

2025 Susquehanna District Zombie Survival



**Susquehanna District
Leaders Guide
January 31 - February 2, 2025**

Susquehanna District 2025 Klondike – Zombie Survival



The Zombie Apocalypse Virus has infected Camp Mack Scout Reservation, and you must prove yourself and compete to survive. Scouts and leaders at camp have become exposed and Klondike Patrols must use their Scouting Skills to survive. Unique scout skill sets have been identified to help Scouts survive the Zombie Apocalypse. Scouts will work together in Patrols to traverse Camp Mack and survive.....

The night air is getting colder and hopefully a blanket of snow will soon cover the ground. Get those snow tires and skis ready, now is the time to prepare your Scouts for the most adventurous winter event of the year, the 2025 Klondike Zombie Survival!

We encourage you to brave the elements and join us the weekend of January 31 - February 2 for winter camping at J. Edward Mack Scout Reservation.

Saturday during the day we will challenge your Scouts and their leadership skills through a set of hands-on experience in decision-making. They will work as Patrols and be scored as Patrols. There will be a place and a learning experience for everyone, from the newest Scout to the oldest most experienced Scout. Following surviving the Zombies, we encourage you to invite other Troops to a campfire in your camp site on Saturday for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Lunch will be the responsibility of each Patrol at their Troop camp site. All Stations will be closed from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM to allow everyone time to eat, rest and if necessary, warm up.

This year we will also be incorporating a Leader Dutch Oven Cookoff for Lunch on Saturday. See additional information on page 6.

Klondike Derby sleds are a very important part of this winter event. We would prefer to see patrols build new sleds to the provided specifications. Previous sleds that are adapted to specifications are acceptable. Prepare your Scouts, sharpen their skills, and come prepared for an adventure in the winter snows of Camp Mack. “Be Prepared”, “Do Your Best” and “Show Scout Spirit”!

“Remember - Safety Doesn’t Happen by Accident”

1.0 Registration for Event

Each Troop wishing to participate must complete their registration online via Tentaroo <http://padutchbsa.org/resource-center/tentaroo/>. If you're not sure how to complete the registration, go to the Council website <http://padutchbsa.org>, select Resource Center in the upper right corner and select Tentaroo Online Registration for a tutorial.

Cost:

Fee: \$15 by January 24, 2025, \$20 after January 24, 2025.

Date: January 31 - February 2, 2025

Location: Edward Mack Scout Reservation, 2 Scout Lane, Newmanstown, PA 17073

Registration Deadline: Late registration starts January 25; registration closes January 28.

The cost includes event patch, program costs, camp fees, latrines and warm-up lodges. All meals are the responsibility of the units. Additional patches will cost \$3 per patch and can be ordered through Tentaroo or by reaching out to Sheila Fasig.

If you have any questions, please call or email Sheila Fasig (717-575-5331, sheila.fasig@scouting.org) or Chet Bowen (717-304-5268, bowen17@hotmail.com).

2.0 AOL Scout Participation

AOL scouts are encouraged to participate in our Zombie Survival Klondike on Saturday, February 1, by either competing as your own patrol or requesting to join a patrol at a nearby Scouting BSA unit. Due to the expected temperatures in January/February AOL scouts are unable to camp overnight. AOL parents/guardians should accompany their scouts during the Klondike but should avoid getting involved in the station challenges. Joining with an existing troop/patrol can be an excellent recruitment opportunity and a chance for AOL scouts to see how the troop operates. The best thing a leader can do to prepare their adults and scouts for the Klondike Derby is to teach them how to dress for outdoor activities during cold weather.

Please note that if a group of AOL Scouts participate as their own patrol, they will be competing against Scouts BSA patrols. December and January are a great time for them to work on Scout skills.

All AOL scouts, and their parents must register through Tentaroo at the link above in Section 1 either as individuals or with a troop.

