



# KLONDIKE DERBY

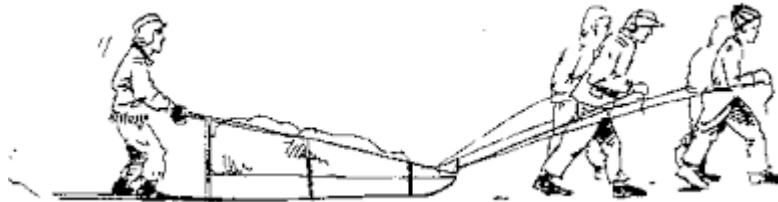
## February 28, 2026

### WHAT THIS EVENT IS

The Klondike Derby is the premiere outdoors winter event in the Winnebago Council for Scouts and Webelos. In this event, teams trek through many cities of the Klondike to compete in a variety of Scouting Skills competitions.

The notion of the Klondike Derby was taken from North American history in the day of the gold rush. Pioneers from all over the United States and Canada raced with dog sled teams across the frozen Yukon. Today, the Winnebago Council lives up to the Spirit of this adventurous time, to rekindle the cold flame of the snowy race.

Each Scout and Webelos team will pull a sled like those used by the racers before them. If there is no snow, patrols/dens may adapt by using wagons or backpacks. From the starting line, teams will go through several cities (campsites) as they complete the tasks, which will be given to them by the mayor of the city. They will be judged by their cooperative efforts, not by speed, in completion of each task.



### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

#### **Be Prepared**

1. Build a sled. Sled designs are available on-line through various sources. All Scout patrols are required to build a sled, Webelos may use any sled or toboggan with a box mounted on it.
2. Start practicing those Scout Craft and Activity Skills. The more you practice, the better your skills can be used to help your team strike it rich!
3. Dress appropriately for the weather conditions.

## **Adult Leadership**

Remember two-deep leadership; at least two adults with your unit must be 21 years or older. Adults may cheer and observe their team's progress but if they help, their team may be given a bit of the cold shoulder when it comes to panning out the winnings.

## **Health and Safety – Health Forms**

First aid will be available at the Health Lodge if the need arises. Stay off the river. Make sure that you have current health forms for both Scouts and leaders in your possession.

## **Webelos and Webelos Leaders**

This is a great opportunity to see the patrol method in action and gives first-year Webelos something to look forward to. If you don't have a patrol of four to eight Webelos, try pairing with another local pack or call the Scout office and we will help you set one up.

## **Registration**

As previously stated, this event is free, but we do require advance registration. Remember four to eight Scouts make up a team. Register online at <https://mycouncil.winnebagoobsa.org/Event/6470>

## **Check-In, Inspection and Start Lines**

Upon arrival at Camp each unit leader must check in at Registration. Patrols will take their sleds to Inspection. All equipment required for the Klondike will be checked in at this time. You will need these materials to complete the tasks at each city. Sleds will return to the inspection line when they have completed the Klondike.

## **Scoring**

Gold "Nuggets" will be earned by each team from the mayor of the city as they complete portions of the derby. The mayor will then also sign off on the team's scorecard. It is important that each team keep track of their gold nuggets in a poke (storage bag). Any ties at the end of the derby will be solved by tiebreakers.

## **Lunch**

Each Scout team will be awarded five extra points (nuggets) at inspection if they bring five cans of soup to be put into the "Yukon Stew" pot. Please no tomato soup, cream-based soup, pea, oyster, shrimp or clam chowder. Webelos soup is provided. Teams need to check their route maps to know where they will eat lunch. The meal will consist of Yukon Stew and food brought from the equipment list. Teams will have 30 minutes for lunch. Soup, hot chocolate and cooking fires will be provided for the Webelos at mealtime. Leaders are asked to bring additions for the Yukon Stew if they plan on eating with the Scouts.

**CHECK-IN TIME: 8:00AM**

First sled departs at 9:00

**EVENT STARTS: 9:00 AM**

**EVENT ENDS: 4:00 PM**

***This FREE EVENT has been made possible by the Council Program Fee!***

***Registration of patrols and leaders is still required.***



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## **Equipment List**

**The following is equipment needed by each Den & Patrol.  
*Challenges cannot be completed without all equipment items***

### **Scouts**

1. Notebook, pencil, clipboard, & nugget poke
2. Two blankets and three 6' poles
3. Six pieces Paracord/550 rope per sled in the following lengths: 1 @ 25', 2 @ 20', 2 @ 15', 1 @ 10'
4. Cup, bowl, spoon for each Scout
5. Scout Handbook and two compasses
6. First Aid Kit with sterile bandage \*\*Refer to the "Patrol First Aid Kit" list in the Scout Handbook
7. Five cans of soup for Yukon Stew. Enough hot dogs AND buns for each Scout & Leader
8. Hot Chocolate mix, cocoa pot
9. Fuel wood (sticks and twigs only), kindling & tinder (natural only), and alternative fire-starting methods. **NO MATCHES**
10. Garbage bag and paper towels
11. Four quarts of water
12. Patrol flag
13. Proper footwear and weather appropriate clothing

### **Webelos**

1. Notebook, pencil, clipboard, & nugget poke
2. Two blankets
3. Six pieces Paracord/550 rope per sled in the following lengths: 1 @ 25', 2 @ 20', 2 @ 15', 1 @ 10'
4. Cup, bowl, spoon, for each Webelos
5. Webelos Handbook
6. First Aid Kit with sterile bandage \*\*Refer to the "Personal First Aid Kit" list in the Scout Handbook
7. Enough hot dogs AND buns for each Scout & Leader
8. Hot Chocolate mix, cocoa pot/small metal cooking pot
9. Fuel wood (sticks and twigs only), kindling (natural only), and wooden matches for fire
10. Garbage bag and paper towels
11. Four quarts water
12. Patrol flag
13. Proper footwear and weather appropriate clothing