



THE OREGON TRAIL – FEBRUARY 7TH, 2015

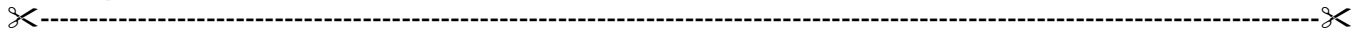
2015 Dan Beard District Klondike Derby

Prepare your Scouts to take a journey on the Oregon Trail.
All of the pre-event tasks are listed. Make sure to read carefully.

Please use the form below to register your troop for this exciting day of friendly and fun competition at Goose Pond Scout Reservation!

Plans for this year's Klondike can be found on the attached pages. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, February 7th for the Klondike!

Complete the portion below and return to:



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Scout Service and Training Center
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Please register us for the 2015 Dan Beard District "Oregon Trail" Klondike February 7th, 2015.

Complete ALL information, please.

Troop #: _____	# of Patrols (Sleds) Participating: _____
Leader: _____	Phone: (_____) _____ - _____
<u>Early Bird Fees until January 31st</u>	
# of Junior Scouts (under First Class):	_____ x \$6 each = _____
# of Senior Scouts:	_____ x \$6 each = _____
# of Leaders:	_____ x \$3 each = _____
# of Staff:	_____ x \$3 each = _____
<u>Regular Fees after January 31st</u>	
# of Junior Scouts (under First Class):	_____ x \$9 each = _____
# of Senior Scouts:	_____ x \$9 each = _____
# of Leaders:	_____ x \$6 each = _____
# of Staff:	_____ x \$6 each = _____
Total Fee Due:	(_____)

Our check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

Account number **6161**

Note: Overnight stay is available starting Friday the 6th. Reservations for camping sites should be made prior to the event with Jan Shoener at 570-207-1227 ext. 234. There will be no special patch or pin provided for the overnight (Overnight stay is not required to participate in the Klondike).

ATTENDANCE ROSTER

Please present this roster (filled out) along with personal medical histories for all participants upon troop check-in at the Campmaster Cabin (Health Lodge) between 7:30am and 8:30am on Saturday, Feb. 7th.

Troop # _____

Patrol Name				
Names of Scouts in Patrol:				
Age / Bracket				
Junior/Senior				

Leader's Names:

Participant Schedule

Friday, February 6th

After 6:00 PM Troop Campout Begins

Setup your camps for the overnight session and enjoy the weather.

10:00 PM Taps

Saturday, February 7th

7:00 AM Reveille

7:15 AM Breakfast

All troops and staff should provide their own breakfast. It is suggested that everyone eat around 7:15 AM so that camp can be properly cleaned-up and all troop gear packed-up before the 8:30 Opening Ceremony.

7:30 AM Troop Klondike Check-In Begins

Check-In is at the Campmaster Cabin (Health Lodge). Please have the Scoutmaster and senior patrol leader register your troop here (remember to bring a roster).

8:30 AM Klondike Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony will be held at the back of the Dining Hall. Please be there at 8:30 so that we can begin on time.

8:45 AM – 2:45 PM Skill Sessions & Lunch

Each patrol leader will be given a rotation schedule that they are to follow. There are a total of ten stations to visit. There will be a 30-minute rotation schedule, which should allow 25 minutes at each station and 5 minutes of "travel" time. Lunch is to be cooked, served, and cleaned-up between 11:45 AM and 12:45 PM at the station assigned on your patrol's schedule.

2:50 PM Cleanup / Sled Pack Up

At this time load up your gear to depart

3:15 PM Awards Presentation

We will present the awards and participation patches at an Awards Presentation at the Main Gate.

3:45 PM Departure

Travel Home Safely!

First Station	8:45-9:15
Second Station	9:15-9:45
Third Station	9:45-10:15
Fourth Station	10:15-10:45
Fifth Station	10:45-11:15
Sixth Station	11:15-11:45
Lunch	11:45-12:45
Seventh Station	12:45-1:15
Eighth Station	1:15-1:45
Ninth Station	1:45-2:15
Tenth Station	2:15-2:45

Uniforms

No official uniform is required for the weekend. However, proper winter attire is mandatory. Boots, gloves, extra socks, a hat, and long underwear should be stressed. If a Scout is improperly dressed, he will be sent home.

Water

Onsite water may not be available. You will need to bring in a sufficient supply of water to satisfy your needs. Scouts are encouraged to carry a canteen or water bottle to ensure that fluid intake is sufficient to prevent dehydration. If there is running water it will be available at the pump house.

Waste Disposal

Take out what you take in! Remember that a "Scout is Clean." The dumpsters in camp are not utilized during the winter months.

Food

Lunch on Saturday will not be a graded station:

- This lunch should be enough for each member of the sled. Because of the limited preparation and clean up time lunches should be chosen carefully.
- Fires for cooking should not be built unless established in a Fire Ring.
- A scout is clean and therefore each troop should make sure to clean up their lunch site and return it to the way they found it.
- In addition to lunch on Saturday, if your troop is planning to stay over Friday Night, you should provide your own breakfast for Saturday morning.

