

Troop 255

Klondike Derby

Friday through Sunday, January 16th – 18th, 2015



Overview: The Klondike Derby is a two-night winter camping event sponsored by the Potomac District of the NCAC. Scouts will travel from station to station and at each station will have a chance to demonstrate their scouting skills, team work, and leadership solving various problems. The Derby will close with sled races. Several hundred scouts will attend from dozens of troops and crews from all over the Potomac District and beyond.

Assemble: 7:00pm on Friday at CCES

Return: 1:00pm on Sunday at CCES

Cost: \$30 per scout

Weather: Historical average temperature range is between mid-20s and low 40s. Be prepared for warmer or colder, and of course, be prepared for rain. Sunscreen is always a good idea.



Packing: This is a car-camping trip. Be prepared, but do not be worried. It is easy to stay warm at Klondike. When not hiking, while hanging around camp, when one would tend to get really cold, we will have a roaring fire that will keep us warm.

Uniform: This is this a multi-troop official event, we wear our uniforms.

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Be Prepared

for the

Klondike Derby

CLOTHES

For a full discussion of how to dress for colder weather see the T255 web site. Click on Pack Lists, and then select Dressing for the Outdoors:

<http://www.t255.com/Dressing%20for%20Outdoor%20Activities.pdf>

- Wear hiking boots with two pairs of socks. NO SNEAKERS.
- Bring two or more extra pairs of socks so that you can change into dry ones, especially before bed.
- Wear at least two layers on your lower body. A base layer (long underwear) and your regular pants works. Something like sweatpants can be used as the second layer, if necessary.
- Wear 4 layers for your upper body. Wear a base layer (long underwear or long-sleeved shirt). Wear another shirt over that. Since it is Klondike it will be your scout shirt. Wear two more outer layers. One would be a warm outer coat (waterproof shell is ideal). Under the outer coat have a warm sweater, hoodie or similar that can be added for additional warmth.
- Be sure to bring rain-gear.
- A warm hat is absolutely essential, especially for night-time.
- Bring a wool or Polartec scarf or balaclava (a thing that covers your whole head and just leaves your eyes, nose, and mouth exposed).
- Bring a spare set of clothes.
- Oh yeah, gloves. Don't forget gloves or mittens.
- When you are moving, your body is generating heat, so you pull off a hat, remove a layer, or just unzip. When you stop, you put a layer back on or zip up.

SLEEPING

- Be sure you know your tenting plan.
- Use a 20-degree rated bag if possible. Contact an adult leader if you do not have one.
- Using a sleeping pad is very important, to insulate you from the ground.
- Wear a dry set of clothes in your sleeping bag at night.
- Dry, warm socks, and a hat or balaclava are really great for sleeping.
- Since this is car-camping, you can bring extra blankets or something like cardboard to put in the bottom of the tent for extra insulation.

Checklist for Day Activities

- Day pack
- water

Scouts will be gone all day, traveling around the stations at the Derby. Bring a day pack so you can carry water and any layers you might not be wearing at the time. Scouts will return to camp for lunch.

Checklist for Camping

- Backpack
- 2 liters of water
- sleeping bag and pad
- your share of your tent
- your share of your food
- eating utensils (bowl/cup/spoon)
- toiletries
- flashlight
- clothes
- rain jacket/winter clothes
- sunscreen
- pocket-knife (optional)
- book/cards (optional)

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Trip Permission Slip

SCOUT: _____

TRIP: Klondike Derby

TRIP DATE: January 16th through 18th, 2015

This approval/permission is valid for the trip listed above.

Approval/permission is granted by the parents/guardians of the Boy Scout named above for their son/scout to participate in the activities of Troop 255, Chevy Chase, Maryland, National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. Approval/permission is granted to the adult members of Troop 255 to authorize treatment of the Boy Scout named above in the event of an accident or emergency.

Adult members of Troop 255 that authorize treatment of the Boy Scout in the event of an accident or emergency shall be released from any or all liabilities. Troop 255 will obtain local and national tour permits when necessary.

(Permission slip needed for scouts only. Siblings accompanied by a parent do not need a permission slip.)

Parent Signature

Parent Name (Print)

Date

WHO SHOULD WE CONTACT IN AN EMERGENCY OR FOR CHANGE OF PLANS?
PLEASE LIST NAMES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS BELOW: