



KLONDIKE DERBY 2025 CHIEF SEATTLE COUNCIL MTN SERVICE TERRITORY UNIT LEADERS GUIDE

It's Island Time All the Time

The Camp Koinonia Klondike Derby is organized by youth of the
Order of the Arrow- Lamonti Tupso Illahee Chapter,

T'kope Kwiskwis Lodge



Camp Koinonia
January 24-26, 2025

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Online Registration

All Units are expected to Pre-Register by Friday, January 10th, 2025. Online Registration and Payment is Available on the Alpine District website. We will not accept walk-in registrations, so please reserve for the expected number of Participants from your unit.

- **\$30.00 Per person for one night or two nights- Includes Patch**
- **\$5.00 Late Fee Per Person for any sign-ups after January 17th at 11:59 pm**
- This event is tent camping only cabins will not be available for rent.
- Registration deadline is January 19th, 2025 closing at 11:59pm

OA Staffing Opportunities: Please Refer to The OA Staffing Opportunity Section

Cub Scouts at Klondike

Due to the recent changes in Webelos and Arrow of Light Ranks, The Chief Seattle Council has we requested we do not allow Cub Scouts at this event. The Council Camping Committee will be reviewing procedures to ensure [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) age policies are able to be effectively managed during registration. Unfortunately, this does mean Arrow of Light scouts will not be allowed to attend this event even if they intend to shadow a unit.

OA Staffing Opportunities

The Klondike Derby is 100% Planned and Executed by the Scouts of the Order of the Arrow. The event provides an excellent opportunity for scouts to expand their leader skills and understand the process of large event planning. We encourage all eligible scouts to consider trying this amazing learning opportunity. If you are a member of order of the Arrow and would like to participate in the planning of this event, please attend one of our regularly scheduled chapter meetings on the second Friday of every month.

All youth intending on Staffing Klondike should meet the following requirements.

- Be at minimum the Rank of First Class preferably Life or Eagle Scout.
- Have been nominated for the Order of the Arrow and Completed their Induction weekend.
- Not currently holding a leadership role such as SPL, ASPL or Patrol Leader of an acting unit or Patrol at the event.

All Staff must should contact the Chapter Chief or Advisor prior to registering for the event. Staff will have all meals cooked for them and will focus on Running the Programs during the duration of the event.

All Staff will need to come prepared with a tent, sleeping bag, sleeping pad ten essentials and proper winter attire including a rain shell, gloves, waterproof insulated snow boots.

Event Preparations and Health Notices

- First Aid Notice: All Scouts and Adult leaders are expected to review and practice all cold-weather first aid procedures before attending this event. There is a huge risk of frostbite and Hypothermia during the event if your unit is not well versed in recognizing the signs and symptoms of cold-weather ailments/injuries.
- Competition Notice: The Chili Cook-off is a mandatory part of competition please refer to the competition section for more details. The Design and Theme of your sled plays crucial role in determining the winner this year.
- Camping Notice: All units should prepare for youth to sleep with their age and gender appropriate tent buddy.
- For Safety Purposes, vehicles are not allowed at the campsites with no exceptions. All vehicles are expected to unload gear and park in designated parking areas.
- Parking at Camp is limited so units should prioritize carpooling when planning.
- Drivers of vehicles will be required to provide the Make, Model, Color and License of their Vehicle along with valid contact information in case of emergency.
- If your vehicle requires towing at any time during the duration of the event, please contact admin immediately prior to contacting any towing services on your own.
- No Electric Vehicle Stations are available in or around Camp Koinonia
- Bring Fire pans for the Competition and for inside your campsite. **Limited Firewood Available.** **Be Safe and bring some!** Be prepared to extinguish coals and pack out your ashes.
- Units should bring large group water jugs. We will not be able to guarantee all campsites will have immediate access to water Spiggots.
- All Scouts need to be completely outfitted for cold and inclement weather including Snow, Rain, Hail and Wind. Troops should have unit and individual equipment shake-downs prior to arrival, to ensure everyone has the proper equipment.
- Hot hands, Yak-Trax, extra wool socks are all handy thing to have.

