



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®  
NASHUA VALLEY COUNCIL

## 2013 Wachusett Klondike Derby



**Theme:** Visit the Klondike  
**Date:** Fri Jan 25<sup>TH</sup> - Sun Jan 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
**Where:** Camp Collier  
150 Camp Collier Road, Gardner, MA 01440

**Each Scout will be properly dressed or will be sent home!**

Please register your unit online at <http://www.nashuavalleybsa.org> and select Activity Registration. Select "2013 Wachusett Klondike Derby" to register an estimate on how many scouts and scouters will be coming from your unit.

**Cost:** Registration - \$8.00 per Scout or Scouter  
\$3.00 for Webelos Scout  
\$2.00 Late Registration Fee (per person)  
Webelos invited for the day only

**NOTES:** Medical Forms due before scouts set up or participate in events.

## Weekend Schedule (A revised schedule will be given at the event.)

### Fri:

5:30 pm Open to Troops Camping Overnight

### Sat:

8:00 – 9:00 Registration  
 9:00 Opening Ceremony  
 9:30 – 12:00 Derby Stations Open  
 12:00 – 1:00 Yukon Stew (Lunch)  
 1:00 – 3:00 Derby Stations Reopen  
 3:00 Derby Stations Close  
 3:15 Sled Race  
 4:00 – 6:00 Supper  
 6:00 Cracker barrel  
 7:00 – 10:00 Movie  
 11:00 Lights out

### Sun:

9:00 – 10:00 Closing/Award Ceremony

## Events

Here is the list of events:

	Event Name	Event	Description
1.	Juneau	Compass Course	Follow a short compass course.
2.	Fairbanks	First-Aid	Treat a victim for broken bones and shock.
3.	Attu	Lashing	Build a Tripod using correct lashings and knots
4.	Sitka	Bow Sawing	How many chunks can you saw in two minutes?
5.	Valdez	Decode a Message	Solve the coded message
6.	Anchorage	Fire Building	Build a fire and boil water with "pot" provided
7.	Skagway	Knot Relay	Knot your 5 basic knots!!
8.	Nome	Ground Beds	Make a ground bed from materials provided
9.	Kodiak	Stretcher Building	Make a stretcher and carry the heaviest member of your patrol to safety
10.	Selawik	Tent Pitching	Properly pitch a tent for winter camping.
11.	Barrow	Relay Race	Deliver the Medicine to the Town Doctor
12.	Bear Creek	Ice Rescue	Using the materials on your sled Rescue a victim that has fallen through the ice.

# Scoutmaster & SPL Information

Any Adults that can help in the running an event or any questions on the event, please contact Peter Souders at 508-341-2259 or by email: [Wachusett@nashuavalleybsa.org](mailto:Wachusett@nashuavalleybsa.org) (This is a scout run and lead event. We are looking for a maximum of two scouts and one leader per unit.)

## What is a Klondike Derby?

A Klondike Derby is a Boy Scout winter skill and camping event, held in January in the snow (hopefully). Typically, it involves an overnight campout and multiple Camporee-type competitions, where Boy Scout Troops and Patrols compete against one another. Each Patrol will use a dog-type sled which they have made and will use Scout power to pull it instead of dogs. The Scouts will pull the sleds that are loaded with their personal and patrol equipment. The Scouts will journey through the woods and fields, up and down the hills, and stop at different activity stations where they will be tested on different Scout skills. When they arrive at these stations they will be tested on their Scouting knowledge, team work, and problem solving skills.

## What type of clothing?

One of the most important parts of a Klondike Derby is to keep warm and dry. Each Scout must dress for the weather. Winter weather is very likely to change, requiring preparedness for almost any condition. A nice day can turn into a raging blizzard. Common sense is your best protection. Dress in layers. Avoid working up a sweat and keep yourself comfortable by removing or adding layers of clothing. Waterproof boots are essential. Wear socks of wool or other materials that draw away perspiration. A wool cap or similar head gear with ear coverage is necessary both during the day and night to retain warmth, even while in a sleeping bag. Scarves are recommended to protect the face from the cold and biting wind. Boys should wear wool mittens covered with a water repellent shell. Gloves may be worn, but they are not as warm as mittens. Scouts are more vulnerable to the cold at meals, because they do not move around as much. Prior to every meal, ask every boy if all his clothing is dry. If not, have him change into dry clothes before eating. Unit leaders should visually inspect each younger Scout before he takes off on the trail.

**COST:** \$8.00 per Scout or Scouter  
\$3.00 per Webelos staying for Saturday Day only  
\$2.00 Late Registration Fee (per person)

**REGISTRATION:** Saturday Morning 8:00 AM -9:00AM. Each Senior Patrol Leader should register his Troop and all Patrols upon arrival at the Klondike Derby to receive the Instructions and Materials needed for the weekend. Please have the registration form filled out and medical forms ready to speed up the registration process.

**MEDICAL FORMS:** As with any District-sponsored event, BSA medical forms are required for all participants. Please make sure your Unit brings a medical form for each and every youth and adult participating in this event. Be prepared to drop off them off at the **Administration Building** when you register. You are required to pick them up at the end of the weekend. Without a medical form your participation may not be allowed.

**Each Scout will be properly dressed or will be sent home.**

**VISITORS:** Visitors are welcomed and invited to attend the event. Please check in and let the Klondike Staff know when you arrive and will be leaving.

