

Klondike Derby February 19, 2022 Susquehanna Headwaters District

Hosted by Troop 1 Unadilla

Location: Unadilla Rod & Gun Club 566 Butternut Road, Unadilla, NY 13849

Open to all Scouts BSA and Webelos

Cost: \$10 per scout and \$5 per adult if registered by February 4. Cost is \$15 per scout thereafter. All scouts must be registered online prior to the Derby. Payments will not be accepted at registration. Fee includes a patch for all pre-registered participants and cocoa at the closing.

8-9 a.m. Check in at the Club House. Scoutmaster and Patrol Leaders or Den leader and 1 Webelo only. Passports and maps will be given. Patrols are to set up sleds around the small pavilion at Station 1 opposite the clubhouse and be prepared for the opening ceremony and final instructions.

9:00 a.m. Opening ceremony at station #1 small pavilion.

9:15-12 Events will have a Mayor present to explain the activity.

12-12:45 p.m. Lunch break.

12:45-3:30 p.m. Events will have a Mayor present to explain the activity.

4:00 p.m. Awards and closing ceremony.

Facilities:

- Two restrooms in the clubhouse are for females or sit down needs. All others find a discreet tree in the woods.
- Hot cocoa will be made available during the judge tallying at the bonfire on the pavilion grounds at 3:30 p.m. NO cups provided! All participants must bring a mug to enjoy a beverage.
- One large community bonfire on the pavilion grounds . We will try to have wood available for mayors to have individual fires at the stations-but this is not guaranteed.
- Please carry a trash bags and follow Leave No Trace etiquette. There is a dumpster for trash near the clubhouse parking area.

Safety

Covid 19 masks are mandatory to be carried, so you can be prepared for entry into buildings or for close contact events, where they are mandatory.

This is an outdoor event, so wearing masks will not be mandatory on the trail.

The road between the two side of the event stations is a public road. Please use extreme caution when crossing, even though we will have caution signs posted.

The pond is off limits. The ice thickness is unknown and we don't want to have any wet scouts.

No flammable liquids are to be used for any events.

Knives used by scouts must follow BSA rules of folding knives that fit in the palm of your hand.

We have planned 17 stations to test the patrol's knowledge, skills and teamwork abilities.

(To accomplish this we need adult teamwork as well. If each Troop can find one adult willing to host a station we will be sure to have plenty of action for the scouts. The following is a list of events for which we will have the needed equipment, unless a patrol required to bring the item and detailed instructions and scoring,. All we need is someone to time or judge the scout's participation. Judges will award gold nuggets to patrols based on their attitude and patrol cooperation. Judges-please write the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place patrols and their time/points on the last page. This will help speed the input and figuring of the top winning patrols. Judges will turn in their score sheets as soon as possible to headquarters. *Judges will earn the patch and be provided a hot lunch at the registration headquarters.*

You may choose your top three events in order and we'll do our best to match you up.) The committee is trying to find help prior to event as well. Detailed instructions on the event and scoring will be provided. A smart phone or other timing device may be needed depending on the event.

Please email potential judge's name and contact information to Scoutmaster, Brian Danforth at scoutman205@gmail.com

Patrol Equipment to bring:

Klondike sled
Pencil & paper in a gallon ziploc bag and another heavy duty bag for gold!
1 large heavy blanket
First aid kit- 2 padded splints, ten (10) cravats, gauze pads
Three- 6' x 8' tarps
Two- six foot long staves
Whistle
Matches
Fire starting material from nature
Magnesium striker, flint & steel, magnifying glass or bow drill
Pocket knife
Compass, calculator
Four- (12') twelve foot lengths of 1/4" rope (whipped)
Two- gallons of water in plastic jugs
Lunch for each scout
Cooking utensils if needed (only 45 minute lunch period)
Trash bag
Each scout and leader to bring own mug!!
Proper boots and attire for the weather is a must! *No sneakers*
Extra gloves and socks

The Events (2022 tentative, dependant on volunteer help)

While Adult Leaders may accompany each Scout Patrol, Adults are NOT to verbally or physically assist their Scouts while at any station. The only involvement of an adult with a patrol is if a health or safety situation arises. Judges will reduce score if help is given.

