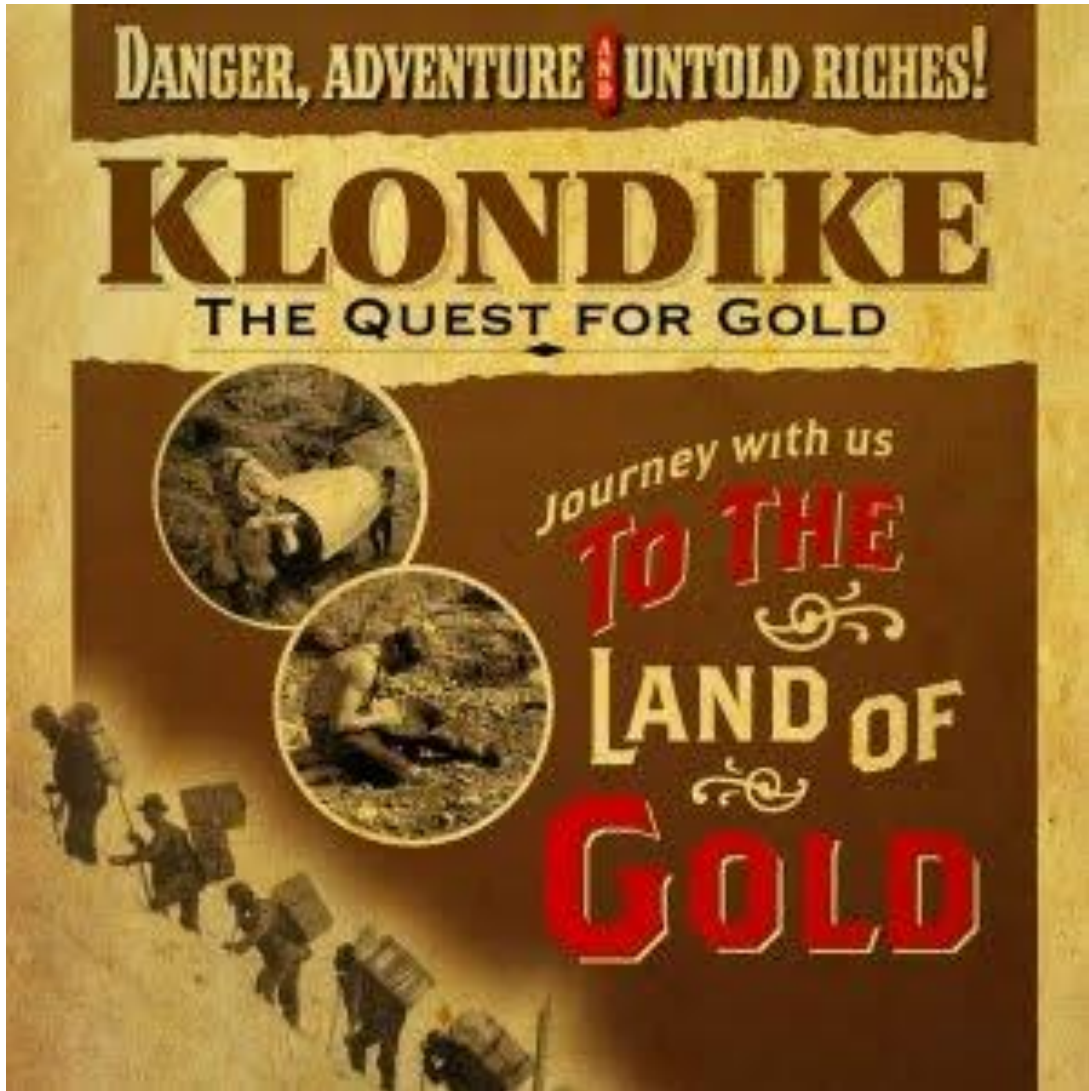


TEXAS TRAILS COUNCIL

KLONDIKE DERBY

**Ringling Lake Park, Eastland Texas
December 7 thru 9, 2018**



LEADER'S GUIDE

RINGLING LAKE PARK
HIGHWAY 112, EASTLAND, TX 76448

What is a Klondike Derby?