3.0 Station Sign Up

Unit Leaders are strongly encouraged to sign up to run one or more of the various stations at the 2025 Klondike. We are trying to offer 13 different stations this year throughout Camp Mack, with 11 of them requiring Unit Leaders to take responsibility for. The Google Link below will take you to the sign-up list for the various stations. Please stick with the “Station Goal”, an example Station Descriptions are provided, but the units are welcome to adjust them as they see fit. Please try to incorporate the theme of the event into your station. If you require any specific supplies for your station, please reach out to Chet Bowen or Sheila Fasig,

[Google Sheet Station Sign Up](#)

4.0 Camping Accommodations

Troops participating in the Klondike will have the opportunity to camp out Friday and Saturday night. Camping is available in the short-term camping areas only. There will be no lodges available for participants except for warm-up stations. Camping and cooking equipment is the responsibility of the individual Troops.

Please keep a reasonable distance between campsites. Taps “known as Quiet Time” will be from 11:00 PM until 6:30 AM. Campsite courtesy can be defined as Common Sense and Respect for Others.

5.0 Awards

Each Scout and Scouter will receive a Klondike patch.

The following awards will be presented at the final assembly on Saturday afternoon.

- First, second and third place to the patrols with the highest overall scores from the event.
- First, second and third place to the patrol with the best sled based on theme.
- First, second and third place to patrol with the best flag based on theme.
- First, second and third place to patrol with the best patrol cheer based on theme.

6.0 Health & Safety

Medical assistance will be available for the entire event. Any special restrictions for any camper must be noted on your registration roster. Medical personnel will be in camp from Friday night to the end of the event on Saturday. They will be located at the headquarters in Blair Lodge. Please make the health officer aware of any special health considerations at check-in.

The way to insure a safe and health Klondike is to always use COMMON SENSE. **Be Safe, Do Your Best, and Have a Great Time!!! If you have signs and symptoms of illness, please stay home.**

All participants (youth and adult) are required to have an up-to-date BSA Health Form (parts A and B) on file with each troop. Parts A and B do not require a doctor's visit.

See: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>

In the event of a camp-wide emergency, we will activate the siren. **If the siren sounds, EVERYONE IN CAMP MUST REPORT TO THE DINING HALL.**

Patrols should not utilize personal two-way radios or cell phones during the event. The basic rules of Scouting will be enforced throughout the entire weekend. Any Scouts near the lake or leaving camp will be disqualified from the event and leaders will be asked to take the scout home.

7.0 Friday Night Cracker-Barrel, Leaders, SPL and Mayors Meeting

There will be a meeting of all SPLs and Scoutmasters on Friday night at 9:30 pm in Blair Lodge to review the Patrol Packet which is the overview of all stations, their locations at camp and the instructions and schedule for the Klondike. After that meeting there will be a cracker-barrel for the SPLs and Scoutmasters.

At 10 pm on Friday night in Blair Lodge there will be a meeting of the “Mayors” (the Scoutmasters whose troops are running a station for the Klondike). We will review the Mayors Packet along with the directions and scoring for running the stations.

The current plan is to have 13 stations for the klondike and will be looking for troops to volunteer to run them. Station ideas are prepared based on the theme of the event and will be provided to units volunteering to run, however units are able to modify the station set up if they wish. We'll need **double stations** set up at each campsite so that 2 patrols can run at a time.

8.0 Patrol and Troop Preparation for the Zombie Survival

Patrol size should be no more than 8 scouts. Patrols should review the list of stations outlined below and begin preparing for the event in December. Please train your Scouts in winter camping skills. Patrols and staff are also encouraged to “dress the part”. The purpose of the event is to have fun, but it is difficult to have fun while you are cold, wet, and unprepared.

The Zombie Apocalypse is upon us. You and your patrol must work as a team to survive, navigate Camp Mack, zombies and the various challenges throughout the camp.

Areas of focus will be: First Aid, Injury Transportation, Marksmanship, Fire Building, Communication, Campsite Preparation, Orienteering, Knots, Lashings and overall scouting knowledge.