Check-In

Unit check-in will be conducted between 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM on Friday and between 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM on Saturday.

All units need to arrive and be unloaded before the SPL/Scoutmaster Meeting at 7:30 AM

Carpooling is required due to parking limitations.

Upon arrival, Drivers will be expected to follow all parking directions provided by Arrow men working in the parking lot. The youth have developed a plan for event unloading and Parking and appreciate your cooperation.

No Electric Vehicle charging facilities are available in or around Camp Koinonia.

The following items will be required at check-in:

1. **Unit Check-In Form and Vehicle Information Form:** Crucial for our Emergency Preparedness Plan. Correct Vehicle information should be on the form!
2. **Medical Forms A&B.** The Unit Leader is expected to have all medical forms present upon check-in. We will not be able to accept digital medical forms. Please do not mail medical forms to the council office. Scouts and Leaders who do not have their medical forms will not be allowed to participate in this even and will be sent home.
3. **The final list of patrols, including the patrol names.** We will accept patrols with up to but no more than 10 Scouts. The ideal size is about 8 scouts. A patrol is required to have a minimum from 3 Scouts

Check-out and Campsite Clean-up

Checkout hours are Saturday after awards and closing flags, and Sunday morning from 7 AM until 11 AM. Troops **must** have their campsites inspected by an OA Staff Member before they will be allowed to Check Out. Med forms will not be returned until admin had been given approval from a staff member to dismiss your unit.

- Units will be held to the standards of Leave no Trace and the Outdoor Code
- All equipment and trash must be removed from the premises and packed out
- All snow sculptures, structures etc. should be collapsed and filled in prior to check out
- The SPL will be expected to organize a unit-wide trash sweep across the campsite.
- Fires will need to be extinguished and ashes packed out!
- Lost and Found Items not claimed by scouts in your unit may be brought to admin
- Units who leave prior to awards and Closing Flags will forfeit all awards and prizes.

Winter Camping Safety

There is magic to camping in winter. It is one of the most challenging outdoor adventures. The Boy Scouts of America. Special considerations for winter camping are:

- **Qualified Supervision.** A Trained Scout Leader must be an experienced winter camper with strong character and common sense.
- **Equipment.** Be completely outfitted for cold weather. Equipment should be checked to ensure good condition for the activity and proper maintenance while in use. Youth should be adequately clothed, and blankets/Sleeping Bags should be of suitable quality and weight.
- **Physical Fitness.** Youth should be suitably fit for the activity. Periodic rests while building snow caves and engaging in other strenuous cold-weather activities will help prevent accidents and overheating.
- **Buddy System.** Having Youth paired aids in monitoring each other's physical condition and observation of surroundings and circumstances.
- **Planning.** Safe activities follow a plan that has been conscientiously developed. In winter, plan to cover no more than 5 miles per day on snowshoes or 10 to 12 miles on cross-country skis. Allow ample time to make it to camp at the end of the day.
- **Safe Area.** Leaders should determine whether an area for winter camping is well-suited and free of hazards.
- **Weather Check.** Weather conditions, potential hazards, and the appropriate responses should be understood and anticipated. Go to my.scouting.org for Hazardous Weather training.
- **Burning.** Never use flames in tents, teepees, or snow shelters. This includes burning any solid, liquid, gel, or gas fuel; using features of tents or teepees that support stoves or fires; and use of chemical-fueled equipment and catalytic heaters.
- **Discipline.** Rules are effective only when followed. All participants should know, understand, and respect the rules and procedures for a safe winter camping experience. Applicable rules should be discussed before the outing and reviewed by all participants when leaving for the winter campout.

All scouts in attendance are expected to adhere to the Guidelines of Safe Scouting and Youth Protection.