**WEBELOS:** Webelos can attend the Klondike. Scoutmasters are encouraged to invite your Webelos to attend. Webelos leaders talk to your local troops about Webelos attending. Most events will have materials for Webelos to use. Webelos are NOT allowed to spend the night and will be under the direct supervision of the Troop who invited them.

**HEALTH & SANITATION FACILITIES:** There are no bathroom facilities onsite for this event. Porta-Potties will be available at various locations. Please be sure to keep them clean. There is electricity in several building locations if it is needed. Maps & first aid will be located at the **Administration Building**.

**PARKING:** Parking is fairly limited; we encourage all troops to carpool. There is parking at the main field and at your camp site location. More information will be provided at registration.

**RESTRICTED AREAS:** There will be areas where scouts will not be allowed. Any Scouts not following the rules will be asked to leave.

**TOUR PERMITS:** Tour Permits are not required but are suggested.

**WATER:** Troops may wish to bring their own water with them. Water is available at the Ranger station. Please ensure that your scouts remain hydrated. Even though this is a winter event and it is cool outside, hydration is critical to scout and scouter safety.

**FIRES:** Fires are allowed in designated fire pits in each site location. Above Ground fires are allowed. Fires must be attended to at all times. Water buckets must be displayed as usual.

**FIREWOOD:** Due to the Asian Longhorned Beetle outbreak within Worcester County, the Nashua Valley Council has adopted a policy to prevent the spread of these types of damaging insects. Troops are asked not to bring in firewood for their campfires. Firewood will be provided by the Council for this event.

**TRASH:** Trash in – Trash out. Please remember the Outdoor Code and leave Camp Collier cleaner than you found it.

**WHITE BOARD:** There will be a white board outside the Registration Area that will have any schedule changes posted on it.

**PATROL METHOD:** One of the purposes of the Klondike is to utilize the Patrol method during all activities. Scouts should bring all materials required for an overnight adventure in extreme arctic conditions. Each Patrol should plan on bringing the gear for traveling in the snow, building a snow shelter, and quickly starting a fire. Using this event guide, the Scout Handbook, the Scout Fieldbook, the Webelos Handbook, The Senior Patrol Leader Handbook, and The Patrol Leader Handbook, a unit will be able to do well in the preparation, acquiring the equipment recommended, and developing a program that a Patrol can use to be competitive.

**LEADERSHIP:** All Troops should be under the direct control of a Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)/Patrol Leader (PL) at all times. All changes to the activity schedule relative to the Klondike Derby route and participation routine shall be made only to the SPL or PL.

**FIRST AID:** Each Troop and Patrol should be prepared with first aid equipment and supplies (readily identifiable) for caring for cold exposure and small wounds. More serious injuries must be brought to the Administration Building for immediate treatment or departure to a local hospital.

**EQUIPMENT:** Each Troop/Patrol shall bring equipment and tools to be used. All Patrols will bring a sled to the event with all their equipment lashed to it. See detailed list in equipment section of this package. Warm clothing for the conditions is mandatory. Each Patrol will have a Patrol flag, and display it on their sled.

**TROOP AND PATROL FLAGS:** Each Troop is requested to bring a Troop Flag. All Patrols are encouraged to bring a flag. This will be one of the over-all award criteria marks in the final scoring.

**STATION EVENTS:** The grading of each Troop and Patrol begins at check-in. Read everything carefully, because some events will require you to bring specific equipment.

**AWARDS:** A 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbon will be given to the best Patrol of each event, and also to the best over-all at Klondike.

**CLEAN UP AND CHECK OUT:** When a Troop is ready to check out, after the closing ceremony at about 9 am on Sunday, the SPL must come to the Administration Building to get medical forms, and receive patches if available for all Scouts and Scouters. Troops will not be allowed to checkout during closing ceremony.

**PATROL EQUIPMENT:** Each sled must have the necessary equipment to complete the Yukon tour. Suggested equipment includes but is not limited to:

- 1.) Paper and Pen or pencil
- 2.) Blanket
- 3.) Three (3) six foot poles
- 4.) Eight 6 foot lengths of rope
- 5.) One Tarp or ground cloth
- 6.) Compass
- 7.) Six Cravate Bandages
- 8.) Splinting Material
- 9.) Matches
- 10.) Bow Saw
- 11.) Scout Handbook or Field book
- 12.) Any other equipment you think will help you through your tour
- 13.) Patrol Flag
- 14.) Tent
- 15.) Your Scout Spirit

**SCORING:** Each Station will score the patrol on the time to complete the task, quality of the completeness of the skill and how well the patrol worked together. The word of the judge is final. Every team will be given the opportunity to successfully complete the task in each city.

**SLED RACE:** All patrols will compete over a given course at the same time. All patrols will be given points for participating in the race as well as to the top 10 finishers.

# Klondike Derby Registration Form

Troop/Pack: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster (Cubmaster): \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Scoutmaster: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Scoutmaster: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Patrol Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of: Patrol(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Boy Scouts \_\_\_\_\_ Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Scouts / Scouters: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Webelos: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$3.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late Registration: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$2.00 Total Cost: = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Position	Patrol Name:
PL	
APL	

Position	Patrol Name:
PL	
ASP	

Position	Patrol Name:
PL	
APL	

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PL	
ASM	