Equipment (a.k.a. Klondike Sled)

Each patrol is required to have a Klondike Sled. Please make sure that every sled has at least the following items:

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| • Shelter for all scouts on sled (No automatic or popup tents allowed) | • Paper w/Pen or Pencil for each scout | • Firewood (10 inches length max) |
| • A Blindfold for each scout | • Troop and/or Patrol Flag | • Fire starter (1 of the following: Steel wool and 9v battery, friction bow, magnifying glass, flint and steel, magnesium striker(hot sparks) or matches) |
| • Twine | • Boy Scout Handbook | • Tarp or towel (for stretcher) |
| • GPS (Smart phone with GPS works) or Compass | • Boy Scout Fieldbook | • Other items that you may see fit |
| • Lunch preparation items | • 2 Poles or limbs 48" long X at least 1 & 1/2" Diameter (stretcher & bridge) | |
| • Lunch food | • Cross beams to lash for bridge | |
| • Lunch serving items | • Rope for Bear bag | |
| • Lunch cleanup items | • Bear bag | |
| • Camp Shovel | • First Aid Kit | |

Troop Check-In

Troops are welcome to stay over Friday and/or Saturday night. However, there will be no planned activities for this time. It is the Troop responsibility to make arrangements with Northeastern Pennsylvania Council for the use of the facility for this time.

All vehicles are to park in the shale-pit area for the weekend. To ensure the safety of scouters in camp any car left in camp after opening ceremony must stay parked until the end of the day.

All troops are asked to arrive early and check in between 7:30 and 8:00. Check-in will require that each troop send an adult leader and the senior patrol leader to the Campmaster Cabin (Health Lodge). They should bring with them a completed attendance roster and a personal health history form for each participating Scout and Scouter. The health history should be a copy. At registration you will receive information packets which will include final instructions and scoring sheets.

All other troop members should make their way to the back of the Dining Hall for the Opening Ceremony.

Klondike Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony will begin promptly at 8:30 am at the Lake Side of the Dining Hall. Please note that we intend to follow a strict schedule throughout the day due to all of the activities that have been planned

Skill Sessions

There will be 10 different stations throughout the day that each patrol will be scheduled to take part in. Each patrol will be given a rotation schedule, map, and a score sheet (given to the senior patrol leader upon check-in). The following skills would be very useful in completing these stations with high scores:

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| ✓ First Aid | ✓ Orienteering / Geocaching | ✓ Fire Building |
| ✓ Bridge Building | ✓ Ideal campsite | ✓ Problem Solving |
| ✓ Plant and Animal Identification | ✓ Shelter Building | |
| | ✓ Team Work | |

More information on these stations is attached.

Also, scouts will be evaluated at each station on different aspects of the scouting ranging from scouts spirit, to the outdoor code, and from elected state officials to the meaning of the scout badge. As a patrol the scouts should prepare to answer these various questions individually.

Patrols

The patrol method will be followed at this Klondike derby. Patrols should be comprised of no less than 3 scouts and no more than 8 scouts. Patrols that arrive with 9 or more scouts will be split up into smaller groups.

Patrol Brackets

Younger scouts under First Class will have the opportunity to compete in their own bracket. On these sleds there may only be one scout over First Class.

Scouters

The Klondike Derby is intended to build and test teamwork among the youth. Hence leaders, parents or other adults must not assist patrols along the course; Scouts are on their own.

Scouters will be encouraged to observe other troops. This gives adults an opportunity to see how other patrols interact with one another and might provide ideas on how to improve your troop.

Further Information & Assistance

If you have any questions regarding the Klondike, or if you would like to assist the Klondike staff, please call or email:

Nick Murley – (570) 878-4674, tasd2008@yahoo.com

Remember that if you need assistance or have any questions throughout the weekend: please find a staff member. If that staff member doesn't have the information you need, he/she will know whom to contact. Please don't let small problems turn into big problems – let us know how we can help.

We are looking forward to a great weekend!

Some of the Stations Information

Shooting Sports: Time to take out the BB Gun and practice your target shooting. How accurate are you?

Fire Building: All of your firewood has become soaked and you need to light a fire to stay warm. Practice your skills of lighting wet firewood.

First Aid: The scouts will be working with splinting and carries.

Bridge Building: Your wagon has come to gap in the trail. Be prepared to lash a bridge to transport the scouts and sled across.

Obstacle Course: Your wagon has been challenged to a race along the trail. Can you work together to complete the obstacles on this and come out ahead?

Orienteering / Geocache: Your wagon has become lost along way and you need to find your way out. Come prepared with either geocaching skills or orienteering skills to find your way.

Plant and Animal identification: The scouts will be asked to identify indigenous plant and animal species.

Campsite Setup Challenge: Time to setup camp for the night. Circle the wagons and prepare for a great night of rest. This challenge will be based on the ideal Boy Scout Campsite from the scout handbook (pgs. 286-310). Be prepared to demonstrate the skills necessary to hang a bear bag to store food for the night. Have enough shelter for the scouts on the sled.

Flour Toss: Time to load up the wagon! Working as a team, see how far you can get the “bag of flour” to move under different conditions! Some situations may require some creative thinking to complete the scenario.

Ice Fishing: While traveling along the trail, your wagon decides to go Ice Fishing! Your party will need to identify parts of a fishing pole, identify parts of a fish, equipment for ice fishing, what fish are in season, and some ice rescue information. Poles are not required to be brought.