

Information for Scoutmasters

Radio Communications Policy

We don't encourage the use of "walkie-talkies" and see no reason for a Derby Patrol to carry one, but if they do please follow this policy:

Patrol Chatter: **ODD** channel numbers

Staff Emergency Communications: **EVEN** channels

Pre-registration of Troops

There is NO pre-registration fee for this event. Pre-register your Troop by returning the SAS postcard that is included in the pre-registration packet that was (will be) mailed to all SDY & SWJ Scoutmasters, sending an e-mail to gloucks@nycap.rr.com or calling 884-0588. A maximum of 55 Patrols can be registered to compete on Derby Saturday. Early pre-registration ensures your Patrol(s) a place on the Starting Line.

Registration Fee

The event registration fee is **\$7 per person** payable Derby Saturday morning at the event registration table in the Nature Lodge. The registration fee is waived for Scouts who are serving as "Renegades" and for members of the Health & Safety Team. We encourage you to register ALL your Scouts and Adult leaders - it costs money to run this event and registration fees are our only source of revenue.

The Don Montanye Award

The Troop with the largest number of registered attendees (including "Renegades" and members of the Health & Safety Team who are registered with the Troop) will receive the "Boots on the Ground Award", special event patches and a recognition ribbon at the Sunday morning Closing Ceremony.

Deep Freeze Site Selection

Our Health & Safety Headquarters will be in Horsley Lodge on the west side of Boyhaven Road. Deep Freezing Troops may select any site in Camp, east or west side, upper or lower level. Troops that are not winter-camping experienced are strongly encouraged to camp in the lower area of Camp in the Banker II area. Our health & safety team will

conduct regular nighttime checks of tenting Scouts and adults in this area Saturday night only. When you have selected your Deep Freeze campsite, report its location to the Registrar in the Nature Lodge Saturday morning and please help make certain it is accurately recorded on the Deep Freeze Campsite Map so that we can schedule your Troop's tent-checks and quickly locate your Troop in an emergency.

Friday Night Arrivals

The Klondike Derby/Deep Freeze event does not officially start until 8:00 Saturday morning. If, however, all or part of your Troop is planning to arrive Friday night, please indicate your intentions when you are contacted in January by the event administrator (phone or e-mail). The Camp Ranger will be alerted to your early arrival plans, but please check in with him at the White House as soon as you arrive in Camp. Note that there is no Health & Safety Emergency Service "coverage" Friday night as there is Saturday night.

Registration on Derby Saturday

Complete the Troop Registration Form included in this brochure before you arrive at Camp and turn it in at the Registration Table in the Nature Lodge between 8:00 and 9:30 Saturday morning. Leave Troop Health Forms (in a labeled binder or envelope) with the Registrar. Pick up Klondike Derby information packets to give to each of your Derby Patrol Leaders. These packets will contain instructions, Route Cards, Klondikaven maps, and start times. **Please encourage your Patrols to spend some time planning their trek BEFORE they arrive at the Starting Line.** An effort will be made at registration to assign earlier starting time slots to Derby-inexperienced Patrols.

Staff Headquarters

Saturday morning registration will be held in the Nature Lodge. Sunday "Closing" (presentation of awards and Health Form return) will be conducted in front of Norris Hall.

Horsley Lodge (Training Center) will be Emergency Services headquarters, First Aid Station, Primary Warming Hut, and Health Form Repository during the event.

Event Staff will be headquartered in the White House front room from Saturday at 10:00 AM until

Sunday morning at 9:30. The White House front room will also serve as Renegade Headquarters, Cub Visitor Registration Station, Derby Lost-and-Found, and warming hut on Derby Saturday from 10:00 until 4:30.

Lean-to Rentals

If you wish to use one or more of the many lean-tos in Camp for storage of equipment and/or for sleeping quarters, you must rent them in advance through the Twin Rivers Council Office using established procedures and forms. The event staff takes no responsibility for renting lean-tos.

Cabin Rentals

If your Troop plans to rent a cabin for Friday and/or Saturday night, it is up to you to make arrangements in advance with the Twin Rivers Council Office using established procedures and paperwork. Be advised that Horsley Lodge is reserved for exclusive use by Staff.

Honor System for Property Rentals

The Derby/Deep Freeze Staff will not be responsible for renting cabins or lean-tos for use during this event. We will assume in all cases that proper arrangements have been made with and all required payments have been made to the Twin Rivers Council in advance. You are "on your honor"...

