

2025 Klondike Derby
“Ermine”
Three Trails & Spirit Trail District
Leaders Guide
Scouts BSA of America
Heart of America Council

Longview Lake Primitive Youth Campground, Kansas City, MO
Go South on Raytown Road from I-470 then East on High Grove Road, then South to Primitive Camping Area

Saturday, January 25, 2025

Friday and/or Saturday Night Camping Optional

Dear Scouts BSA*, Scouters, Webelos Leaders and Venturers;

The “Ermine 2025 Klondike Derby” is about to take place.

Enclosed you will find registration forms, sled plans and equipment list for your sled crew to have to complete the greatest Klondike Derby Course at Longview Lake.

Download and Registration for “Ermine 2025 Klondike Derby” at:

www.hoac-bsa.org Click on “Districts”, then “Three Trails” and then “Activities”.

Please read, share with your youth and other leaders the leaders’ guide.

Think SNOW, work as a TEAM and your sled will glide well to have the chance to earn new equipment for your Patrol. Prizes for sled crews will be awarded at the closing ceremony at the flagpole.

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE PRIZES.

I look forward to seeing each unit participating in the Saturday Program.

Units can camp Friday and/or Saturday night for the Winter Camping Fun. Call or email:

Clint Swearingen for additional information. 816-394-0546 Email crswearingen@gmail.com or

District Executive Tom Fyffe 816-569-4985 or email at tom.fyffe@scouting.org

District Executive Kevin Kramer at 816-569-4983 or email at kevin.kramer@scouting.org

*Scouts BSA = Boy Troops and/or Girl Troops

Three Trails & Spirit Trail District – “Ermine” 2025 Ermine Derby

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January 25, 2025 Saturday Day Program

(Camping Friday and/or Saturday Night is Optional Cost included in base price)

- What:** Ermin 2025 Klondike Derby – Fun filled day of teamwork & Scouting Skills. Klondike derby is a great team-building exercise requiring leadership and decision-making skills. There are traditional Scouting skills made into fun competitions.
- When:** January 25, 2025 Saturday Day Program: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (closing begins 4 p.m.) Friday and/or Saturday camping is optional for Scouts BSA and Venturing Units.
- Where:** Longview Lake Primitive Youth Campground, South end of Longview Lake, KCMO One half mile east of Raytown Road on High Grove Road (south side)
- Who:** ALL Three Trails & Spirit Trail District Registered Scouts BSA, Webelos II (AOL) Scouts, Council wide Ventures, Adult Leaders, Staff, Participants and Parents. Other districts in HOAC are welcome as well.
The purpose is to have the Scouts participating in Scouting skills.
- Cost:** \$13.00 per person: Scouts BSA, Webelos Scout, Venturers, Adult Leaders and Staff. Camping for Scouts BSA, Venturing units and Adult Leaders at \$1.00 per person per night.
- Sled Team:** A group of youth working as a team, recommend around 6 per sled, helping each other participating in skills during the day. Each is to have a Patrol Leader/youth leader of the day, patrol name, yell, and their supplies on a sled to navigate a mile long course from 9:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
- Patrol Leader:** The youth leader designated for the day, will pick up the packet, open and read it aloud after 9:00 a.m. at the flagpole after the opening ceremony. Then between 3:45 and 4:00 p.m. turn in scoresheet at registration tent, attend closing ceremony at the flagpole and collect the prize for the sled team.

**Unit is responsible for registering and paying fees to the Klondike Derby.
Registration rechecks, add-ins and sled packet pickup Saturday 25st opens at 8:00 AM
Please pre-register. Bring Receipt from Council to Klondike**

Register: <https://www.hoac-bsa.org/three-trails-activities-and-camping>
November, December or January Roundtables, Council Office, and Online.
Patches available at the Klondike (Leader Please Pick Up)
Please register early, it helps greatly in planning the Klondike.

Chairman: Clint Swearingen – Cell 816-394-0546 Email crswearingen@gmail.com

**Sled information packet is to be OPENED by SLED PATROL LEADER AT FLAGPOLE
AFTER opening ceremony ends about 9:00 a.m.**

Highlights of Three Trails & Spirit Trail District Klondike Derby

WHAT IS A DISTRICT KLONDIKE DERBY?

The opportunity for Scouts BSA, Ventures and Webelos Scouts to experience and learn firsthand more about winter outdoor activities, winter camping and to have a great winter outing!!!!

Our Three Trails & Spirit Trail Klondike Derby is a district wide event designed to give Scouts BSA, Venture Scouts and Webelos/Arrow of Light a flavor of winter outdoor activities, optional winter camping, cold weather safety and some fun. This activity is planned to challenge Scouts and their patrols in the areas of teamwork, preparedness, winter cold survival and snow (hopefully).

