

Arrowwood District

Leader's Guide

AOL & Webelos
Klondike Derby
01 February 2025

“The Gold Rush Is On”

The rush is on! There has been gold found in the Yukon. You and your patrol have decided to trek to the Klondike and become rich. Your expedition must begin by setting up your base camp. The base camp will be the launching point for your prospecting for gold. You must go from city to city collecting items required to set up your base camp, make a fire and prepare your evening meal. Along your trail you will encounter obstacles and challenges that you must overcome and complete in order to receive the items needed for your base camp setup.

What is a Klondike Derby

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The Klondike Derby is a day-long event that tests scouting skills. Youth work together in a patrol to compete against other patrols in completing tasks that are part of their achievements learned as a Cub Scout. For the most part, these skills are those skills learned as a Webelos or AOL because many of these skills are needed when they cross over to Scouts BSA. It is a great opportunity to practice the Patrol Method. Cubs are given the assistance of a Den Chief to guide them for the day. A Den Chief is a Scout that has considerable knowledge of scouting skills and assists Dens with challenges.

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The Rush is On:

Scouts will participate as a patrol, with up to eight Scouts - Webelos and AOL, using various skills of the Yukon Gold Rush to score points. Scouts BSA, Den Chief will assist Webelos and Arrow of Lights in completing tasks using the Patrol Method.

WHEN AND WHERE?

The 2025 Arrowwood District Webelos and AOL Klondike Derby will be held on 01 February 2025 at Camp Berry. Check-in will be Saturday Morning at 0730-0830 on the patio of Yammine Lodge - Bear Crossing. All participants must be signed in by 0830 on February 1st..

FEE AND CHECK-IN PROCEDURE:

The fee is \$10.00 per Scout. Please make checks payable to the Black Swamp Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. If the Camporee is postponed and your unit is unable to attend the alternate date, your pre-registration fees will be refunded to you. Upon arrival at Camp Berry, proceed to the parking lot as directed. Patrols should stay together in the parking lot while the Patrol Leader(s) and Unit Leader go to the **Klondike Admin Area (Yammine Lodge)(Bear Crossing)** for check-in. As part of the registration process, the attached Patrol Roster is to be filled out ahead of time and turned in. Note: The Patrol should keep a copy of the Patrol Roster because they should fill out page numbers for reference during events. The Personal Health and Medical Record for each participant **MUST** be turned in at the time of registration to the First Aid Attendant (Physician's signature is not required). These forms should be picked up prior to your unit's departure.

PREPARING TO START:

The Patrols will receive their maps and the order of the towns they are to visit at the Starting Line (Bear Crossing- Yammine Lodge). Patrols will have plenty of time to go through each station. Each Station is a first come first served basis. All Patrols will begin at 9:00 am at Bear Crossing.

The Rush is On - EVENTS:

In preparation for the Klondike Derby, inform all participating patrols that all events require basic Scouting skills found in the Den Handbook. The Scout Oath and Law will be the policy at all areas and on the trails.

Saturday Morning—0730-0830 AM Check-in Admin (Bear Crossing-Yammine Lodge)

Saturday Morning— 9:00 AM Start Time All Patrols begin at the same time.

Saturday AM events 9:00 AM to Noon

Saturday Lunch Noon to 1:00 PM (At location of your choice) Den Leaders and Pack Leaders Responsible for assisting with the meal for your Den/Patrol. Leave No Trace

Saturday PM events 1:00- 4:00 PM Finish Events

Saturday 4:30 PM to 5PM Awards Presentation (Bear Crossing)

Saturday 5:00-5:30 PM Check out and retrieval of Forms and Dismissal

*Schedule subject to change

List of Events and Corresponding Achievements

Event Name	Challenge	Achievement
Ice Rescue	Pull Stranded Scout from Ice Flow Tie a Bowline Knot	Lets Camp 1st Aid
Rope Burn	Build a fire with 2 matches or flint and steel	Lets Camp
1st Aid	Treat 1st Aid for Shock Other injuries from their book	My Safety 1st Aid
Ski Race	Outdoor Adventure	Outdoor Adventure
Snow Shoe	Hazard Labeling	My Safety
Tree ID	Collect & Identify 3 leaves At least 1 conifer and 1 deciduous	Into The Woods
Stump Walk	Lay planks in a pattern to get across stumps	Team Building
Camp Set up	1 tent, fire pit, wood cutting, kitchen & eating	Outdoor Adventure
Knot Tying	3 former Cub Knots Bowline, Clove Hitch, and Square Knot	
Other & 5 W of Hiking	6 essentials, Patrol flag, name & yell	

HOW WILL THE SCORING BE DONE?