Many years ago, men raced across the Alaskan wilderness by means of dogs and sleds. Scouting has taken this idea and created the Klondike Derby. Each patrol builds a sled, collects materials and equipment and prepares to embark on the Klondike adventure and participate as a team in the derby.

General Information

Registration Opens November 8

Registration Fee \$10 per person (both youth and adult) if **paid in full** by December 3, 2018.

\$5 late fee per person after December 3.

Adult Leadership

Per BSA Youth Protection guidelines, a minimum of two registered adult leaders must be in attendance; a responsible (age 21 or older) must be in camp at all times. You are responsible for your Scouts.

Camping

Units will camp in designated camp areas based on the number of registered youth and adults (please register in advance). Each unit furnishes its own tents, food, water, equipment, etc.

First Aid

All units must have their own first aid equipment and have them easily accessible for use. Emergencies and serious first aid incidents must immediately be reported to the Klondike First Aid officer.

BSA Medical Forms

All Scouts and adult leaders are required to have health forms on site. Units must have them available at all times.

Weather

This is an “All weather conditions” campout. ***BE PREPARED.***

Vehicles

All vehicles must be parked in the main parking lot or outside the park gate. One designated vehicle will be allowed in the camping area for unloading of equipment, but please quickly bring it back to the main parking lot. No passengers in the back of an open truck or trailer. Vehicles will not be permitted to remain at campsites.

Fires

Campfires are allowed in above ground fire barrels or in a provided fire ring at each camp site only.

Food

Each unit is responsible for making sure it provides enough food for all of its participants for the entire event. Patrol cooking is encouraged for all Troops, Crews, etc. for this event. Plan to cook on camp stoves or on charcoal at grilling pits. There will be a cast iron dessert competition and cracker barrel following the campfire, for those that are interested in participating.

Water

Troops should bring their own water.

Restrooms

Portable restrooms will be provided and will be located near campsites throughout the park.

Volunteers Needed

We are asking for two adult volunteers from each troop to help run stations throughout the day. We will be having a staff meeting after the SPL meeting on Friday night at the Derby HQ. No special skills are required for the volunteers and all who wish to help will be welcome.

Awards

Overall derby champion is the sledge team with the most GOLD!

Each town will have an award for town champion and Scout Citizenship! Dutch oven desert cook-off following the Awards Campfire.

Scoring

Every town will have one or two Yukon Challenges to test the sledge team's knowledge and skill. If they pass/GO they receive gold or silver nuggets based upon the challenge judging criteria.

Nugget Guide

Nuggets will be awarded for each event as shown below:

1st Nugget – Patrol/crew completes the event.

2nd Nugget – Patrol/crew demonstrated teamwork.

3rd Nugget – Patrol/crew showed Scout spirit.

4th Nugget – All things were done to Scout handbook or stated standards.

5th Nugget – Judge's discretion.

SCHEDULE OF THE EVENT

Friday December 7th

(Arrivals to the event may be allowed to set-up no earlier than 4pm)

4:00pm - 9:00pm Check-in & Campsite Setup

9:30pm SPL / SM Meeting – HQ

11:00pm Lights Out

Saturday December 8th

7:00am Reveille / Breakfast / Cleanup

9:00am Start Klondike Event Race

Noon: Lunch will be part of the competition and will be had on trail.

5:30pm Complete Klondike Event Race

5:45pm Troop time/Supper in campsite / Clean up

9:30pm Camp Fire / Awards / Skits / Closing Ceremony

11:00pm Lights Out

Sunday December 9th

7:00am Reveille / Breakfast / Cleanup

9:00am Police Campsite / Depart for home

12:00 NOON Final Departure, Park will be closed.