WHO MAY ATTEND THE KLONDIKE DERBY?

All Three Trails & Spirit Trail District and other District registered Scouts BSA, Boy Scout Leaders, Venturers Scouts, Venturer Advisors, Webelos and their Leaders are encouraged to attend this event. Activities are scheduled for Saturday. Additionally, other districts are welcome to attend.

Special note: Each Webelo Scout is encouraged to have an adult partner participating in this event.

WHERE WILL THE EVENTS BE HELD?

The Three Trails & Spirit Trail District Klondike Derby will be held at Longview Lake Primitive Youth Campground. Optional camping is available for Scouts BSA and Venturers in non-assigned areas. If you choose to camp Friday and/or Saturday Night (optional), please do so in the field by the parking lot.

WHAT WILL THERE BE FOR PROGRAMS?

Programs and activities will consist of a round robin rotation from one activity program area to another. The program areas will be staffed by Life and Eagle Scouts, Venturers and Adult Staff. Programs include, Patrol Leader Rescue, Winter Safety, Glacier Hole, Cooking, Fire building, Sled Traverse, Atomic Pioneering, an Obstacle Course, Races, Knots and much, much more.

PROGRAM TIMES:

The program begins at 9:00 AM and ends around 3:45 PM. Closing at the Flagpole is at 4:00 p.m. where awards are presented. Check in must be taken care of before the program begins, therefore, please begin checking in around 8:00 AM. Towns close for lunch from 11:50 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. This is the time for you to also prepare and eat a hot lunch, usually on the trail. You must be present to receive your awards. Lost and Found at the Flagpole, please label what you care about, valuable items lost must be turned in to the director.

CAMPING:

Scouts BSA Troops and Venturing Crews are encouraged to make this a winter camping event either Friday and/or Saturday night. Camping cost is \$1 per night per person plus the base fee for the klondike. **Unit is responsible for registering and paying the fees for camping to Klondike Derby.**

Need additional information: Call Clint Swearingen at 816-394-0546

PATROL EQUIPMENT LIST

ERMINE KLONDIKE DERBY 2025

Each sled/toboggan will not be checked for safety and equipment on board. The Patrol will not be scored on the completeness of gear on the sled/toboggan. No Points will be awarded. All of the items listed will be used on the course. Hot lunch is a must to stay warm.

Teams of around 6 are encouraged. Each sled will have one youth "PL" leader.

<u>Equipment Needed</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Sled or Toboggan*	1 per Patrol
Equipment Bag	1 per Patrol
Poncho or Rain Gear	1 per Scout
Proper Footwear	1 set per Scout
Water bottle (label with your name)	1 per Scout
Patrol Flag	1 per Patrol
¼ or 3/8 inch rope	50 feet
Tarp for sitting upon or under	1 per Patrol
Compass	1 per Patrol
First Aid Kit (for any trail injuries)	1 per Patrol
Clipboard for holding Scorecard	1 per Patrol
2 Cup Pot or 1 lb. Coffee Can with Bail	1 per Patrol
Matches, wooden	1 box per Patrol
Stove or wood for cooking lunch	1 per Patrol
Pot (to boil water for lunch)	1 per Patrol
Plastic bag for trash, scavenger hunt	1 per Patrol
Boy Scout Handbook	1 per Patrol
Pencil and Fine point sharpie	2 per Patrol
Pocket Knife	2 per Patrol
Lunch for Cooking a Hot Meal	1 per Scout
Hot chocolate mix or cider mix packets (lunch)	1 per Scout
Water	2 gallons

Be Prepared for good or bad weather.

Dress in layers and do not overheat

Patrol Name, Yell for each sled
 Patrol Leader (Youth Leader) identified for each sled
 At end of the day the Patrol Leader will check in scorecard and choose any prize at closing
 At end of the day the remaining teammates will return sled to their Troop and come to closing.

Bring Receipt with you to Klondike

UNIT # _____

This Form is Required for EVERY UNIT attending

DISTRICT: _____

Unit Registration Form Ermine Klondike Derby 2025

Scouts BSA
Troop #: _____

Webelos
Pack #: _____

Venturing
Crew #: _____

Klondike Derby Adult Leader: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

	Number, everyone	FRIDAY NIGHT	SATURDAY NIGHT
YOUTH	#	#	#
ADULTS	#	#	#
TOTAL	#	#	#
\$	\$ 13.00 Each	Camping included in	Camping included in
<u>Total Amount Due</u>		base fee.	base fee.

