

2007
NEW HORIZON
KLONDIKE DERBY



JANUARY 20, 2007
CAMP HOLAKA

New Horizons District
2007 Klondike Derby

DATE	SATURDAY JANUARY 20, 2007
PLACE	CAMP HOLAKA
TIME	REGISTRATION 8:00 AM
COST	\$5.00 PER PERSON (includes insurance)

TROOPS WILL BE ABLE TO CAMP OUT EITHER ONE OR BOTH NIGHTS. IT IS UP TO INDIVIDUAL TROOPS TO MAKE THOSE RESERVATIONS THROUGH THE COUNCIL OFFICE. PRE-REGISTRATION IS PREFERRED. PLEASE RETURN THE ENCLOSE REGISTRATION FORM AND FEES TO THE COUNCIL OFFICE BY JANUARY 15, 2007. ADDITIONAL REGISTRATIONS WILL BE TAKEN ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT.

What is a KLONDIKE DERBY?

Briefly this is it - Many years ago, men raced by means of dogs and sledges across the frozen wastes of Alaska in search of *GOLD!* Scouting has capitalized on this theme and has developed the **Klondike Derby** as an activity for Boy Scouts.

First of all, troops must be alerted; patrols have to be prepared; sleds must be built (see plans for the building of sleds in this packet). Incidentally, don't let the idea of sledges scare you. It is not essential to have snow for this event - many of the derbies have been held without snow.

Each dog team (4-6 scouts will act as huskies) as a separate expedition follows a course outlined on a map given to it. The map guides the team over a field course to simulated "cities", some with authentic Alaskan names. Each team driver (the patrol leader) is handed a sealed envelope containing his instructions for reaching the North Pole. Teams line up at the starting line, are checked for readiness, equipment, etc. and at the starting signal, are away down the trail. A hundred yards away, at a main junction is a post with directional signs attached. There, they may tear open their sealed orders containing course directions, map and a tally card. Each team takes its bearing and then starts off for a different city as shown on the map.

A practical problem involving basic scouting skills will be encountered at each city. Depending on how well the team works out its problem, it will be awarded a number of gold nuggets, have its tally card marked and will be off to the next city. After the final city, the team checks in with the official who marks time and the number of gold nuggets on the tally board. Awards are presented accordingly.

FORMAT

Patrols check in and weigh-in and, after inspection, proceed to the starting line. Each patrol has previously been assigned an arrival time. At the starting line, patrols are lined up for the starting signal, given general instructions, and then the signal is given. Patrols proceed to Frost Korner and their sealed orders are opened. From there, they proceed as directed in their orders.

Mayors of the cities give a predetermined number of nuggets if the patrol arrives with the proper compass solution. He then hands the patrol leader a sheet stating a problem to be solved, what to do when completed, and where to go from there. As they complete the problem, he gives them the number of nuggets they earned and sends them on to the next city. The mayor also gives them a clue as to where the hidden city is.

Waves of patrols are each started off in this fashion at ten minutes intervals. This operation continues until all patrols are in the field.

DERBY REGULATIONS

Pre-Registration Required

Team Specifications

1. Natural patrols
2. All boys must be properly clothed for winter weather. This includes gloves, head protection, extra socks, etc. Most important is proper footwear. (NO SNEAKERS) **No scout will be allowed to participate if judged improperly dressed.**
3. Each patrol must submit a roster of their patrol members at check in, with the Scoutmasters signature.

Sledge Specifications: (see plans)

1. Sleds must weigh 50 pounds without gear. Ballast may be added to bring a sled up to minimum weight. A sled may be weighed before the Klondike. (The Sled Check In card must be signed by both the SPL and the Scoutmaster) It is suggested that you bring several cloth bags that can be filled with rocks and lashed to the sleds for added weight.
2. Sleds must resemble a Klondike sled.
3. Sled must display a patrol flag and troop number.

Nugget or Coin Pouch

Each team will need a sturdy, homemade leather, canvas or plastic pouch. (No Crown Royal bags) Mark it with your troop number, patrol name, or totem. Size should be 9" by 3" with a drawstring. All scoring will be based on the nuggets in the pouch at the finish line.

Foil Lunch

Each scout (and scouter) must have a foil dinner for lunch. This must be heated up so no PBJ sandwiches!

EQUIPMENT NEEDED BY EACH PATROL:

1. Notebook and pencil
 2. Pouch
 3. Patrol Flag
 4. Two blankets
 5. Scout stave or 6 foot pole for each scout
 6. 8 six foot lengths of strong sash cord or $\frac{1}{4}$ " rope
 7. Flint and steel (fire making kit)
 8. One flashlight
 9. One small tent
 10. Adequate rain gear for each boy
 11. Cocoa for each boy
 12. Pot to cook cocoa
 13. Cup for each boy
 14. Lunch for each boy (foil dinner or other hot lunch)
 15. At least 4 quarts of water for cooking and clean-up
 16. Fuel for cooking
 17. Compass (more than one)
 18. First aid kit to include 2-3 sterile dressings, 1-2 compresses, and 7-8 cravats or triangular bandages
 19. Material for splinting
 20. Signal Flags
 21. Tarp - small
 22. Personal first aid kit for each scout
 23. Scout Handbook
- *Note: During the course of the day, you may be required to build as many as three different fires, so please plan accordingly.

THE JUDGES WORD IS FINAL - Plan so every boy can understand and will know whether he succeeded or not. The Mayor in charge at the city has the final word.

Again this year we will be able to announce the winners and have hot cocoa available after the derby. There will be an additional award this year for the best sled. This will be judged after the event to determine how well the sled held up during the competition. In order to be considered for this award you must arrive with your sled at the Pirates Cove flag at 4:30. You should be able to be on the road by 5:30 PM

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Event: _____ Troop Number: _____

Scoutmaster: _____

Number of Patrols: _____

Number of Scouts: _____

Number of Adults: _____

Camping Overnight? _____ Site: _____

Total Number of Participants X \$5.00 = Amount Due \$_____

This information should be submitted by January 15, 2007

Send to:
Tall Pine Council
507 W. Atherton Rd
Flint, Michigan 48507

New Horizons District
Activity Roster

Event: _____

Unit: _____

Unit Leader: _____

Adults/Staff Workers

Name	Position	Name	Position

Patrol Name: _____

Name	Rank	Name	Rank

Patrol Name: _____

Name	Rank	Name	Rank

Patrol Name: _____

Name	Rank	Name	Rank

Patrol Name: _____

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