

2026 KLONDIKE DERBY

IRON FORGE DISTRICT – JANUARY 24, 2026

UNIT INFORMATION PACKET

The Iron Forge District's Klondike Derby will be held at the J. Edward Mack Scout Reservation on **January 24, 2026**. Troops/Crews may camp overnight Friday, **January 23**, & Saturday night, **January 24**. *Please be aware that many of Camp Mack's cabins will be in use for Saturday's event and, therefore, will not be available for lodging Friday night or during the day Saturday. If your Troop or Crew would like to stay in a cabin Saturday night, send an email to Jeff Sherk ifklondikejeff@gmail.com with your request, making sure to have "Klondike Cabin Usage" as the subject line. The Klondike staff will do their best to accommodate on a first come first serve basis.*

Each individual entering into camp must complete and turn in to their unit leader the "Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist". A copy of this form is located at [680-102_PreEventChklist.pdf \(scouting.org\)](#)

We will **NOT** accept registrations after **January 16, 2026**, due to the planning and purchasing of food and supplies. If your registration and money are not in Tentaroo by 5:00 p.m., on January 16, 2026, your troop will not be participating in the Klondike Derby.

Volunteers are needed again to ensure we have a great event. Volunteers should report to the Head Mayor for the event they are volunteering for at the Mayors meeting to receive their assignment.

Three events will be taking place. Webelos Klondike Derby for Webelos and AOL dens; Scouts BSA Klondike Derby for Scouts BSA Troops; and Iron Will for Scouts who are 14 or older and have met First Class requirements and all Venturing Scouts.

Since we are looking forward to snow, BE PREPARED!!! It is unlikely that the Klondike Derby will be canceled or postponed due to weather conditions, but it may be canceled due to crisis circumstances. If a decision is made to cancel or modify the event, announcements will be made as soon as possible.

This packet contains all the details that you will need to prepare your Unit to participate in the greatest Iron Forge District Klondike Derby ever!

Your Klondike Derby committee hopes that all of you have a happy and safe experience! Your host & chairman, Jeff Sherk, can be reached at ifklondikejeff@gmail.com.

REGISTRATION

Registration fee includes one patch, Saturday lunch, and a great program! The cost is \$16 for participants and adults not working as volunteers at the Klondike. For those volunteering at the Klondike the cost is \$10, **and if you register as a volunteer you will be assisting at the derby**. All payment is done online through Tentaroo. **Please note, registration is not finalized until payment has been received.**

Registration deadline is 5:00 pm on Friday, January 16, 2026. Online registration is available this year at <http://padutchbsa.org/districts/iron-forge-district/iron-forge-activities/> Registrations will not be accepted after **January 16, 2026**.

DO NOT SEND THE UNIT ATTENDANCE SHEET WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM. You must, however, have the form when you check in at Camp Mack.

CHECK-IN

Units checking in Friday night need to stop at Swarr Lodge to confirm campsite assignments before going to the camping area and setting up their campsite. *Due to the large number of units that traditionally participate in the Klondike Derby, we are no longer going with the "first come first serve" policy.* NO cabin camping on Friday night!

Upon arrival at Camp Mack on Saturday morning, one leader should report to Blair Lodge to check-in for the whole group, but only after confirming that everyone is in camp, and that the names on your Unit Attendance Sheets are correct. Volunteers need to check in and pick up their assignments with Head Mayors at the Mayors meetings on Saturday morning.

Check-in for units camping on Friday & Saturday is from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Friday night.
Saturday only is 7:00-8:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

CAMPSITE COURTESY

Troops are asked to keep a reasonable distance between campsites. Quiet time will be observed between 11:00 P.M. and 6:30 A.M. The Scout Law and Oath is the standard for conduct.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Medical assistance will be available from Friday night until the closing ceremony Saturday. All injuries, no matter how slight, must be reported to the health officer located in **Blair Lodge** during the day, and at Dellinger Lodge Friday night. Radios will be available and will be given to stations at strategic points throughout camp, and can be used to call for help in an emergency. Blair Lodge and Esbenshade Lodge will be open as warm up shelters on Friday and Saturday. Lodges are not available for troops to sleep in Friday night.