Emergency Preparedness

- Tent Camping in the snow can be a challenging experience, and all scouts must understand the importance of dressing in the appropriate attire. Inadequate or improper clothing for winter weather conditions can result in frostbite and hypothermia. Cotton kills, so please avoid wearing cotton while snow camping.
- Equipment Shakedown before the event are expected.
- Please Prepare all Scouts attending with the knowledge and training to recognize the symptoms of hypothermia and frostbite before attending the event.
- Please pay close attention to weather reports and drive in weather-appropriate vehicles.
- Chains are required to be carried on the Pass.
- Ensure you have an accurate headcount of everyone in your unit and patrols.
- Please fill out the Unit check-in form and Vehicle ID Form before attending and be prepared provide it to staff at check-in.

Event Schedule

Friday Night:

5:00 pm - Check-in & Setup

9:30 pm - Cracker Barrel - **Troops/Units - Please Bring Snacks to Share at Cracker Barrel**

11:00pm - Lights Out

Saturday:

6:00 am-7:30 am – Morning Check-in

7:30 am – 8:00 am SPL/Scoutmaster Meeting

8:30 am – 9:00am- Opening Ceremonies

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Stations

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Chili Cook-Off Required

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm Chili Cook-off Grading

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Unfinished Stations and Snowman Building Competition

2:00 pm- 3:30 pm – Iditarod Race

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm – Score Tabulation

3:30 pm – 4:45 pm – Pack Up Camp if not staying Second Night

4:45 Closing Flags & Awards

We ask that you please be flexible with the schedule.

11:00 pm – Lights Out

Sunday Morning:

7:00 am – 11:00 pm – Checkout

Competition and Other Events

- **Fire Building**
- **Tropical Island Shelter**
- **First Aid**
- **Sled Rescue**
- **Human Knot**
- **Shotski**
- **Lashings**
- **Blind Square**
- **Blindfolded Maze**
- **A-Frame Relay**

Iditarod (additional information below):

- **Sleds must carry all required equipment.**
- **To ensure safety Scouts are not allowed under any circumstances to be in the sled during the race**
- **All members of the patrol must cross the finish line at the same time in order to complete the race.**
- **A scout is courteous do not ram other sleds or you will be disqualified**
- **Sleds will be judged before the sled race.**

Chili Cook-Off

For 25 Years and counting the scouts of Klondike Derby have been cooking Chili at the Klondike Derby. Over the years we have seen many great chilis come and go. Will your Chili go down into Klondike history as the tastiest and most flavorful of all?

- The Chili Cook-Off is a Required part of the Competition.
- Chili must be cooked in the parking lot near staff quarters, not in campsites.
- Units are allowed to share a chili between patrols, but patrols are encouraged to each have their own individual chili recipe.
- Pre-cooking your protein at home is required.
- Please ensure you follow Food Safety Measures.
- Please provide a list of ingredients with the chili submission exact measurements not required
- Vegan and Red Chilis will be accepted.
- Cold Chili will be disqualified.
- Make it spicy edible and flavorful!
- Must be cooked in Dutch Oven
- Units must provide their own charcoal.
- Patrols should prepare for Dutch oven cooking in cold and inclement weather.
- Chili will be graded on Taste, Presentation, Spice, Temperature
- Chili should be served in small cup. Cups will not be provided
- Toppings should not be added prior to presentation and will not impact grading

Required Unit Equipment

Sled Equipment (on the sled for race and stations)

- The Ten Essentials
- Rope for knots and lashings
- Scout Handbook
- Notebook and Pencil
- Two Large Wool/Fleece Blankets
- Camp Stove and Pot (not a Dutch oven)
- Patrol Size First Aid Kit
- Garbage Bag for trash
- Fire Starter/ Kindling
- Fire Pan (**fire building station** and chili cook-off)

Basecamp Equipment

- Large Group Water Jugs- There is only one water spigot in Camp.
- Portable Pop-up Shelter or Tarp
- Fire Pan – There are no fire pits at campsites
- Firewood - None will be available or limited amount.
- Dutch Oven and Charcoal – Cook-off is required this year.
- Makings for a Dutch Oven Chili
- Trash Bags

WITHOUT THE ABOVE ITEMS, YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO COMPLETE SOME OF THE ADVENTURES YOU MAY ENCOUNTER. SO, BE PREPARED!