9.0 Equipment

9.1 Personal equipment for each scout:

1. Appropriate winter camping equipment, clothing and footwear as suggested by Scoutmaster.
2. Pocketknife, poncho, compass, pencil and paper, Scout Handbook, filled water bottle for drinking, and Scouting Spirit.
3. **ONE UNBREAKABLE CUP FOR DRINKING!!** No cups will be provided.
4. Extra socks, shoes and clothes are recommended.
5. **Waterproof / insulated boots are recommended – NO SNEAKERS**

9.2 Equipment for each Patrol

1. Klondike derby sled built and designed to specifications on Sled Info Sheet
2. Patrol flag, patrol roster and patrol cheer.
3. Two signal flags.
4. Firewood, flint and steel or hot spark, fire starting materials (all natural)
 - a. Commercial products, chemical lighters, matches, steel wool, batteries are not allowed
 - b. No pre-built fire starters
 - c. Firewood must be wood, not lumber. All dry grass, leaves, pinecones, etc can be used to start fire, but the actual fire needs to be 90% wood.
5. Two 6-foot poles
6. Blanket or stretcher material
7. Two tents and one dining fly (or tarp).
8. Trash bag
9. Note pad and pen/pencil.
10. First aid kit including several bandages or 4-5 bandana/neckerchiefs.
11. Knowledge of knots/lashings for tenderfoot, second class and first class
12. Helmet for sled rider.

9.3 Equipment for Troop

1. Winter camping and cooking equipment as recommended by the BSA. If you have any questions concerning winter equipment, we suggest you refer to Scouting publications.
2. Each Troop must supply their own meals.
3. Complete troop roster by patrol and handed in at registration. Patrols will not receive their Patrol Packets until all required paperwork is received.

10.0 Scoring (20 points per station)

Each patrol (no more than 8) will be given a score at each station based on the following:

- Teamwork
- Communication
- Time to complete task
- Accuracy of task
- Does patrol have all needed equipment
- Patrol flag design for theme
- Patrol cheer
- Best sled design

Bonus points for the overall event will be awarded for:

- Camping Friday night
- Completion of scavenger hunt

Note – points will be deducted for adult interference with the patrols at the stations.

Scoutmasters, please relay all this information to your Senior Patrol Leaders.

11.0 Scoutmaster Dutch Oven Cookoff

This year we will also be holding a Scoutmaster Dutch Oven Cookoff for Saturday at lunch. Leaders are encouraged to make your most creative and tastiest dish (in a Dutch Oven) and bring a sampling (for three people) to Blair Lodge around 12.30 PM on Saturday. There are no limits to ingredients, so be as extravagant as you want. Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the Klondike.