PARKING

Primary parking areas are the main parking lot and the staff parking lot. Parking is not permitted along North Camp Road or any other road or trail except while loading and unloading at the short-term campsites, in which case the vehicles should park on the side of the road closest to the campsites so that the other side remains clear for emergency vehicles. Klondike Derby staff will direct overflow parking. There is a possibility that piles of snow in the lots may reduce parking considerably, therefore it is suggested that units travel to and from Camp Mack in the least number of vehicles possible. Please carpool! ***** ANY VEHICLE BLOCKING ACCESS TO A ROAD OR TRAIL WILL BE TOWED AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE. *****

MEALS

Because we are unable to cook and serve the meal, a bagged lunch containing a sandwich, chips, drink, and other items will be provided to all participants and staff. When you bring your roster to check-in, instructions will be given regarding disbursement of the lunches. Bagged lunches will be taken with you on the trail to eat at the designated time.

ALL stations and patrols will stop and eat lunch from 11:30-12:00.

***** UNITS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING ALL THEIR OTHER MEALS DURING THE WEEKEND. *****

REQUIRED CLOTHING

The scout uniform is not needed for the Klondike Derby. Wear suitable undergarments for the weather, along with the appropriate layering system of outer winter protective clothing. It is highly recommended that participants carry along at least one extra pair of dry socks for a quick change on the trail. These should be carried in a zip lock bag or another waterproof container. Also recommended is a wool hat and gloves. Overnight campers need a sleeping bag rated for the temperatures expected and should have a change of clothes to sleep in. A poncho or rain suit is also highly recommended. Scouters and scouts who are found on the trail without the appropriate clothing will be escorted to a warmup station where they will remain for the rest of the event.

*****SNEAKERS MAY NOT BE WORN UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE FOR THIS EVENT! NOT SCOUTS, NOT LEADERS, NOT ANYONE!*** VIOLATORS OF THIS RULE WILL BE ESCORTED TO A LODGE WHERE THEY WILL REMAIN UNTIL SOMEONE CAN TAKE THEM HOME. THIS MEANS EVERYBODY!**

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Contact Jeff Sherk during daytime hours at 717-821-4490. After office hours call 717-626-8711. This is the Camp Mack main number and should be called only in the event of an emergency. Please contact Jeff Sherk with questions about the Klondike Derby.

NOTICE: The Klondike Derby is only for scouts and their unit leaders. Only people registered for this event may participate in the Klondike Derby. This is vitally important for the safety of everyone, so that we will know at all times who is in camp.

TRADING POST

The Trading Post will be open this year from 7-10 AM, 11:30 AM-1 PM, and 3-5 PM on Saturday.

MAYOR'S MEETING & Volunteers

Leaders and other adults who have volunteered to serve as mayors/judges at an activity are asked to attend an orientation meeting from 7:45-8:10 A.M. in Blair Lodge for Scouts BSA event; 8:00-8:30 AM at the Training Center for Iron Will; and 8:30A.M. on the Dining Hall Porch for Webelos. Score sheets for the stations will be handed out at that time. Volunteers should have all equipment needed for their stations in place by the meeting time, preferably by Friday night.

JUDGING

The Klondike Derby emphasizes the patrol method for Scouts BSA/Webelos. Each of the Patrol Leaders will be responsible for the actions of his/her patrol. Patrols will be penalized for any patrol member wearing sneakers. Leaders and adults are prohibited from assisting in competition. One of the goals of this type of event is for scouts to learn to work together as a team, therefore, adult leaders may observe from a distance, but they are to let their patrols work through the challenges on their own, and the patrol will lose points if adults are seen helping the patrol. **Patrols receive points at each station based on teamwork & cooperation, leadership, task accomplishment and patrol spirit.**

There are no certain dimensions or design restrictions on sleds. They should be practical and safe. It is a good idea to build them to accommodate wheels in case the ground is not covered by snow.

