

# Crossroads District 2023 Klondike Derby

Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> 2023



# Guide for Scouts and Scouters

## What is a Klondike Derby?

In August 1896, prospectors discovered gold in the remote Klondike region of Canada's Yukon Territory. In July 1897, the S.S. Portland arrived in Seattle, Washington, with more than a ton of Klondike gold on board. This event toughed off the great Klondike Gold Rush as thousands of people who dreamed of becoming wealthy began booking passage on steamers heading north from Seattle and other West Coast ports to Yukon. Upon arriving at the northern end of the Inside Passage, however, these adventure-bound stampeders found no easy route leading to the still distant Klondike region. Their progress was slow as each prospector made repeated trips over the rugged trail through the bitter cold.

Imagine pulling a sled loaded with three to six hundred pounds of supplies over a stretch of ice up a steep grade, strewn with boulders and logs, then crossing over a river bed on a couple of trees laid side by side and you get the picture of their labors. Facing a 60-mile-an-hour winds in 65-degree-below-zero weather, the prospectors had to ascend Chilkoot Pass – 1,000 feet straight up. With a steady stream of Stampeders lining the path each day, it took forty trips to get a ton of supplies up the mountain. Those who survived the mountain then faced a treacherous passage by boat to the town of Dawson by the gold fields.

Since 1949, Scout troops have been participating in Klondike Derbies as a way to honor this historic time. Scouts pull a sled loaded with supplies from station to station and complete in various scout skill based events.

In 2023, Scouts of the Crossroad district will travel the vast stretches to find the elusive Yeti. As with the Klondike, and traveling to a far away snow covered land there are always a series of elements that will have to be tackled in order to survive. Were you Born Yeti?

**We are carrying on that tradition! Get your sled ready!!!**

## General Information

**Location:** Camp Woodland, 491 Kibbie Lake Road, Constantia, NY 13044

**Directions:** From 81N take West Monroe Exit 32 onto NY 49E. From the exit drive 7.7 miles on NY 49E, take left onto Kibbie Lake Road. Continue on Kibble Lake Road. Camp entrance is on the left.

**Parking:** Parking for the Klondike will be the main parking lot of Camp Woodland. With the amount of Scouts in camp this weekend we ask that all vehicles remain in the parking lot throughout the entire event.

***\*\*\*Leader Help: The Crossroads District is asking each troop attending to work one event throughout the day. Once your signed up the event will be announced that you will be working. Who staffs the event, and how long of shifts is up to your unit. We unfortunately do not have enough volunteers on the district level to staff every event. We Thank You in advance for helping put on this awesome event. If your unit is bring enough leaders to staff multiple events please let us know.***

**Lunch:** **Born Yeti – Adult Cooking Competition.** If you are not participating in this event each troop will need to **Bring your own lunch.** Lunch will be an hour so if you're camping there will be time to return to your site.

### **Checkin Time:**

Checkin 8:30am– 9:00am, Opening Ceremony Promptly at 9:15am.

**Cost:** This year's entry fee is \$15.00 per scout and leader attending. We ask that for logistical purposes that you preregister the total amount of scouts and scouters attending. This allows the officials to ensure that there are enough patches and supplies for the competitions onsite.

**COVID-19 Requirements** – Due to the ongoing global pandemic – all participants will be required to following local health department guidelines when attending the event. These guidelines will be announced and reiterated before the event. Also, it is requested that all participants also maintain social distance whenever possible. With everyone's help we can have a great event and stay healthy at the same time.

**Registration:** Pre-registration is mandatory!!!

Register at; <https://longhouse.tentaroo.com/>

The 2023 Crossroads District Klondike Derby will be a series of events and challenges that will test each patrol (troop) unit on their scout skills, spirit, and teamwork. Points will be given for completion of the given task, how the task is completed, how well the patrol performs and cooperates as a team and the patrols scout spirit. Each patrol will be given a schedule of activities and their starting point.

Different this year is that each patrol unit will be free to search for the elusive Yeti in whatever order they wish. Patrols will be received and be allowed to participate in each activity in a first come first serve basis. The overall time of the Klondike is not a competition, only the individual competitions throughout the Klondike. Patrols may begin each task once they identify that all members are present at the pit stop and they have the judge's permission to start.

Adult Leaders are welcome to accompany their patrols around the course but are NOT to assist in anyway with the stations. A reduction in points awarded will be calculated for involvement and/or assistance rendering to the patrols while they are completing!! Health and/or Emergency situations notwithstanding. Notify the registration officials and health officers if this happens.

**Health Officer/Lodge:** The health lodge is located inside Sticklely.

\*\*Health forms are required to be turned in for this event, unit leaders are responsible for this.\*\*

**Weather:** The weather during previous Klondike's has varied from above freezing to below freezing with layers of snowpack. All scouts and their Leaders must be appropriately dressed for the weather or they will not be allowed to participate. Consult your Scout Handbook or review your cold weather training for appropriate clothing for the weather of the day.

**Camping:** Please follow local health department guidelines on camping. Camping is dependent on Council regulations.

**Volunteers:** May/will be needed!!! If any adults are able to assist during the day of the event please let Klondike Coordinator Mike Cargill – [cargillmj@gmail.com](mailto:cargillmj@gmail.com), know so he can put them where they can best be used throughout the event.