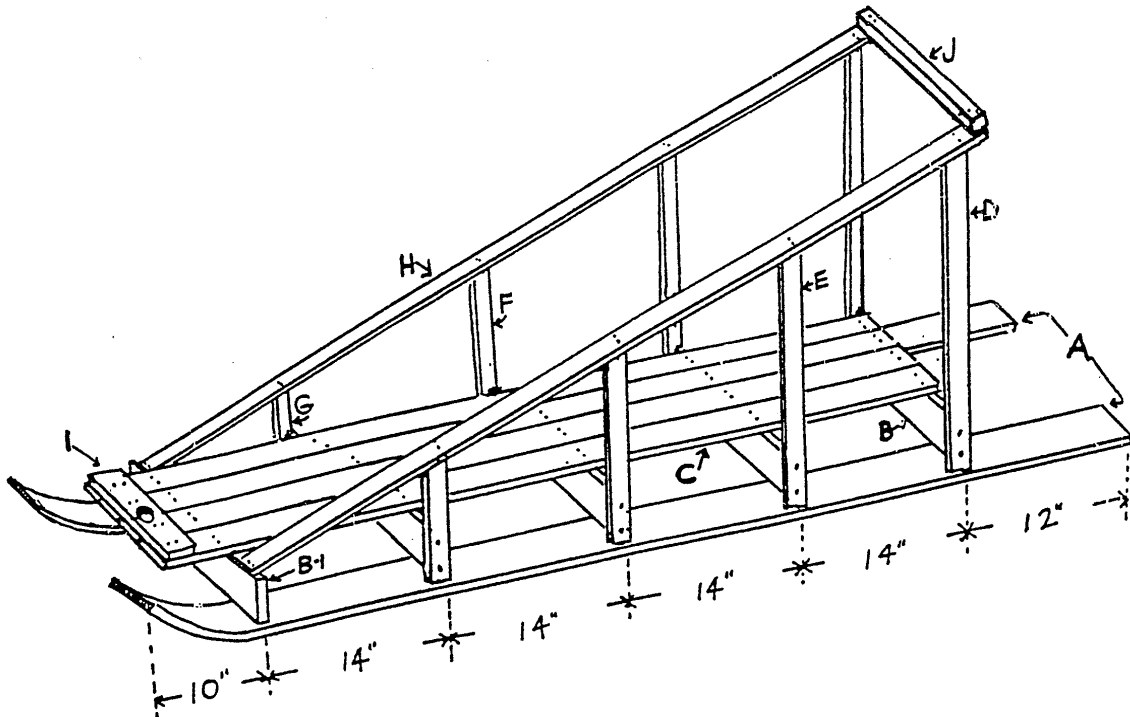
Sled Information

Materials

- A: Runners - 2 pcs. 4" x ½" x 6'6"
- B: Cross supports - 4 pcs. 1" x 4" x 18"
- B.1: Cross support - 1 pc. 1" x 4" x 20"
- C: Floor planks - 4 pcs. ½" x 4" x 5'
- D: Rear uprights - 2 pcs. 1" x 2" x 40"
- E: 2nd Rear uprights - 2 pcs. 1" x 2" x 31"
- F: 2nd Front upright - 2 pcs. 1" x 2" x 22"
- G: Front uprights - 2 pcs. 1" x 2" x 13"
- H: Hand rails - 2 pcs. 1" x 2" x 6'
- I: Tow bar - 1 pc. 1" x 4" x 16"
- J: Handle bar - 1 pc. 1" x 2" x 20"

Criteria

1. Sled bodies should be made of wood.
2. No plastic sleds, no shopping carts, no bicycle parts.
3. Weight and mobility will effect your ability to preform in some of the stations
4. Sled should have four wheels between 8" - 10" in diameter. Two wheels on both side, fron and back.
5. Axles are optional.



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January 31 - February 2, 2025
Camp Mack Scout Reservation

Friday, January 31, 2025

Location

6:00 PM	Arrival & Assigned Campsites	
7:00 - 9:00 PM	Patrol Registration	Blair Lodge
9:30 PM	Scoutmaster & SPL Meeting	Blair Lodge
10:00 PM	Mayors Meeting	Blair Lodge
11:00 PM	Taps - Quiet Time	

Saturday, February 1, 2025

Location

6:30 AM	Reveille	
7:00 - 8:30 AM	Individual Troop Breakfast	Troop Sites
7:30 - 8:00 AM	Late Patrol Registration	Blair Lodge
7:30 - 8:30 AM	Staff Breakfast	Blair Lodge
8:45 AM	Assembly & Raise Colors	Main Pavilion
9:00 AM	First (assigned) Station	
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Stations Open	
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch (Stations Closed) Staff Lunch	Troop Sites Blair Lodge
1:00 PM	Stations Open	
3:30 PM	Stations Close	
4:30 PM	Awards Presentations, Retreat	Main Pavilion
6:00 PM	Individual Troop Dinner	Troop Sites
8:00 PM	Invite a Troop Campfires	Troop Sites
11:00 PM	Taps - Quiet Time	

Sunday, February 2, 2025

Location

6:30 AM	Reveille	
7:00 - 8:30 AM	Individual Troop Breakfast	Troop Sites
9:00 AM	Depart - Happy Trails	

Notes:

- 1) Warm-Up Stations for Friday night will be at Blair & Denlinger Lodges
- 2) First Aid Station will be at Blair Lodge
- 3) Warm-Up Station for Saturday will be at Blair Lodge

2025 Susquehanna District Klondike Unit Attendance Sheet

Unit: _____

Patrol Name: _____

- 1. PL: _____
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Scoutmaster: _____

ASM: _____

Attach extra sheets if needed. To be turned in at event registration.