****A BASIC SLED DESIGN IS INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET****

Sled and flag judging will take place throughout the day as patrols visit each station. Each patrol is responsible for completing the sled identification card found in this packet and placing it on the sled prior to starting the Klondike treks. Unidentified sleds cannot be judged.

Our theme this year is PIONEERS! Bonus points may be awarded if your sled, flag, and/or cheer matches the theme!



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

All awards will be presented at the closing assembly in front of the Dining Pavilion. Unit award presentations will start sometime between 3:00-4:00 PM depending on completion of all stations.

First, Second and Third place awards will be presented to patrols/teams in each event for:

1. Overall score in competitive events
2. Patrol Flags
3. Patrol Sleds
4. Mayors Award
5. Sled Race

All participants and registered adults will receive a participation patch, which will be ordered and distributed after the event at a later date.

Units staying overnight Friday or Saturday may be eligible for the BSA 32 Degree Patch, depending, of course, on the weather. Unit leaders may purchase these patches at the Council store if their units are eligible.

WEBELOS and AOL KLONDIKE EVENT

Webelos and AOL dens will have at least eight stations that are intended to be fun and give the youth a taste of what lies ahead for them in Scouts BSA. No advance preparations are necessary. The Klondike Derby Committee will provide all materials required. 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. Dens traveling with or without sleds should carry extra clothing, especially socks in a zip lock bag, and rain gear. Dens are encouraged to carry their flag with them on the competition trails. **Webelos and AOL parents/guardians should accompany dens on the competitive trail, but should avoid getting involved in the activities.**

*Webelos and AOL dens are **strongly encouraged** to bring their own tinder and kindling for the fire-starting event. "Fire starters" such as rolled newspaper dipped in paraffin are not allowed. Tinder or kindling soaked in accelerants is not allowed. Some examples that are allowed are bags of wood shavings, dryer lint, strips of newspaper, and small, dry, sticks or twigs gathered at home.*

NOTICE: The Klondike Derby is only for Webelos, AOL Scouts, their parent/guardians, and their unit leaders. Only people registered for this event may participate in the Klondike Derby. This is vitally important for the safety of everyone so we know who is in camp at all times.

Anyone interested in helping with the Webelos/AOL Klondike Derby, please call Webelos/AOL Klondike Head Mayor, Chris Small, at 717-376-7820

WEBELOS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026

8:30-9:00	a.m.	Mayors/Volunteers meeting on Porch of Dining Hall
8:30-9:30	a.m.	Webelos patrol registration at Blair Lodge
9:30-9:45	a.m.	Gather in front of Dining Pavillion
9:45-10:00	a.m.	Opening assembly in front of Dining Pavillion
10:00-11:30	a.m.	Klondike Derby activities/stations for all dens
11:30-12:00	p.m.	You should stop and eat your lunch during this time, wherever you are
12:00-2:45	p.m.	Klondike Derby activities/stations for all dens
2:30-3:00	p.m.	Stations closed; trading post will be open & warm-up for participants if necessary
3:00-3:30	p.m.	Closing assembly, awards presentation in front of the Dining Hall
3:30-5:00	p.m.	Depart camp unless staying to watch scout activities and awards

The Klondike Derby is officially over at 5:00 P.M.

NOTICE: WEBELOS are not allowed to camp at Klondike 2026!

SCOUTS BSA KLONDIKE EVENT

There will be a minimum of 8 stations for the Scouts BSA patrols this year. We will have some new events and challenges, as well as some old favorites, including the infamous sled race. Details will be handed out at the SPL meeting on Saturday morning; however, some hints may be obtained from looking at the equipment list.

