

Klondike Derby 2007

Winter Outdoor Skills Competition! NEW for 2007: Sleds or Covered Wagons

This is a Winter Camping and Outdoor Skills competition. Each patrol/crew must build and bring a wheeled Klondike sled or a wheeled miniature Conestoga or Prairie Schooner Wagon with their trademark canvas bonnets! Participants can serve as the draft animal of their choice: dogs, horses, oxen, or mules - depending on the vehicle they bring! Patrols/teams will load the wagons/sleds with their personal and patrol equipment and pull them through the competition course using a map and compass to find each station. Competition Stations will be named after famous Gold Rush towns. Patrols/teams will receive "gold" nuggets for their score at each station.

Some events will be competitive, some will be instructional. Each station will time and test patrols on their team work, winter camping skills, Scouting knowledge and their problem solving ability.

WHEN: Saturday, March 3, 2007

WHERE: **Camp Tahuaya** *maps and directions are available on the council website at www.longhorncouncil.org*

WHO: Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts and Venturers

REGISTRATION: Early Registration Deadline is 5:00 PM on Wednesday, February 28th, 2007
Full fee for all Registrations after 5:00 PM on Wednesday, February 28th, 2007
Final Payment must be received by 5PM on Wednesday, February 28th, 2007

FEES: **Early Registration Discount:** \$12.00 before Monday at 5:00 PM, February 28th, 2007. \$17.00 after 5:00 PM Wednesday, February 28th, 2007. Includes patch & awards

SCHEDULE: Check-in	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Friday	Lunch in campsites	12:00-1:00 PM Saturday
Check-in	7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Sat.	Afternoon competition	1:00-4:00 PM Saturday
Leaders Meeting	8:00 a.m. Saturday	Sled/wagon Race	4:00 PM Saturday
Opening Ceremony	8:30 a.m. Saturday	Awards Campfire	7:00 PM Saturday
Morning competition begins	9:00 AM Saturday		

Competition Events will include:

- equipment inspection
- Build a fire using only 3 matches
- Crossing obstacles with the wagon
- Making several fires
- Heating water to make a drink
- Sawing a log
- Start a fire without matches, using flint and steel or fire by friction
- Rope throw to rescue someone "on the ice" ...
- Build a survival shelter big enough to get the entire patrol out of the elements
- Map and compass navigation
- Winter First aid (hypothermia, etc ...)
- Pioneering skills - Lashing and Knots
- Cutting wood with a hatchet, ax and bow saw.
- Dead Horse Carry
- Panning for Gold
- Rope Square
- Sled and Wagon Slalom races
- Other activities – Be Prepared!
- Dutch Oven Cooking- Patrols may provide a dinner entrée cooked in a Dutch Oven with recipe to be judged. Entry must be brought to the Dining Hall by 6 PM and must be of sufficient portion for three judges to sample. This is a Troop competition – 1 entry per troop.

Klondike Derby Equipment:

Clothing

The Scouts need good outdoor winter clothing, such as long johns (thermal underwear), gloves, hats, warm coats, multiple pairs of socks, good waterproof boots, rain gear, etc. Be prepared for a long cold weekend – even if it isn't! Dress in layers, so that layers can be removed if you're hot or added if you're cold.

Required Patrol Equipment

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Klondike Sled or Conestoga wagon | <input type="checkbox"/> Clipboard & cover (or equivalent) | <input type="checkbox"/> Small metal pot/cup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Mix & snacks | <input type="checkbox"/> Watch | <input type="checkbox"/> (3) gallons water in container |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water, sports drinks, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Compass | <input type="checkbox"/> Flint & Steel or Hot spark kit with dry tinder and spark- cloth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cloth bag to hold gold nuggets (your score) | <input type="checkbox"/> (2) six foot long staves (or equivalent) | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 eight-foot lengths of rope (whipped) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hat, coat, and gloves per participant | <input type="checkbox"/> Blanket | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 fifty-foot length of rope |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sturdy footwear | <input type="checkbox"/> bandana | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Handbook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patrol Flag | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit including at least 4 cravats | <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Rain gear for each Scout |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patrol roster | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket knife | <input type="checkbox"/> Trash bags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil & paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Tin foil | |

The Klondike Sled, Prairie Schooner, and Conestoga Wagon

Every competing patrol/team needs a wheeled Conestoga or Prairie Schooner Wagon or a Klondike Derby Sled with wheels. These should be fashioned to look somewhat like the traditional wheeled Conestoga or Prairie Schooner Wagons, with their canvas weather tarp and frame, or Klondike Sleds with wheels.

Conestoga Wagons

Conestoga Wagons were huge freight wagons with an arching weather cover or bonnet developed in Pennsylvania by descendants of German colonists and used for hauling freight throughout the East and on the Santa Fe Trail to New Mexico.

Prairie Schooners

The Conestoga wagons were too heavy for their draft animals on most rugged western trails. The much smaller Prairie Schooners were developed specifically for overland travel and saw wide use throughout many of America's western migrations to the latest Gold Rush fields. Many travelers simply retrofitted their standard farm wagons with a canvas bonnet. The popular Boy Scout Trek Carts from the early days of Scouting were a single-axle adaptation of the famous frontier wagons and their trademark canvas bonnets.

Klondike sleds

In the winter in the far north frontier, their only means of travel was by dog team. During the Klondike Gold Rush dog sleds were used for transport, freight and mail delivery. Winter travel in the North Country without a dog sled was almost impossible.

Volunteers

Like Klondikes all over the USA, the Klondike Derby is a traditional camporee format. Each unit is asked to send one or two adults to assist with one event station (Klondike Town) during the competition. Set-up, equipment, materials, and program & scoring information will be provided by the event staff. Contact Frank Leslie at fleslie@hotmail.com for more information or to make advanced arrangements. All volunteers are very much appreciated!

Longhorn Council Klondike Derby Registration Form

Registrations due by 5 PM Wednesday, February 28, 2007. Late registrations fee after Wednesday, February 28. Klondike Derby is a rain or shine activity.

Leader: _____ District: _____ Troop Team Crew Unit #: _____
(Circle one)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (H): _____ (W): _____

Email Addresses (must be legible): _____

Please sign up our unit for _____ patrols/teams with one sled each for the 2006 Klondike Derby.

Number of youth participants: _____

Number of Adults: _____

Register by Feb. 28: Total attending: _____ X \$11 = \$ _____

Register after Feb 28: Total attending: _____ X \$16 = \$ _____

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Camping? Friday Night _____ Saturday Night _____ Not Camping _____

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