CHECK PAYABLE TO "HOAC"

Amount Paid \$ _____ Check # _____ Date _____

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Please register in advance at the Roundtables, at Council Service Center or Online
Register: HOAC, District High Trail or Spirit Trail, Activities, Klondike Derby
(PLEASE Bring Receipt from Council to Klondike)

REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETE AND VERIFIED PRIOR TO ANY SLED PACKET GIVEN

Below is for Registration to complete at Klondike:

PREPAID? YES.....NO ONLINE.....HOAC Receipt checked....YES....date paid	RECEIVED at event: CASH/CHECK/CARD CHECK # _____ RECEIPT # _____
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General Information

Registration: Complete the Klondike Derby registration form. Register at the council office, online, at the December and January Roundtables and at the event. Please register early and keep your receipt and bring it with you for check-in Saturday.

Scouts BSA will participate as Patrols at the various towns. Each sled is to have a youth leader “Patrol Leader” of the day.

Webelos II / Arrow of Light Participation: The second year Webelos will be participating as Pack units and not as patrols. The unit is encouraged to make a Webelos flag or banner for this event.

Klondike Derby Rules: The Scout Oath and Law shall be the code of conduct these days and always. Every Town Staff has the right to deduct points for any un-Scout like behavior.

Water: Bring your own water to the Derby. No water refilling will be available.

Tent Ditching/Pit Fires: No ditches around tents, no pit fires and no holes can be dug. “Above ground” fires are acceptable within contained fire rings. Fire water buckets must be present and fire must be attended.

Trash: Leave No Trace. Please take more trash home than you brought.

Uniforms: All participants and staff are encouraged to wear a complete uniform. However, it is important to dress for the weather in layers.

Events: Programs will include, Rescue Patrol Leader, Tripod chair Pioneering, Glacier Hole, Egg Boil, Winter Shelters, Sled Traverse, Winter Safety, Ball and Rope throwing, First Aid and much more.

Fireworks: Absolutely no fireworks permitted.

Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs: No beer or other intoxicating liquors are allowed. Also, no drugs other than those prescribed by a Doctor are permitted. Anyone caught with or using alcohol or drugs will be required to leave. Anyone using illegal substances will be reported to the proper authorities.

Parking and Motor Vehicles: All motor vehicles will be parked in designated areas. Vehicles are allowed in campsites to load and unload only.

Medical Forms/Permission for Emergency Medical Treatment Forms: All units are responsible for keeping and maintaining their health forms.

Lanterns: No flame type lights are allowed in any tents.

Liquid Fuels: All fuels are to be handled by responsible adults.

Knives: No “Bowie styled” or sheath knives allowed. All scouts and adults should use folding pocket knives only.

Sanitary Facilities: Please use the provided sanitary facilities for your body needs. We are very close to a lake and will have an environmental impact with undue abuse.

2025 Klondike Derby

Ermine

Three Trails & Spirit Trail District

A Message from Ermine:

Let's talk about the sled/toboggan, its purpose and composition.

Quite frankly a sled/toboggan is a tool to transport your patrol equipment around the course. There is no "Regulation Sled". Your sled/toboggan can be out of wood, PVC, plastic, stainless steel, downhill skis, cross country skis, titanium, carbon fiber, fiberglass, ash, oak, pine wood(s) or whatever material except materials that are dangerous to your health or materials prohibited by law. **Please do not attach wheels as to reduce injuries.** If you do not have a sled, give me a call and I will find a sled that your patrol/troop can use. NO Wheels on course!

For those of you that would like to make a sled I encourage you to Google Klondike Derby sleds, dog sleds and toboggans to seek out plans. The traditional Klondike Derby Sled available on HOAC website.

LINKS:

Make your own Polk Sled, REI <https://www.rei.com/blog/snowsports/diy-make-your-own-pulk-sled>

From ScoutDocs.ca http://scoutdocs.ca/Klondike/Klondike_sled_plans.php

From Scouters.us <http://www.scouters.us/sled.html>

Lots of concepts (all over the place) http://pack239novi.tripod.com/Klondike/Sled_design.pdf

21 Sled Concepts <http://www.inquiry.net/outdoor/winter/gear/sleds/>

The Klondike is about demonstrating scouting skills in a round robin program setting. You earn points for your skill level that are added up and based on your total accumulation of points. Camping gear is selected by your Patrol Leader in descending order from all the patrols present at the closing ceremony. You must be present to receive your prizes. All Sleds are to turn in the Score Sheet at the Registration tent at the end of the day and come to the closing ceremony.

Staff, we need 50 to 60 staffers (Life or Eagles Scouts) or adults to staff the program towns, instructions will be given for the purpose, skill set and execution of the program town that you staff. Lunch is provided for staff at the Staff Program Registration area.

Think Snow and let us have a great Ermine Klondike Derby.

Feel free to call Clint Swearingen at 816-394-0546 to be on staff, ask questions or just call for the latest update on Ermine sightings along the course.

Thanks,

Clint Swearingen

Email crswearingen@gmail.com