SCOUTS BSA PATROL EQUIPMENT LIST

1. SMALL BUNDLE OF KINDLING (NO FIRE STARTERS)
2. MATCHES
3. ONE LARGE HANDKERCHIEF PER PATROL MEMBER
4. FIRST AID KIT, INCLUDING ITEMS NEEDED FOR SPLINTS
5. ONE ROPE PER PATROL MEMBER (EACH AT LEAST 10 FEET LONG)
6. WINTER SAFETY ESSENTIALS AS PER YOUR JUDGMENT
7. COMPASS
8. POCKET CHANGE FOR TRADING POST

*This is a basic equipment list, so be prepared for almost anything!

*****Any Scouter interested in helping with the Scouts BSA Klondike Derby, please call the Scouts BSA Patrol Program Head Mayor, Erik Schlosser, at 717-682-2003.*****

SENIOR PATROL LEADER/SCOUTMASTER MEETING

Senior Patrol Leaders must attend a meeting on Saturday morning for the Scouts BSA event from 8:10-8:30 A.M. in Blair Lodge to get up to date instructions. Scoutmasters are also invited to this meeting.

SCOUTS BSA SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026

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| 6:00-9:00 | p.m. | Troop camping check in at Swarr Lodge |
| 9:00-11:00 | p.m. | Inter-troop campfire programs, free time |
| 11:00 | p.m. | Taps, quiet time |

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026

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| 6:30 | a.m. | Reveille, quiet time is over |
| 6:30-8:30 | a.m. | Personal hygiene, breakfast in troop area |
| 7:00-8:00 | a.m. | Troop patrol registration in Blair Lodge |
| 7:45-8:10 | a.m. | Mayors meeting in Blair Lodge |
| 8:10-8:30 | a.m. | SPL/SM meeting in Blair Lodge |
| 8:30-8:45 | a.m. | Gather in front of Dining Pavilion |
| 8:30-8:45 | a.m. | Opening Assembly in front of Dining Pavilion |
| 8:45-11:30 | a.m. | Klondike Derby activities for all patrols |
| 11:30-12:20 | p.m. | You should stop and eat your lunch during this time, wherever you are |
| 12:00-3:15 | p.m. | Klondike Derby activities for all patrols |
| 3:30-4:00 | p.m. | Tie-breaking competition, if necessary |
| 3:30-4:00 | p.m. | Troops not staying the night should break camp |
| 4:00-4:30 | p.m. | Closing assembly and awards presentation in front of the Dining Pavilion |
| 4:30-5:00 | p.m. | Depart camp unless remaining overnight |

The Klondike Derby is officially over at 5:00 p.m.

In case of severe weather on Saturday, the assemblies may be modified or eliminated and the location of the sled/flag judging may be changed to inside the Dining Pavilion.

Latrines will be open in the vicinity of Blair and Esbenshade Lodges at the Seneca and Susquehanna campsites. Portable toilets will also be available at the North Camp parking lot.

IRON WILL TREK WINTER EVENT

There will be a minimum of 8 stations for the Iron Will Trek participants this year. We will have some new events and challenges, as well as some old favorites. Details will be handed out Saturday morning; however, some hints may be obtained from looking at the equipment list.

IRON WILL TREK EQUIPMENT LIST

1. BACKPACK
2. SMALL BUNDLE OF KINDLING (NO FIRE STARTERS)
3. MATCHES
4. FIRST AID KIT
5. SEVERAL ROPES (EACH OF AT LEAST 10 FEET LONG)
6. WINTER SAFETY ESSENTIALS AS PER YOUR JUDGMENT
7. POCKET CHANGE FOR TRADING POST

This is a basic equipment list, so be prepared for almost anything!