NO "Open Area" Fees for Tent Campers

The "open area fee" of \$1 per person that we have been collecting at Registration for the past several years from tent-camping Troops has gone the way of the rotary telephone! Yahoo!!

Liquid Fuels Policy

"Liquid fuels" include gasoline, white gas, Coleman fuel, and kerosene.

Because of our excellent record of safe use of liquid fuels at this event, we are going to continue to relax the usual "no liquid fuels" policy to allow you to use these fuels under specific conditions. If you cannot meet all of these conditions, you must use only propane or butane-fired lanterns and stoves with these fuels being dispensed from their original, approved containers. Of course, cooking over wood or charcoal is acceptable.

Conditions for Use of Liquid Fuels

- (1) Since the filling operation is the most dangerous, all stoves and lanterns will be filled before leaving home to minimize the quantity of back-up fuel that must be brought to Camp;
- (2) Back-up fuel supplies will be contained in original containers or approved bottles (ie, no mayonnaise jars or milk jugs) with tight-fitting tops;
- (3) Fuels will be stored safely while in Camp (trunk of your car or the Ranger's "red fuel shed" next to the garage);
- (4) Only adults will use liquid-fueled stoves and lanterns - "Scouts under adult supervision" is not acceptable at this event.
- (5) The next nearest campsite must be at least 50 feet away;
- (6) No liquid fuels in cabins, lean-tos or tents.

If you can live with these conditions and agree to follow all other related safety rules outlined in the BSA literature, we approve your use of liquid fuels. But **BE CAREFUL**. If you have ever witnessed a white gas fire, you understand why we are being so cautious.

Firewood Policy

If you rent a cabin, see the Camp Ranger when you arrive in Camp and he will direct you to a woodpile where you may stock up on split firewood for cabin heating only. No outdoor fires should be fueled using this firewood. There's plenty of dead-and-down wood around Camp for this purpose. For outdoor cooking over wood, please bring a supply from home if you need a good hardwood fire. Or bring charcoal...

Health & Medical Records

You are required to turn in a medical record form at Registration for all participants in the Klondike Derby/Deep Freeze (Scouts AND SCOUTERS). The health history and parental authorization (for Scouts) sections are the only ones that need to be completed. These medical forms are required in the event of a serious accident in which the injured individual needs hospital care. Blank forms are available at the Council Service Center and on-line at

TwinRiversCouncilBSA.org. Please place your Troop health forms in a large envelope with Troop Number and Scoutmaster's Name written clearly across the top. Turn them in at the Saturday Registration and pick them up at Norris Hall after the Sunday morning Closing Ceremony (or from Horsley Lodge if you do not plan to stay over Saturday night).

Clothing & Equipment Policy

The Klondike Derby/Deep Freeze is an outdoor event held in the middle of winter. KD/DF veterans can recall temperatures ranging from 50 degrees above zero to 30 degrees below! And it's difficult to predict the amount and condition of snow cover or weather conditions that may vary from sunny to cloudy, clear to snowy or rainy, from wet to dry.

This event presents a challenge to all, but especially to "fair weather campers." It is imperative that Scoutmasters and other Troop Leaders examine this issue carefully and thoroughly and then set minimum standards for clothing and equipment for all participants, including those who are just visiting on Saturday. Equipment and clothing checklists are included in the PL Brochure. It is strongly advised that the Troop conduct a pre-Derby "shakedown" inspection to evaluate each Scout's readiness for this (or any other) outdoor winter activity.

The Scoutmaster is ultimately responsible for the safety and welfare of his Scouts. He has the final word regarding who participates and who doesn't. The key to a safe and successful Derby/Deep Freeze weekend is to keep everyone warm, dry, well fed, and HYDRATED!

Two-Deep Leadership

BSA Youth Protection Guidelines are in effect. Scoutmasters and/or other Youth Protection trained adults are responsible for making certain that these guidelines are followed. Two adult leaders must be in your campsite area at all times when Scouts are present. (Adult leaders in nearby sites may be included in the count...)

Campsite Health & Safety Inspections

During the dinner hour, Troop Leaders should carefully check their Deep Freeze campsite or cabin for good health and safety practices using

the check-list included in the event literature. Deficiencies should be brought to the attention of the Scoutmaster for immediate correction. Patrol camping is encouraged, but not required. In keeping with the "Outdoor Code", we strongly encourage Troops to minimize the number and size of campfires.