Your final score will depend on how well your team works on the problems. Unlike Scouts BSA, the Webelos & AOL Klondike is not a timed Event. At each city the patrol will be given a score, from 20 to 100, based on how well they complete the activity. Scoring will also include: 6 essentials for each youth, All Patrol Equipment, and the Completed Patrol Method Form. Patrols will be asked to present their Patrol Yell! Den Chief's role is to guide the Cub Patrol and not do the work for them. An excessive amount of the Den Chief completing the task may reduce the overall score for that town. It is understood that youth at this age may not be able to complete some task without assistance, the goal here is to get youth to feel confident in seeing the problem and figuring out how to solve it as much on their own as possible. **ONLY DEN CHIEFS CAN ASSIST YOUTH, NO ADULTS!**

FOOD FOR THE Klondike Derby:

Meals will be conducted at the patrol level, at a site of your choice. Patrols should consult Scout BSA for meal ideas that are quick and require few discarded items. Each Patrol member must have a water bottle and must have something to drink that is warm ie, hot cocoa. The Den Leaders are responsible for the den/patrol to have the needed food and resources. The Patrol must carry their meal with them on their sled.

AWARDS/CLOSING CEREMONY

Awards for the top 3 place Patrols will be given an award for their patrol to take back to their Pack. In an attempt to keep costs down, there may not be a patch for this event.

VISITORS

Visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend the Klondike Derby. Because of its high visibility, this event is an excellent opportunity for parents and interested citizens to see Scouting in action.

CONDUCT

The Scout Oath and Law will be the rule of the Klondike Derby, as in any Scouting event. While on their own going from area to area the Patrols should follow the rules of outdoor conduct and

the principles of Scouting No Patrol flags are to be stolen, violated, or damaged – perpetrators will be disqualified. There may be situations that arise in the event areas or other locations of the Klondike Derby where decisions must be made which are not covered in this guidebook; these decisions will be made by the members of the Klondike Derby Committee and will be final.

Refunds:

Cancellation Policy

GENERAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO ALL REFUNDS No refunds will be issued for activities where promotion literature states No refunds Deposits are non-refundable. All monies are refundable if the council or district cancels an event. Refund requests for rescheduled events due to weather conditions will be dealt with on an individual basis, partial refunds can be granted after incurred expenses for the event have been taken into consideration. Transferring fees from one person to another within the same unit for the same program is permissible. Fees are not transferable from one event to another. No refund request for any event or facility will be accepted more than 14 days after the conclusion of the event. For resident camps, each session or week is considered a separate event. Any refund granted will be credited back to the source of the original payment. i.e., Credit card back to credit card, check back to checking account, etc. Valid reasons for requesting a refund include: Illness Death in family, or Change in business plans. In no event shall any refund be made for any reason if the cost of the event has not been completely met. If substitution for participation in the event has been secured, then full refund may be made to the individual originally registered. Any refunds granted will be reduced by the cost of any deposit plus the cost of any materials already procured. Refunds will not be made for late arrivals or early departures. All requests for refunds of money must be made in writing to the Black Swamp Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. Supporting receipts must accompany the request.

Health & Safety:

Patrols must have their Patrol First Aid Kits readily available on their sled. Patrols must carry their Patrol First Aid Kit with them at all times. Camp Berry public address and sirens will be utilized to inform participants of an emergency. Emergency gathering spot will be Donnell Lodge. All accidents and or injuries must be reported to the Health Officer. The Health Lodge will be open in Yammine Lodge for needed first aid treatment.