* Check out with Klondike Derby Staff member before departing *

**** IMPORTANT INFO KEEPING READING ****

Lunch

Lunch will be held as part of the race. Scouts are not to return to their campsite to prepare and eat lunch. There will be a location on the race route for scouts to stop and prepare their lunch. As such, patrols must bring their lunch with them on their sled and have the necessary tools to prepare it. We are encouraging scouts to have/use compact, lightweight backpacking style stoves. There will be a campfire at the designated lunch stop, however, scouts should be aware that many patrols may try to use it to cook, so plan accordingly. Scouts that prepare their lunch over an open flame (camp fire, stove, etc) will receive a bonus for the race.

Troop / Patrol Needs

*** Items' that **MUST** be on each Sled ***

All terrain sled/cart/wagon	Water bottle per scout
Firem'n Chit card per scout	Axe or hatchet with cover
Pen/Pencil per scout	Rope, minimum 50 ft
Writing Pad/ Notebook	1 Daypack per scout
1 pair safety glasses/goggles	Lunch and Cooking Implements
Boy Scout Handbook	Lunch Groceries
Fire building materials in a container	Patrol Cook Set
Watch	Backpacking stove
Compass	A change of socks – 1 per person
Patrol or Troop Flag	Hiking Sticks - 4 Minimum
Pocket knife	Totin Chip card per scout
1 Blanket or tarp	Flashlight
First aid kit	1 copy of Derby Leaders Guide
A pair of leather gloves per scout	Coffee can or tote for nuggets

Scouts should be able to carry all their equipment both on their sleds and in daypacks. Ideally, they will pack all equipment into daypacks and pack the daypacks onto the sleds (school backpacks work fine). Scouts may bring any extra equipment that they may deem necessary given the station themes.

Klondike Derby Check-In Procedure

Upon arrival, one adult and the SPL from each unit should report to the HQ. Leaders should be prepared with the following:

- ♣ Troop Rosters
- ♣ Health forms (remains with unit)
- ♣ Names of leaders/parents to run a station on Saturday

Competition and Activities

The weekend will be filled with FUN and competition. Scouts will compete as a Patrol (4-8 Scouts) to demonstrate their scout skills. Scouts will compete by participating in a variety of activities which requires Scouts to demonstrate basic scouting skills, team work, problem solving and most of all show Scout Spirit! All of the challenges for the 2018 Klondike Derby are based on portions of the Scout Handbook and may contain the following themes....

- * Fire Building
- * Orienteering
- * Archery
- * Tent Setup
- * Flag Code
- * Lashings
- * Scout History
- * First Aid
- * Food Prep
- * "A Scout is Reverent"
- * Woods Tools
- * And Much More

Saturday night will conclude with a campfire. We will have time for some skits or songs. If you are interested, please submit your skit/song by Saturday at lunch to the campfire coordinator. Scouts that perform a song or skit will receive a bonus in the race.

Please fill out the survey at the end of this document after the Klondike and hand it in when you checkout. This will allow us to plan better events in the future.
Thank You.

The Klondike Sled, Prairie Schooner, and Conestoga Wagon

Every competing patrol/team needs a wheeled Conestoga or Prairie Schooner Wagon or a Klondike Derby Sledge. 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. The Conestoga wagons were too heavy for their draft animals on most rugged western trails.



Prairie Schooners

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 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.



The sledge may have wheels and an axle that does not protrude excessively or have sharp edges. Sledges may not contain inappropriate language or imagery. Sledges must be sturdy enough to carry a Scout and must be able to safely hold all of the required and any recommended gear that the Patrol may bring to the event. Much is available online for sled or sledge construction. A sled with wheels is acceptable here in dry country. Hence the name "Sledge".

Klondike 2018 Survey

Troop _____

District _____

What did you like best about the Klondike this year?

What did you like least about the Klondike this year?

Where the stations appropriate for the scouts in your troop/patrol?

If there were something that you would like to add to the Klondike, what would it be?

If there were something that you would remove from this Klondike, what would it be?

Would you attend another Klondike next year? _____