Required Individual Equipment

“COTTON KILLS” out of the things you can cut corners on when it comes to winter camping the materials you wear are not one of them. Cotton retains moisture longer, does not keep you warm when wet, and increases the chances of you getting Hypothermia or frostbite.

- Ten Essentials
- Moisture Wicking Base-layers Top and Bottom
- Insulating Mid-layers
- Waterproof Shell/Outer Layers (Top and Bottom)
- Waterproof Winter Boots (Preferably Insulated)
- Waterproof Winter Gloves (Multiple Pair Recommended)
- Minimum 3 Season Tent
- Sleeping Pad with high R-Value
- Winter 15 degrees or below Mummy Sleeping Bag with fleece bag liner.
- Wool Socks- Multiple Pairs
- Micro-spikes or Yak-Trax. (not required but can be very helpful)
- Gaiters (not required but very helpful at keeping snow out of boots)
- Snow Shoes (not required but can be helpful)

Winter Camping Resources

<https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/tips-for-dressing-your-kids-in-winter.html>

<https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/gaiters.html>

<https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/snowshoes.html>

<https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/what-is-down-fill-power.html>

<https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/snow-gloves-and-mittens--how-to-choose.html>

<https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/winter-camping.html>

<https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/how-to-dress-in-cold-weather.html>

<https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/how-to-keep-hands-warm.html>

<https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/freezing-level-vs-snow-level.html>

<https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/layering-basics.html>

<https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/down-vs-synthetic.html>

<https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/insulated-outerwear.html>

<https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/sleeping-pads.html>

<https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/family-base-camping-tent.html>

<https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/sleeping-bag.html>

<https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/sleeping-bag-liners.html>

<https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/understanding-sleeping-bag-temperature-ratings.html>

<https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/how-to-prevent-condensation-in-a-tent.html>

Sled Protocol

Sleds must be constructed entirely by patrols. Shopping carts, 55-gallon drums, etc. -are not considered to be constructed by the scouts. Store-bought sleds will be allowed but will not receive any point recognition. For reference on how to construct Klondike Sleds, see Boy's Life reprints or other winter camping resources.

The following plan is for a sled that has minimum and maximum dimensions as shown. The sled below is shown as a guide. Your own design may be used if it conforms to the minimum and maximum dimensions. Make sure the sled is strong enough to bear the weight of your equipment and one Scout will hold together for a long trip. It is best to use screws rather than nails. Drill first to avoid splitting wood. The sled shown uses a single-piece runner. Skis or multiple runners may be used. Varnish the bottom of runners and wax before using. Wire netting or a canvas snow curtain may be added to prevent items from falling off the sled.