**Other General Policies of Longhouse Council and Camp Woodland:**

- Following BSA Guidelines there is no smoking on the grounds of Camp Woodland at any time.
- Please do not bring pets of any kind to this event (Service Dogs exempted.)
- For the fire building competition, Patrols are not allowed to use any Chemical or Petroleum based liquids or fire starters.

## **Sled / Patrol Gear**

Klondike Derby Sled

Scout Handbook

Clipboard and Pencil

Compass

First Aid Kit

50' Nylon Rope

Wood and Tinder for one Fire (No chemical or petroleum accelerants!)

Fire starter – match ***and*** flint and steel

6 – 10' pieces of nylon rope

Sleeping Bag or Two Wool Blankets

2 Pairs of Safety Glasses

Written Weather report for the day of the derby, Constantia, NY 13044

Water enough for each Patrol Member

Extra Gear You May Think You Need (But remember you need to haul it).

**Be Prepared!!!**

## Events (Scouts BSA)

### Sled Inspection (this is a scored event!)

Located in front of Stickey Hall, during registration. All personal outerwear and sled equipment will be checked. After inspection, scouts will need to remain with their sleds. Equipment may not be removed or added after completing inspection. Points will be added for the best THEMED sleds. Theme this year is *Born Yeti*.

### Station 1: Fire Building Relay

On avalanche pass – fire is a matter of survival. This year's challenge is how good are you and can you start a fire with primitive methods? If you can use flint and steel your golden, matches will cost you! How fast can your patrol make a fire, and boil water. Its not just about speed but proper technique.

### Station 2: Two Scout Saw

We need to keep that fire burning. How fast can you run the two-scout saw? Scouts will use a two person saw to cut two pancakes off a log. Teamwork and safety are important on the ice planet, so points will be deducted for unsafe cutting practices.

### Station 3: Snow Bowling

Can you knock down the pins with a bowling ball? But can you do it in the snow? Lets see how good you are.

### Station 4: Yeti First Aid

Staying safe is one part of ensuring survival on in the Klondike. But injuries do happen. In this station you will work together to properly triage a mass casualty event and admister proper first aid.

### Station 5: Find the Yeti

Knowing where to go and how to get there is one of the most important things on the tropical island. In this station Scouts will use a compass and work together to shoot coordinates to get to different positions on a orienteering course.

### Station 6: Ice Rescue

Traveling over ice is just part of the Klondike. In this station patrols will simulate how to rescue someone who has fallen into the ice without putting themselves or their patrol in danger.

### Station 7: Snowshoe Relay

Knowing what equipment to use is essential. Do you know how to snowshoe? How fast can your patrol complete the relay race?

### **Station 8: Yeti Hideaway**

For that “just in case” situation. Scouts will use items they have brought as well as items they find in the woods to build an emergency shelter. This station will be judged on the completeness of the shelter rather than a total “race against the clock”. Bonus points for best camouflaged shelter using natural materials.

### **Station 9: Log Toss**

Moving equipment and items from one place to another is just part of the hard work of surviving in the Klondike. In this scenario Scouts will toss logs and be judged on accuracy and distance.

### **Station 10: Ice Sample & Transport**

One desire for traveling to the klondike was for exploration. Is the soil or minerals different? In this station scouts will work together to move the “contaminated soil sample” from the middle of a “vast deep ice crevice” to the edge where they can take it back to the lab for testing.

### **Station 11: Knot Tying Relay**

Knots are essential for survival in the Klondike. In this station patrol members will all complete same task to win. Teamwork is essential to complete this task.

### **Station 12: Blizzard Conditions**

This station will be decided day of due to the changing weather conditions this winter. Be prepared for anything!

### **Last Event: Team Klondike Sled Relay**

This will be a whole camp race. Before we close we will do a final sled race on the parade field. Winning this race may help you take the overall klondike award.

***Scoring and Points:*** The scoring and point system will be very liberal and administered by each station attendant. Station areas are considered ground, behavior, and attitude will be considered by the Attendant and their assistants. Scout skills should be sharp, scout smiles should be bright and Scout Spirit should be high! .

*New in 2023 – each patrol will be judged on their best 10 event scores - Good Luck!*

Schedule of Events for 2023

Arrive 8:30am-9:00am

Opening 9:15am

Sessions 9:30am-Noon

Lunch 12:00pm-1:00pm

Sessions 1:00pm-3:30pm

*Move to Parade Field for Patrol Relay and Closing 3:30pm*



## **Born Yeti - Adult Cooking Competition**

Each unit will provide enough lunch for their unit members and the judges.

1. The competition will be completed by adult member(s) of the unit while the scouts are participating in the morning pit stops of the Klondike journey.
2. Each unit will be given a location along the road near Stickley Hall. Each unit must bring everything that they will need, this included food, condiments, tables, stoves, serving utensils, eating utensils and cookware for unit members, etc.
3. Judging will be completed by members of the Crossroads District Committee during the lunch hour.
4. Each unit is to complete a one pot stew or chili based on the “Born Yeti” theme. Be creative!