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Subject: Re: Klondike Derby Results

Scouts and Parents:

What an exciting Klondike!! We had cold weather, sleet and freezing rain. No one got too cold the first night, and by the second night all had figured out where to find the extra blankets.

This year's T-255 patrols were fantastic. The Goon Squad came in **3rd place** (of course, behind the girls), completing 18 of 20 stations - against about 85 other patrols and about 44 other Troops. At the Saturday lunch break, they came back in psychiced and in high spirits having aced the last station of the morning and completing 9 of 10. They were so confident of the abilities that they even let the Dragon Patrol have their secret weapon - jelly-filled donuts to entice the Mayors. They went on and completed another 9 of 10 stations on the afternoon challenges. This is the best performance by a T-255 patrol at the Klondike in memory - going back at least to the 1970's.

Today, in another record, our two sleds won their heats. Goon Squad won on a photo finish and appeared to win a challenge from the losing team. T-255 has rarely even won a heat, much less two, in past Klondikes. Then, the Dragons and the Goon Squad made it to the final heat with 2 other teams. From the start, Goon Squad's and another troop's sleds took the lead. The Dragons and the remaining team were behind and the Dragons kept the other team out of contention. Meanwhile, in the front, the Goon Squad was in a race for the lead - going nose to nose. At the 3/4 mark, Adam Schlesinger realized that Greg Picard was faster than he, and Adam detached himself from the sled to give Greg full rein. Greg pulled ahead of the other sled as attending T-255 parents, participating parents and adults, and the Dragon and Goon Squad all celebrated. The 1st place win was truly a Troop effort - not just the Good Squad. And, in the pictures to come, you will see that they truly celebrated together. We have brought home the 2012 Klondike Derby Trophy! COME AND SEE IT TUESDAY NIGHT!

The ASPL Adam Schlesinger and Patrol Leaders Greg Picard and Zygi Crowdis did great jobs in leadership. As did all the scouts in keeping spirits high - including those enthusiasm machines Lee Evans and Joe Mitchell.

Many thanks to:

Kathy Kircher who made GALLONS of stew with BIG hunks of steak - what a hit!
Irene Rodriguez who kept the food coming from many different sources and the kitchen area under control
SM Chris Stuart who brought bear chili that gave your Scouts a growl, and who kept the fire so hot that at the 8-foot radius mark **Mr. Johnson** registered the temperature at 74 degrees on a 25 degree night.
Messrs. Chris Cantergiani and Thieme who provided transportation
Mr. Rose who brought BIG tents (one per patrol) and fly and food and wood and cooking utensils and roasting forks and and and
Mr. Watson who tool loads of pictures and will soon be posting them
Mr. Mitchell who brought a garage for the sleds and loads of seats for fire ring
Mr. Evans who brought the means of Mayorial enticement

The Patrols were:

Goon Squad

Greg Picard - Patrol Leader

Leo Cantergianni

Joe Mitchell

Adan Schlesinger (ASPL)

Michael Mitchell

David Schlesinger

Kyle Kirk

Dragons

Leigh Evans - Asst. Patrol Leader

Jaime Williams - Asst. Patrol Leader

Zygi Crowdis - Patrol Leader

Eddy Rodriguez

Bailey Kirk

Will Watson

Josh Davis