

The Sledge

The Klondike Sledge is a critical piece of equipment for the Klondike Derby and Deep Freeze events. It is used for carrying Troop gear from the parking lot to the Patrol campsite, transporting Patrol gear required for the Derby skill events and trail lunch, evacuating an injured Patrol member at the first aid skill station, running in the Sledge Race, and competing in the Sledge Judging Contest. Although sledges constructed according to the recommended design are preferred, a six-foot long (or longer) wood toboggan may be used in the Derby events if the Patrol is unable to construct a sledge in time. These are not, however, qualified to enter the Sledge Judging Contest. Small plastic snow sleds are not to be used on the Klondike Derby Trail for their light weight would offer an unfair advantage to the Patrol using them. Employing these sleds as a means of transporting gear between the parking lot and the campsite is fine, however.

Sledge Judging Contest

In order to be eligible for the maximum number of points the sledge must conform to these required specifications:

- Must be at least six (6) feet long overall
- Must be at least twenty-two inches wide (inside measurement)
- Must be suitable for carrying an injured person (prone position)
- Must be clearly marked with Troop Number and Patrol Name (lack of these identifying features will result in disqualification)
- Must run in the Klondike Derby

Optional features which will secure extra points include:

- Wide runners for good tracking on hard snow
- Flat bottom to glide easily over soft, deep snow (12-15")
- Light weight for easy pulling up hills, especially in deep snow
- Sturdy construction for carrying gear and/or injured Scout
- Rear handle for pushing and steering by a strong steerman
- Removable or collapsible side for ease of lifting an injured person in a prone position onto the sledge
- Provision for carrying gear for Derby events

Sledges should be designed and constructed by Scouts. Adults are encouraged to provide technical advice only.

Your Sledge will be judged at the Starting Line, before you depart on the Derby Trail. Winners will be announced at the Closing Ceremony on Sunday.

First and second place sledges from the previous three Klondike Derbies are ineligible for current year awards