****Also note that each pair for the Iron Will Trek should have a name for their team and a team flag similar to patrols and dens. Be as creative as you want to be -- that will be your team's identification for the Klondike Derby.**

*****Any Scouter interested in helping with the Iron Will Klondike Derby, please call the Iron Will Trek program Head Mayor, Rick Shober, at 717-538-3173.*****

IRON WILL TREK SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026

6:00-9:00 p.m. Unit camping check in at Swarr Lodge
9:00-11:00 p.m. Inter-unit campfire programs, free time
11:00 p.m. Taps, quiet time

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026

6:30 a.m. Reveille, quiet time is over
6:30-8:30 a.m. Personal hygiene, breakfast in troop/crew area
7:00-8:00 a.m. Unit patrol registration continues in Blair Lodge
8:00-8:30 a.m. Iron Will Trek teams check in at Training Ctr. And pick up lunches there
8:30-11:30 a.m. Klondike Derby activities for Iron Will Trek
11:30-12:00 p.m. **You should stop and eat your lunch during this time, wherever you are**
12:00-3:00 p.m. Klondike Derby activities for Iron Will Trek
3:00-4:00 p.m. Tie-breaking competition, if necessary
3:00-4:00 p.m. Troops/crews not staying the night should break camp
4:00-4:30 p.m. Closing assembly and awards presentation, in front of the **Dining Pavilion**
4:30-5:00 p.m. Depart camp unless remaining overnight; the Klondike Derby is officially over at 5:00 p.m.

In case of severe weather on Saturday, the assemblies may be modified or eliminated.

Latrines will be open in the vicinity of Blair and Esbenshade Lodges at the Seneca and Susquehanna campsites, as well as the Training Center. Portable toilets will also be available in the North Camp parking lot.

UNIT ATTENDANCE SHEET

IRON FORGE DISTRICT – 2026 KLONDIKE DERBY

BRING THIS SHEET WITH YOU AND SUBMIT IT AT THE EVENT



PACK # _____ TROOP # _____ CREW # _____

UNIT LEADER'S NAME _____
(PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR EACH UNIT WHILE IN CAMP)

Patrol Name _____

Patrol Leader _____

Patrol Members:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

(Maximum Patrol size is 8 members)

Patrol Name _____

Patrol Leader _____

Patrol Members:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

(Maximum Patrol size is 8 members)

Patrol Name _____

Patrol Leader _____

Patrol Members:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

(Maximum Patrol size is 8 members)

Iron Will Pairs

First Pair Name: _____

1. _____
2. _____

Second Pair Name: _____

1. _____
2. _____

Third Pair Name: _____

1. _____
2. _____

Fourth Pair Name: _____

1. _____
2. _____

Paid Adult Leaders:

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6. _____

ADD ADDITIONAL ADULTS ON BACK

Paid Adult Volunteers:

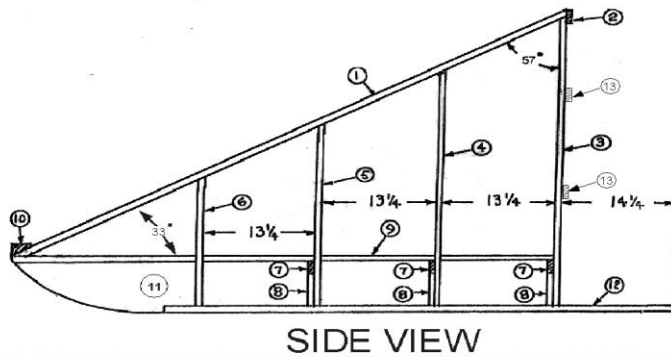
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Patrol Name