First Aid Station

A first aid station/warming hut will be located in Horsley Lodge and staffed around-the-clock from 8:00 Saturday morning until 10:00AM on Sunday. Troop Health Forms are kept here. All medications are to be stored here. Trained personnel will patrol "lower level" campsites during the Saturday night "Deep Freeze" to check the welfare of tenting and under-the-stars participants. Please note that this service will not be available Friday night.

Deep Freeze "Wake-up" Policy

When our touring Health & Safety Team members find a cold Scout during the Deep Freeze night, the Scout and his partner will both be taken to Horsley Lodge unless there are three Scouts in the tent and taking one will still leave a "safety pair". Leaders will be awakened and notified that a Scout (or Scouts) have been moved to the warming hut. The Scoutmaster's quarters should be clearly marked with a piece of orange flagging tape that will be distributed at Registration.

Emergencies

All injuries and other health emergencies must be immediately reported to the Horsley Lodge first aid station and to the Camp Ranger. Any Scout who is found to be wet and/or cold is to be ESCORTED to Horsley Lodge for treatment.

Boyhaven Road is Off Limits for Scouts

All Derby events are located on the east side (White House side) of Boyhaven Road. Patrols should be instructed not to use this route for any reason, including their treks to and from the Norris Hall start/finish location. Alternate routes should be selected when they receive their Klondikaven maps on Saturday morning. Please help us by announcing this policy to your Troop both before and after your arrival at Camp.

An exception will be made for Troops selecting to camp on the west side of Boyhaven Road (Horsley Lodge area, Gilwell Field, West Pines), but leaders of these Troops should lay down their own strict rules regarding Boyhaven Road.

Meddling Adults

Klondike Derby Staff will be quick to scold adults who tag along with Patrols on the Klondike Derby Trail. Giving advice and instructions from the sidelines is entirely inappropriate. Klondike Derby Mayors are authorized to adjust Patrol scores downward if they feel that an unfair advantage has been given by a meddling adult or senior Scout who is not a member of the patrol. The Klondike Derby competition is a Patrol activity. Training for the event should be accomplished prior to your arrival at Camp.

A Visitors Area will be clearly marked at each Derby station. Please ask all Derby visitors and "observers" from your Troop to observe the events from the designated areas. There is enough confusion and congestion at the event sites without on-lookers being in the middle of things!

Parking Policy

Vehicles may be parked in the lower-level (Banker II) lot, the Norris Hall lot, or one of the lots behind or across Boyhaven Road from the White House. Do not park so as to restrict other vehicles from leaving the parking lots or to restrict emergency vehicles from entering and leaving by way of the Banker II or Horsley Lodge roadways. (It may be your Scout who will need to get to Saratoga Hospital in a hurry). Except for "official" vehicles, no cars or trucks are to be driven into any of the camping areas of camp. Use your Derby sledges and strong Scout backs to transport your Troop gear.

Be advised that vehicles parked along Boyhaven Road may be ticketed by the Sheriff's Department and/or towed away!

When you stop to register at the Nature Lodge on Saturday, please minimize the number of vehicles that park in the Norris Hall parking lot. If you are camping elsewhere, send the rest of your caravan ahead to the nearest parking lot. Things get very hectic and crowded around Norris Hall and the Nature Lodge during the registration hours!

Rules

NO SNOWBALLS. There will be no snowball throwing. Scouts found disobeying this rule will be asked to leave Camp.

NO SLEDDING. Sleds and Klondike Derby "sledges" may be used only for transporting gear, not Scouts. (This is a new Camp Boyhaven rule effective January 1, 2006).

NO FIREWOOD from Camp woodsheds or woodpiles may be used for outdoor cooking or campfires. If you don't bring your own, scavenge dead-and-down fuel in the woods around Camp.

NO FLAMES IN TENTS.

And, of course, the Scout Law, Scout Oath, Motto, Slogan and the Outdoor Code are always in effect.

In-camp Religious Service

The Event Chaplain will conduct an all-souls service in Horsley Lodge at 9:00 Sunday morning. Everyone is welcome to share the warmth of a Scout fire, good Scout fellowship and an inspiring message to take back home.

