

# **JAMES RIVER DISTRICT 2014 KLONDIKE DERBY**



**FEBRUARY 7-9, 2014  
CAMP PIPSICO**

## **TEAMS**

**Ideally, each team should have between five and eight Scouts. Teams with fewer than five members will probably have a real problem making it around the trail, and may have trouble performing some of the events. Teams of more than eight are okay.**

## **SLEDS**

**Sleds must be at least six feet long and at least 1 -1/2 feet wide. There is no weight requirement for the sled, but it must be sturdy enough to carry the equipment listed below around the course. WHEELS ARE NOT ALLOWED!**

## **TEAM EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR THE KLONDIKE TRAIL**

**Trail lunch, drinking water, and rain gear for each Scout**

**Nugget pouch, marked with team name and troop number**

**Pencil or pen and paper**

**Blanket**

**Four sturdy staves, at least 5 feet long**

**Eight 8-foot ropes, about 1/4 inch diameter**

**Compass**

**Simulated first aid kit (for events)**

**2 or 3 "sterile dressings"**

**7 or 8 cravats or triangular bandages**

**Complete tent (any kind is acceptable)**

**Plastic sheet, about 8 by 10 feet**

**Frying pan and spatula (and a plastic bag to put it in)**

**Enough tender and firewood to cook a pancake**

**Matchless fire building material**

## **MEALS**

**Units are responsible for all meals. As noted above, lunch on Saturday should be a trail lunch. There will be a cracker barrel for Scoutmasters and Senior Patrol Leaders Friday evening and a camp-wide cracker barrel on Saturday evening (see the schedule for times). Troops may, of course, have their own cracker barrels.**

## **SCORING**

**“Gold nuggets” will be awarded for successful completion of events at manned stations. Some stations are not manned, and teams will write their answers for these stations on a score sheet they will be given at the starting event. Maximum score at each station is 10 “nuggets”. No additional “nuggets” will be awarded for Scout spirit...Scouts are expected to show Scout spirit! Teams can LOSE “nuggets” if the judge at a station thinks they don’t show it! A word of caution: teams may be fined up to 10 “nuggets” for “environmental impact” if they show up at the end of the trail with a wrecked sled or lost equipment!**

## **SCHEDULE**

### **FRIDAY, February 7**

**5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

**10:00 p.m.**

**11:00 p.m.**

**Check-in and set up camp**

**SM/SPL/staff cracker barrel**

**Taps and lights out (and quiet!)**

### **SATURDAY, February 8**

**7:00 a.m.**

**7:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.**

**9:00 a.m.**

**9:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**8:45 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

**10:30 p.m.**

**Reveille**

**Breakfast and clean-up**

**Assembly at the flagpole**

**Klondike trail**

**Supper and clean-up**

**Campfire and awards, OA call-out**

**Camp-wide cracker barrel**

**Taps and lights out**

### **SUNDAY, February 9**

**7:00 a.m.**

**7:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.**

**9:30 a.m.**

**10:00 a.m. – noon**

**Reveille**

**Breakfast and clean-up**

**Chapel service/closing ceremony**

**Break/clean camp, check-out**

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## **FEBRUARY 7-9, 2014**

**During the Klondike Gold Rush of 1897-1898, prospectors raced across Canada's Yukon Territory in search of gold. Those hearty adventurers carried their supplies on sleds pulled by dogs (if they were lucky), or more often, by themselves! The Klondike Derby recreates the strenuous activity of those Gold Rush days. It is a trail event, with each team of Scouts pulling its homemade sled around a 2-mile course, stopping at about two dozen stations along the way to earn "gold nuggets" by solving problems using the following skills:**

**Fire building (Second Class)  
Fire building without matches  
First Aid (Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class)  
Knots (Tenderfoot, First Class)  
Lashings (First Class)  
Map and compass (Second Class)  
Directions without a compass (First Class)  
Wild animals (Second Class)  
Native plants (First Class)  
Estimate height and width (First Class)  
and...  
Working together!**

### **"KLONDIKE COLLEGE"**

**Troop 6 will conduct a "Klondike College" on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at Warwick Memorial Methodist Church to review the skills (not the events) that will be needed to succeed in the Klondike Derby. Troops planning to participate in the derby are invited to bring their Patrol Leaders and SPL to the "college" for this review. The review will start at 8:30 am and run most of the day. Pizza lunch will be provided. There will be a small charge for this. If your troop is interested, contact Ken Hampton at 833-0897.**

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Troops from any district or council may participate in the Klondike Derby. We will order 250 patches for the event, and they will be passed out in the order in which troops register. If more than 250 participants are signed up by early February, we can increase the patch order. The registration cost is \$12.00 per person. Please return the form below to the council service center by January 13 (wishful thinking!), so we will know about how many patches and how much cracker barrel material we may need.

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### 2014 JAMES RIVER DISTRICT KLONDIKE DERBY

Please send this form, with \$25.00 registration fee, by January 13, 2014 to:

Colonial Virginia Council, BSA  
11725 Jefferson Avenue  
Newport News, VA 23606

TROOP \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_  
LEADER \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated number of Scouts participating \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated number of adults participating \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated number of teams \_\_\_\_\_

Registration cost is \$12.00 per participant. The \$25.00 registration fee will count toward the unit's total fee (it allows us to preorder the patches for the event). Checks should be made payable to Colonial Virginia Council, BSA; mark for James River District Klondike Derby, eveny code 601. Fees may be paid in advance at the service center, or at check-in at Camp Pipsico.