

Towpath District's

2024

Klondike &

Snowbox Derby

"BLIZZARD BLITZ"

Saturday, January 27th, 2024



Guide For Scouts and Scouters

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Location: Camp Woodland 491 Kibbie Lake Rd, Constantia, NY 13044

Check-In Time: 8:30 – 9:00 am, Opening Ceremony Promptly at 9:15 am.

Parking: Parking is available in the main lot

Lunch: Will be provided. Includes: Grilled Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Bowl of Chicken Noodle Soup, Potato Chips, bottled Water, or Hot Chocolate and dessert.

Cost: This year's entry fee is \$20.00 per Scout and Parent attending. (Fee Includes Lunch & Patch) For logistical purposes, we ask that you preregister the number of Scouts and Scouters attending for logistical purposes. This allows the officials to ensure supplies for all the competitions.

Registration: Pre-registration is mandatory!!!

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

Registration will open on 12/21/2023.

Registration will close on January 24th.

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

Volunteers Are still needed!! If any adults can attend during the day of the event, please get in touch with Klondike Coordinator Papa Bear at Ronald.hill@scouting.org.

Camp Trading Post: will be open.



KLONDIKE PROGRAM

The 2024 Towpath District Klondike Derby will be a series of events and challenges that will test the Scout Unit on their Scout skills, spirit, and teamwork. Points will be awarded for the competition of each Task, how efficiently each Task is completed, how well the Patrol performs and cooperates as a team, and the Patrol Scout Spirit. Each Patrol will be given a schedule of activities and a starting point.

Once each Patrol has finished its activity at a designated stop, it must spend the entire period at the designated location. Travel time between stations will be built into the schedule and adjusted as needed. The overall time it takes each Unit to complete all tasks is not a part of the competition; only the points earned at the individual stations throughout the Klondike are considered. Patrols may begin each Task once they identify that all the members are present and have the judge's permission to start.

Adult Leaders are welcome to accompany their patrols around the course but are NOT to assist with the stations. A reduction in points will be calculated for adult involvement and assistance to the patrols while completing each Task, Health and Emergencies notwithstanding.

Notify the registration officials and Health Officers if this happens.

Other General Policies of Longhouse Council:

- Following BSA Guidelines,
- Please do not bring pets of any kind to this event (Service Dogs Exempted)
- Patrols are prohibited from using any Chemical or petroleum-based liquids or fire starters for the fire building competition.

KLONDIKE PROGRAM

Sled Inspection (This is a scored event!)

They are located at the front of Owens 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 inspection. Points will be added for the best **THEMED** sleds. This year's theme is "**BLIZZARD BLITZ.**"

Banner Inspection

Each Troop and Pack / Den are encouraged to design, build, and decorate a "Blizzard BLITZ Banner." The Banner can be any size. "**BLIZZARD BLITZ** Theme required! Reflect your Troop / Pack "Scout Spirit" in your Banner!! A Winner Will Be Announced!!!

Station 1: BLITZ Bag Toss

Patrols will be required to toss snow bags into a bucket. The Patrol must fill the Bucket with bags before they can move on to complete a puzzle. This is a timed event, and points will be awarded to the three Patrols to complete the stations the fastest.

Station 2: "A Fiery Convergence"

Patrols must work as a team to move a log from a starting point, lift it through the air using a pulley system, and place it on fire. Patrols must provide their own 3ft long x 2in log.

Station 3: "A Colossal Task"

This event aims to transport a Treasure Chest through an obstacle course without touching the Chest. All materials for this event will be furnished.

COLOSSAL TASK is a timed event, with the furthest distance achieved through the course considered when scoring.

Station 4: "A Light from the Abyss"

The objective of this event is to communicate using Flashlight and Morse code. Each Patrol will be divided into groups: the Transmitters & the Receivers. The Transmitters will be given a message they must transmit to the Receivers using their Flashlight. Each Patrol is responsible for bringing flashlights and a Morse code card. This is a timed event with accuracy included.

Station 5: " The Field of Fire"

Patrols must work together as a Team to rescue an injured patrol member from the Fierce Field of Fire. This will be a timed event, and points will be awarded to the top three times.

Station 6: "Firebreak"

In a Blizzard, fire is a matter of survival. Can you start a fire with primitive methods? If you can use flint & steel, you are golden. Use matches, and it will cost you points. How fast can your Patrol make a fire and burn the string? (**Patrols need to bring their fire-building material!!!**) This is a timed event; the Top three times will be awarded points.

Station 7: "Fire Up Bruisers"

We need to keep that fire burning! How fast can you run the 2 Scout saw? Scouts will use a two-person saw to cut two cookies off a log. Teamwork and safety are essential at the Klondike. Points will be deducted for unsafe cutting practices.

Station 8: "Egg Lovers United"

Your Patrol must successfully toss eggs across a prescribed set of distances. Each egg to reach the end will be worth 10 points.

Station 9: A Blaze on the Snow

This event is a good old-fashioned Sled Drag Race. Patrols will be pitted against each other to determine who is the Fastest.