Exceptions will be made for Webelos where skill knowledge may be lacking, but try to limit assistance to get them to learn to solve events on their own.

1 Help! I've Fallen and Can't Get Up: Scouts must use their first aid skills to save an unlucky scout. *Points event*

2 Two Scout Saw: Scouts use a two-person saw to cut a large log. *Timed event*

3 Hot time in Camp (Fire Building): Patrol must build a fire using only natural material. May be brought or found onsite. Char cloth accepted, no wax or other petroleum based starters. Patrol must burn a string that will be held above the fire about 18 inches. *Timed event* Use of magnifying glass or magnesium striker to light the fire will get a two minute time reduction. 10 seconds added for each extra match used after first attempt and one minute added if you forgot matches and need some from the judge.

4 Arctic Monkey: An Arctic Monkey is freezing up in a tree and must be rescued. Patrols will lash four rungs on a ladder using properly tied square lashing and rescue the monkey. *Timed event*

5 Ice Bergs: Six patrol members must tie a rope using a bowline knot around their waist before starting to cross the gorge while the other scouts belay to keep the scout safe from falling. *Timed event* Two minutes added if patrol forgot rope.

6 Snowblind Retrieve: One patrol member, who was prepared with snow goggles, must verbally guide three blindfolded scouts to pick up 3 different objects out some distance, bring it back and deposit it into a box. *Timed event*

7 Toxic Chemical Removal: Patrol must work together to move a pot of toxic chemicals found near a stream to a safe location to prevent pollution of the water. *Timed event*

8 Sled Race for Speed: The ultimate Klondike Derby event. It's like a Pinewood Derby on snow (we hope). *Timed event*

9 Orienteering: Patrol will work with a topographic map to orient and take bearings. Scouts should know their paces in feet to measure the distance to objects in the field. *Points event* For Webelos this will be a teaching station.

10 Harpoon Some Blubber: It's a hard life putting food on the table along the Alaskan coast. Patrol gets twenty tries at throwing a wooden dowel harpoon at targets. *Point event*

11 Slingshot Turkey Shoot: The scouts fire frozen kibble at pie plates decorated as seals. *Points event*

12 Ice Fishing: Scouts must cast a fish line into a target twenty feet away. *Points event*

13 Bear bag/log pull: Your patrol must tie a rope to a log using appropriate Boy Scout Knots (timber hitch and half hitch) and pull the log 20' – then remove and coil the rope and secure a bear bag (provided) 10 feet in the air using your food, one gallon of water and supplies on your sled to fill a feed sack that is provided. *Timed event*

14 "A Frame" Yeti: Patrols must lash an "A frame" travois and then drag it twenty feet out and back with a scout riding on it. *Timed event*

15 Kim's Game: Patrol gets to observe a table of winter/klondike/scout themed items and then write the items that they recall. *Point event* One point for all correct items recalled

16 Splitting Hairs: Scouts must use a hatchet to cut as many pieces of kindling as possible from a small board with an eight minute time limit. Each patrol member should participate. Judge will rule on safety. *1 Point for each piece split.*

17 Royal Mountie Trivia Agent: While scouts are out on the trail, they should be vigilant for a person in a red coat wearing a campaign hat. If patrol stops to greet him, you will be asked some scout history and advancement trivia questions. You will be rewarded with gold nuggets for all correct answers.

Klondike Sleds The day will be much more exciting if each patrol has their own sled. There is plenty of time to build one and plenty of ideas, from low cost to deluxe, can be found at these two sites:

http://pack239novi.tripod.com/Klondike/Sled_design.pdf (Example one has great flexibility over nails and screws)

<http://www.inquiry.net/outdoor/winter/gear/sleds/>