Circle one **Pack Troop**

Sled Sign Klondike Derby 2026

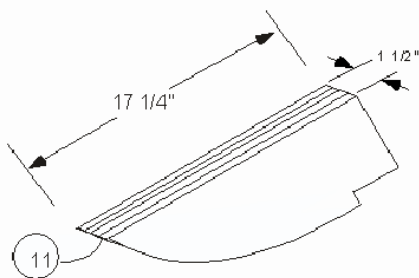
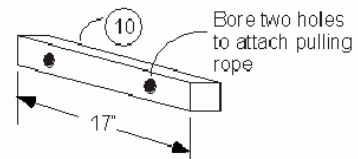
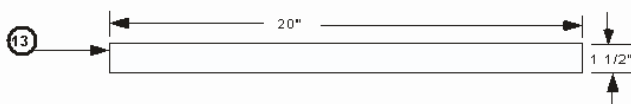
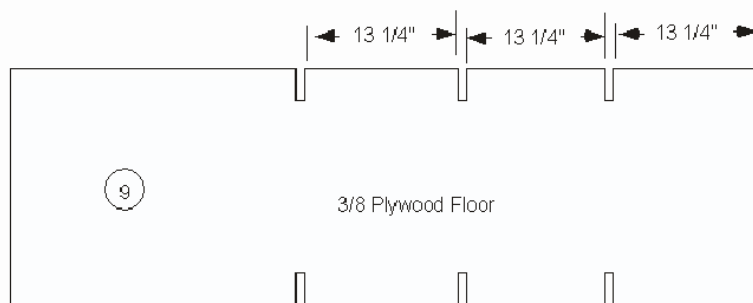
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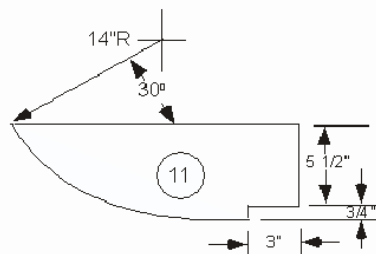
Klondike Derby Sled Parts List

#1 1" x 2" x 70 1/4" Top Rail 2 req.
#2 1" x 2" x 20" Hand Rail 1 req.
#3 1" x 2" x 40 3/8" Rear Upright 2 req.
#4 1" x 2" x 32" 2nd Upright 2 req.
#5 1" x 2" x 23 7/8" 3rd Upright 2 req.
#6 1" x 2" x 16" Front Upright 2 req.
#7 1" x 2" x 20" Floor Support 3 req.
#8 1" x 2" x 4" Floor Spacer 6 req.
#9 3/8" x 20" x 60 3/4" Plywood Floor 1 req.
#10 2" x 2" x 17" Front Support 1 req.
#11 1 1/2" thick Laminated Plywood Front Runner 2 req.
#12 1" x 2" x 60" Hardwood Runners 2 req.
#13 1" x 2" x 20" Stiffener 2 req.
#6 x 1 1/4" Flat head Wood Screws 100 req.
Wood Glue
Rope for Pulling Sled
Screen, net, or plastic sheet (to form walls for sled)
Old skis may be screwed to bottom of runners if desired
Important: Glue and Screw all joints.

Parts Detail



4 pieces 3/8" plywood
glued together -
2 units required



****Worksheet for Unit use purposes only****
All registration must be done through Tentaroo

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J. EDWARD MACK SCOUT RESERVATION

Registration fee includes one patch and Saturday lunch for each individual, plus a great program! Register online through Tentaroo and pay online.

Registration deadline is 5:00 pm, January 16, 2026. Online registration is available at <http://padutchbsa.org/districts/horse-shoe-trail/horse-shoe-trail-district-activities/> After the deadline date NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED, however, substitutions will be permitted. Refunds cannot be made after deadline date.

ALL MUST PRE REGISTER THROUGH TENTAROO!!!
YOU CANNOT SHOW UP SATURDAY MORNING AND REGISTER!!!

PACK # _____ TROOP # _____ CREW # _____
UNIT LEADER'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

Number of Youth _____ Pack
_____ Troop
_____ Crew
Total _____

Number of Adults _____ Pack
_____ Troop
_____ Crew
Total _____

TOTAL Youth + Adults Rate (Deadline Jan. 16) _____ @ \$16 = \$ _____

TOTAL Adult Volunteer Staff (Deadline Jan. 16) _____ @ \$10 = \$ _____

Extra Patches _____ @ \$3 = + \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OWED *All payments are made through Tentaroo = _____

Number of Dens - Pack _____ Number of Patrols - Troop _____ Number of Iron Will Teams _____

Select: ☐ Troop ☐ Crew will be camping ☐ Friday night &/or ☐ Saturday night
☐ We will not be camping

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