Medication:

This is a less than a day event so medication storage should not be an issue. Please follow Scouting America and Black Swamp Policy for medication. Unit leaders and family will be responsible for medications. Rescue medications should be listed on the Health Forms.

Need to Keep Warm:

Den Leaders should take careful consideration and teach scouts about dressing in layers, appropriate clothing, footwear, headwear, and gloves. There will be warm places available! Den Leaders should ensure that their patrol has something warm to drink at least at their noon meal.

Hydration will also assist in keeping warm. Remember the Granola Essential is ok to be eaten on the trail as it will also contribute to warmth.

Youth Protection:

Two Deep Leadership Shall be provided with Each Pack/Patrol by the Pack.

Needed Equipment:

Each scout will need their **6 essentials** equipment per Handbook.

Cup for their warm drink

Sled Pull type plastic rectangular sled. No traditional Klondike Sleds, They are too Heavy. No round sleds as they may not fit all the needed items.

Rope 25 feet long for rescue Throwing

Tent, complete

1st aid kit

2 blankets

Flint and steel

2 matches in waterproof container

At least one handbook

Patrol Planning:

Read and understand dressing for cold weather. All Webelos and AOL are required to dress for the weather. No exceptions to the following dress for Saturday.

Long, insulated underwear Top (long sleeve) and bottom

Socks, preferably insulated.

Long pants

Long sleeve shirt

Winter pants, (sledding type or additional layer of pants)

Hooded sweatshirt

Winter coat

Winter hat and gloves

Extra socks, winter hat and gloves will be in day bag.

Day bag pack shall contain a minimum of the following:

Extra socks, winter hat and gloves will be in day bag. Placed in zip lock bag.

Book, Placed in zip lock bag.

Water

Trail food, granola bars or mix. No chips. You'll need energy.

Rain gear

Flashlight

Whistle

Personal first aid kit

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Patrol Method

Patrol Name: _____ **Pack Number:** _____

Patrol Yell or Chant:

Patrol Leader: _____

Assistant Patrol Leader: _____

Den Chief: _____

Adult Leader: _____ **PH #** _____

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Patrol Members: _____

List page numbers from your book that will be helpful for completing your task along the trail. While you list your helpful pages, mark them in your book with sticky tabs.

Task:	Pages:	Notes:
Winter Dress		
Fire Building		
1st Aid		
Leaf ID		
Hazardous Materials		
Weather Forecast		
Campsite Selection & set-up		
Plan a route		
5 Ws of Hiking		

A Copy of this form must be submitted per patrol at registration (Bear Crossing) Before start time

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Parents Information

Lord Baden Powell, the founder of scouting, said that “A week of camp is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room.” We are developing and implementing a challenging outdoor program. Scouts learn to plan, be responsible for themselves and others, self-discipline, teamwork and leadership skills. An outdoor program done properly, develops all of these vital skills and more. The EAGLE is essentially a leadership award based on values contained in the Scout Oath and Law. No other program competes with Scouting in this area. The hard work, leadership, skills and values taught in BSA are recognized to the point that the US Army gives a promotion to anyone who has attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

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Since 1949 BSA has unofficially held Klondike Derbies around the country. These events are always held in winter so as to create similar conditions that prospectors may have faced on the trail. This is a great event because many of the skills and attributes successful prospectors had are the same skills and values taught in Scouting. The Klondike derby is an event held for Scouts BSA—Sometimes Webelos and AOL may be invited.

As Arrowwood District Leadership, we have recognized several areas that we believe are important outdoor skills for our Scouts to cross over to a Scouts BSA Troop. Setting up tents, fire building, cooking, knot tying, first aid, lashings are several of these skills. This challenge is to gauge our cubs and provide them with valuable experience prior to crossing over. We understand that our Cub Scouts are young and that they will not be the greatest at these challenges; they may even fail. However, we want them to understand that they need to plan their work load and be able to draw on past experiences to achieve an objective. Further, this will give them that experience to draw back on when they cross over to Scouts BSA.