

2012 KLONDIKE DERBY

Saturday, February 4, 2012 – Check-in begins 8:30 AM. Competition runs from 9:00 AM to 2:15 PM. Closing ceremony at 3:00 PM.

Thompson Park, Monroe Township, NJ – North end of the park, next to the lake. Since parking space is limited, please plan to carpool to this event!

Registration – Every Unit must register to avoid late fees by **January 20, 2012 (5 pm)**. You may add additional Scouts and adults after that date by paying the late fee. This is required to assist in planning the event. Each Scout will receive a Klondike Derby patch. Adult fee does **not** include a patch, but extras can be ordered.

Help – This is one of the largest District events! To meet our time constraints we need lots of help identified before the event. Each Unit will be required to supply a minimum of two adults per patrol to assist in running the stations.

Prizes – Ribbons will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place patrol/den winners in each station as well as the overall patrol and den winners. Troops with more than one participating patrol are eligible for a special plaque that will be given to the first place Troop.

Info

- ◆ This year the Klondike Derby will again emphasize the Patrol Method. Patrol Leaders will be responsible for the operation and supervision of their Patrol. **Adults will not be permitted to accompany Scouts along the trail or to assist them at any of the stations, except for Webelos patrols which are allowed 2 leaders to accompany them.** If adults provide directions and help at the station, the Patrol Leaders will not be able to work efficiently. Remember Baden-Powell's saying; "The Patrol Method isn't one way to run a Troop – It's the only way."
- ◆ Interference by adults will result in the forfeit of points by patrols for the station they are at or on their way to starting.
- ◆ The patrols should be made up of regular Patrol members if possible. If it becomes necessary to combine patrols, a maximum number of eight boys is suggested. We also suggest no less than four or five boys.
- ◆ Let's permit our Patrol Leaders to do the job that we have trained them for, and let them gain some real decision-making and leadership experience.
- ◆ Senior Patrols must register to compete against other Senior Patrols.
- ◆ Crews will compete in the same category as Senior Patrols.
- ◆ Sled assembly will be judged at the end of the day. Patrol Leaders must check in at Headquarters to be judged.
- ◆ **Scouts must bring a bag lunch and a mess kit cup and spoon for soup**, which will be served in the Dining Area.

Contact – If you have questions, suggestions, or can help, please contact Mike Sabanos (732-251-3870).