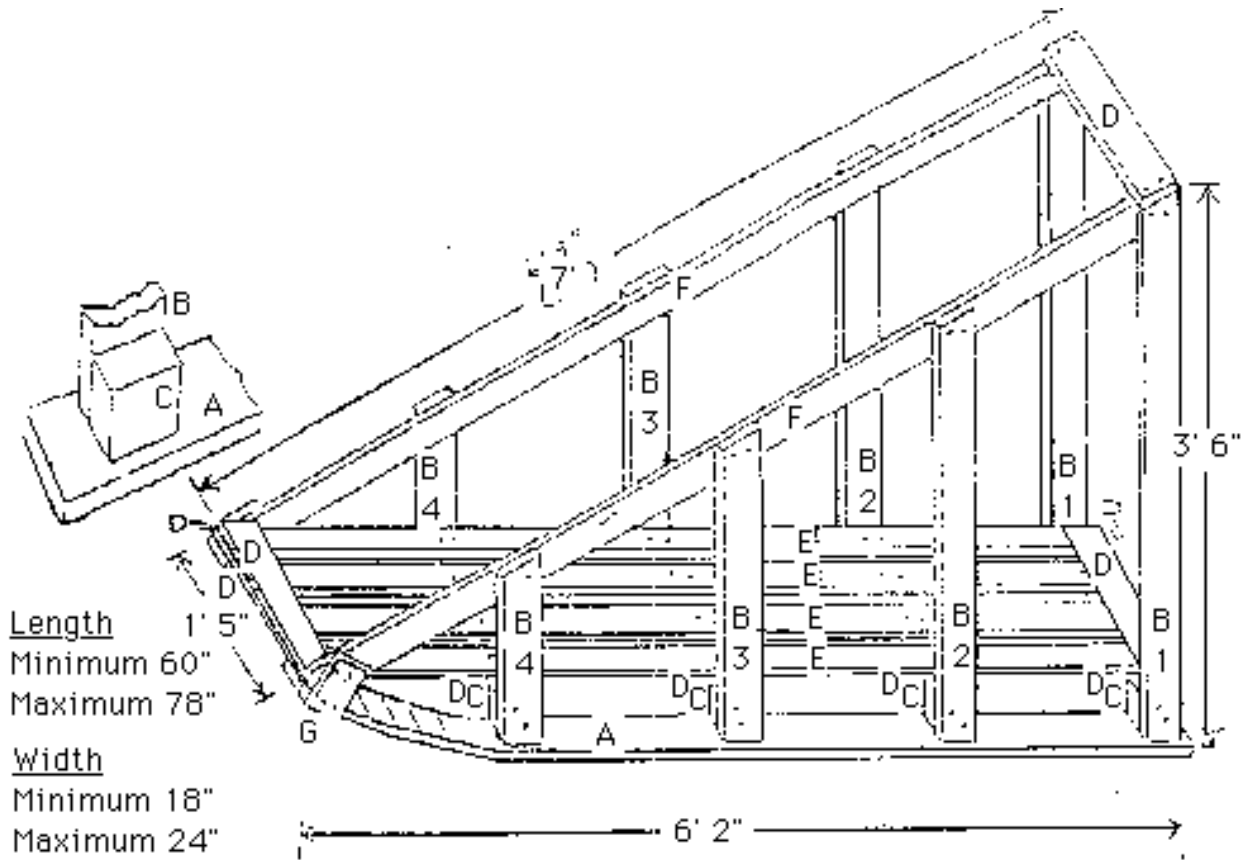
Secure a towing rope at the front.

In past years, the biggest safety problem has been protrusions, like a "push bar" at the rear of the sled, accidentally striking a scout. This year, we ask that you examine your sled for any potential safety problems. The push bar should not protrude more than 6" on each side of the sled. We also ask that no "temporary" additional push bars be placed on the sled during the race. If any member of the Klondike staff notices an illegal protrusion, your sled will be subject to immediate modification.

You can "pad" handles and sharp corners with neoprene foam rubber pipe insulation secured with duct tape, available at hardware or lumber stores.

When constructing the sled please only use bolts, screws, or Lashings. Nails will not hold the sled together.

Item	Label	Quantity	Dimensions
Runners	A	2	1" x 4" x 6'2"
Uprights	B1	2	1" x 4" x 3'6"
	B2	2	1" x 4" x 2'8"
	B3	2	1" x 4" x 1'9"
	B4	2	1" x 4" x 10"
Upright Supports	C	8	2" x 4" x 4"
Cross Supports	D	6	1" x 4" x 1'5"
Floor Strips	E	4	1" x 4" x 6'
Handrails	F	2	1" x 2" x 7'
Front Supports	G	2	1" x 4" x 6"



Unit Check-in Form

Unit #	Adult Unit Leader:					
Head #	SPL:					
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PARTICIPATING PATROL NAMES

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Unit Vehicle Information Form

Unit #	Driver Name:
Vehicle Make/Model	Driver Phone #:
Vehicle Color	License Plate Number

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