Sunday Closing Ceremony

At 9:30, a closing ceremony will be held in front of Norris Hall to recognize the efforts of our Klondike Derby Patrols. Blue, red and white ribbons will be awarded to Patrols based on their performance in the Klondike Derby, the Derby Sledge and Patrol Flag competitions, and for outstanding Patrol performance at each of the Derby skill stations. The "Chuck Moehle Award" for the best sledge, the "Glen Grant Award" for the best Patrol Flag, the Don Montanye Award for attendance and the Bob VanDycke Award for the best time around the Derby course will be presented. And, of course, the coveted snowshoe, the Ted Brown "Ace Patrol" Award, will be presented to the Top Patrol(s) in the Derby to take home and display in their Troop meeting place.

Derby Staff Assignments

If you would like to volunteer to serve as a judge at one of the Klondike Derby skill stations during the day on Saturday, please call George Sogioian (377-1488) or Rich Szumowski (725-9774). If you know someone who would like to help out, please

pass these phone numbers along. Klondikaven Mayors will be contacting last year's station judges and new volunteers in December and early January with instructions. All judges must report to their assigned stations by 9:30 on Saturday morning in order to help with set-up and to receive final instructions in time for the arrival of the first Patrols at 10:00.

Renegades

If you have any senior Scouts who are not participating in the Klondike Derby and who are proficient in winter first aid and winter camping skills, they may be interested in serving on the Klondike Derby Staff as "Renegades". Qualified Scouts should contact Terry Quintin (355-9064) before the holidays. Special "Renegade" patches, a free lunch, and an ooh-la-la Renegade Hat are waiting for them. The Renegade Staff is limited to 12 Scouts. Don't miss out! Make that call...

Health & Safety Team Members

Adult leaders with first aid knowledge and skills and Senior Scouts holding the First Aid merit badge are needed for our Health & Safety team. Duties include serving as Warming Hut first-aiders during the day on Saturday and/or as health & safety tent-checkers Saturday night. If you are qualified and interested in serving in this capacity please contact our Health & Safety Chief Aaron Phillips at 848-2544.

Sunday Check-out

The Scoutmaster or, in his absence, a designated adult leader will take personal responsibility for seeing that his Troop's cabin, lean-to and/or campsite receives a final inspection and passes the "better than we found it" test. The Scoutmaster or his designee may then pick up Troop Health Forms, snowballs and patches (if you didn't get them at Registration) from Staff at Norris Hall after the Closing Ceremony.

Trash Removal

Bring your own bags. All trash goes home with you. Pack it in; pack it out... Ranger Dan doesn't do trash.

Saturday Night Leader's Meeting

Be sure to attend the Leader's Meeting and Cracker Barrel Saturday evening in Horsley Lodge at 7:00. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and make comments. Other adult leaders are also welcome to attend but make certain that your campsite is covered with two-deep leadership.

Awards

All Derby Patrols that are successful in the Clothing Check at the Starting Line will receive a special "Thomas B. Chaisson Award" ribbon. Overall Derby scores are used to award blue, red, and white event participation ribbons. The Klondike Derby Mayors will award smaller blue, red and white ribbons to Patrols using criteria that are entirely up to the Mayor. He may award his ribbons based on scores at his event or he may choose to award the best Patrol Yells or the best Patrol Teamwork. The Derby Patrol with the highest total score in the event will take home the Ted Brown "Ace Patrol" Award (The Showshoe) to display at their Troop meeting place until the following January. Blue, red, and white ribbons will be awarded to the best sledges and patrol flags as measured against desirable characteristics listed in the Patrol Leader Brochure. The "Chuck Moehle Award" will be presented to the Derby Patrol with the best sledge in the Sledge Judging Contest. The "Glen Grant Award" will be presented to the Derby Patrol with the best Patrol Flag. These two awards may be kept for one year and then returned to the Derby Staff the following January for presentation to the new Best Derby Sledge and Best Derby Flag owners. Ribbon awards will also be presented to Patrols that complete all the Derby events in the shortest period of time. The "Don Montanye Award" will be presented to the Scoutmaster of the Troop that registers the largest number of Scouts and adult leaders. A new award, the "Bob VanDycke Award", will be presented to the Patrol that participates in every Derby skill event and turns in the fastest time around the Derby course.

Questions?

Please contact George at 884-0588