SNOWBOX PROGRAM

The 2024 Towpath District Snowbox Derby will be a series of events and challenges that will test the Dens on their Scout skills, spirit, and teamwork. Points will be awarded for the competition of each Task, how efficiently each Task is completed, how well the Dens/Pack performs and cooperates as a team, and Scout Spirit. Each Den/Pack will be given a schedule of activities and a starting point.

Once each Den/Pack has finished its activity at a designated stop, they must spend the entire period at the designated location. Travel time between stations will be built into the schedule and adjusted as needed. The overall time it takes each Unit to complete all tasks is not a part of the competition; only the points earned at the individual stations throughout the Snowbox are considered. Dens/Pack may begin each Task once they identify that all the members are present and they have the judge's permission to start.

Adult Leaders must accompany their Dens/Pack around the course but are NOT to assist with the stations. A reduction in points will be calculated for adult involvement and assistance to the Den/Pack while completing each Task, Health and Emergencies notwithstanding.

Notify the registration officials and Health Officers if this happens.

Other General Policies of Longhouse Council:

- Following BSA Guidelines,
- Please do not bring pets of any kind to this event (Service Dogs Exempted)

Banner Inspection

Pack / Den is encouraged to design, build, and decorate a "**BLIZZARD BLITZ BANNER.**" The Banner can be any size. Scout, Beach, Blitz Theme required! Reflect your Pack "Scout Spirit" in your Banner!! A Winner Will Be Announced!!!

Snowbox Judging: It will take place in front of Stickley, and sleds will be judged on design and theme. This year's theme is "**Blizzard Blitz.**"

Snowbox Rules

- The sled must be made from cardboard.
- The sled needs to be designed to pull.
- NO METAL or Hard Plastic is allowed.

CUB / DEN EVENTS:

Station 1: "Knoble Frost Hunter"

Each Cub will get a chance to shoot a bow and throw a Tomahawk at Targets. Points will be awarded for what they hit. To even the score for Dens/Packs with unequal numbers, the total score received will be divided by the number of Cubs in the Den/Pack to arrive at the final score.

Station 2: Blitz Bag Toss

Each Den will be required to toss snow bags into a bucket. The Den must fill the Bucket with bags before they can move on to complete a puzzle. This is a timed event, and points will be awarded to the three Patrols to complete the stations the fastest.

Station 3: "A Colossal Task"

This event aims to transport a Treasure Chest through an obstacle course without touching the Chest. All materials for this event will be furnished. This is a timed event, with the furthest distance achieved through the approach considered when scoring.

Station 4: "Treasures in the Snow"

Scouts will have three chances to fish for mousetraps with each different value. One scout will be blindfolded, and the other scouts must guide them to fish for the mousetrap with the highest value. Extra points may be awarded for effective communication and teamwork.

Station 5: Wearer of the BLIZZARD BLITZ Crown

This event is a GAGA Ball Challenge to Crown the Champion.

Station 6: A Blaze on the Snow

One scout from the pack/den must be on the snow box, and the other members of the pack/patrol must pull that scout and make it from one end of the Tundra to the other. This event will be timed, and the pack/den with the lowest time wins. Three members of the pack/den may pull the snow box at a time.

Sledding at Camp Woodland

- ❖ Sledding is permitted at Camp.
- ❖ Sledding is not part of the day program; therefore, supervision lies on the Den/Pack and Parent/Guardian.
- ❖ All sledders must wear a helmet and gloves.
- ❖ An Adult must accompany all sledders.
- ❖ Adult supervision is required at the Top and Bottom of the Hill.



Sled / Patrol Gear

Klondike Derby Sled

Scout Handbook

Clipboard & Pencil

Compass

Large First Aid Kit

50' Nylon Rope

BYO! - Wood & Tinder for one Fire (No chemical or petroleum accelerates!)

Small folding or bow saw, hatchet, and pocketknife

Fire starter-matches and flint and steel

6-10' pieces of nylon rope

Paracord or tent string

Two 8' by 10' tarps

Poles for lashing projects

Sleeping Bag or Two Wool Blankets

2 Pairs of Safety Glasses

Written weather report for the day of the Derby, Auburn,

NY Water, enough for each patrol member

Extra gear (Remember, You Need to Haul It!)

BE PREPARED!!!



Schedule of Events for 2024

Check In 8:30-9:00 am

Opening Parade Tundra - 9:15 am

Session 1 – 9:30 am – 10:15 am

Session 2 – 10:15 am – 11:00am

Session 3 – 11:00am – 11:45 am

Lunch 11:45 am – 12:30 pm

Session 4 - 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm

Session 5 - 1:15 pm – 2:00 pm

Session 6 - 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm

Snowbox Races – 3:00 pm – on the Tundra

Session 7 – 2:45 pm – 3:30 pm

Session 8 – 3:30 pm – 4:15 pm

Sled Drag Races -4:20 pm – on the Tundra

4:45 pm – Closing- ON THE TUNDRA