsoring institution, and event leaders of all responsibility for any injury to my child which occurs while participating in the event.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Father's Name: _____ Work Phone: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Work Phone: _____

Home address: _____ Home Phone: _____

In the event of an emergency, and the persons above are not available, notify:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Personal physician: _____ Phone: _____

Medical information past or present (check if applicable)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma | <input type="checkbox"/> Leukemia | <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allergies | <input type="checkbox"/> High Blood Pressure | <input type="checkbox"/> Hemophilia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Convulsions | <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer |

Explanations: _____

Allergies (check): Food, Medicines, Plants, Insect bites Explain: _____

Any reason to restrict full activity including snow camping, long hikes, backpacking, strenuous physical games? Yes No

List any conditions limiting full participation (physical or emotional): _____

Any reason for medicines to be taken at camp? Yes No

If yes, list medicines, send ample supplies, and directions for use.

Any special equipment such as orthopedic or handicap devices? Yes No

Glasses or contact lenses? Yes No

Explain any YES answers and give all the answers and give all information needed to provide as safe and full participation as possible. Attach any explanatory information needed.

Conduct Agreement: I agree to conduct myself at all times in accordance with the standards of the chartered organization, the Scout Oath and Law, and the directives of the event leaders.

Date: _____ Scout signature: _____