



National Pike District
Baltimore Area Council

2009 National Pike Klondike Derby



Special Notes for Unit Leaders

10th Anniversary Klondike Derby in National Pike District

Date:	Saturday, 02/07/09 (Make-up Date: TBD)
Place:	McKeldin Area of Patapsco State Park
Event Start Time:	8:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. Boy Scout Trail (<u>Starting times</u>) 8:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. Cub Scout Trail (<u>Starting times</u>)
Fees:	Scouts: \$9 if paid before 02/01/09, \$10 on or after 02/01/09 Adults not BSA registered: \$2 Camping fees: \$3 per camper (either or both nights) Extra patches: \$2 (paid before 02/01/09), \$3 late
Event Coordinator:	Bud Hunt (410-997-2665, hunt-family1@comcast.net)
Cub Scout Trail Coordinator:	TBD – Your name here?
Boy Scout Trail Coordinator:	Dave Ward (301-725-8474, WardT540@comcast.net)
Adventure Trail Coordinator:	Bill Marose (410-730-7768, wjmarose@comcast.net)
Registrar:	Randy Miller (410-381-3260, randymiller10@comcast.net)

Trail Staffing Status: We are still looking for a volunteer to act as the Cub Scout Trail Coordinator. Bud Hunt has filled this role for the last ten years and also served as Event Coordinator/Chairman for the last several years (a role filled by John Esworthy for many years) and we need to backfill Bud's role on the Cub Trail. If you are interested, please see Bud. In addition, units wishing to volunteer to run stations on any of the trails should talk to Bud (for Cub Trail) or Dave Ward (for Boy Scout Trail). **There is always a need for fresh stations and units on the Trails.** Consider investing in the event today so it will remain healthy and successful.

Change in Registration Package: The roster sheet has been removed from the registration package – registration does not need to know the name and rank of your participating Scouts. However, if your unit camps overnight at the park, you must provide a camping roster to the Camping Coordinator (also looking for a volunteer to serve as Camping Coordinator).

Fee Increases: The fee for Scouts participating on the trails has been raised from \$8 to \$9. The fee for non-BSA registered parents has been raised from \$1 to \$2.

Fee Rebate for Youth Group Permits: We will rebate to your Pack/Troop \$1 for each Scout registration if you provide us with a copy of a Maryland Youth Group Permit (YGP) valid on 02/07/09. Copies of YGPs can be e-mailed to Randy Miller or attached to your paper registration – please DO NOT send your original permit. If you submit the YGP at the time you pay for your registration, you may subtract the \$1 per Scout directly from your registration fee. If you submitted a YGP last year that is valid on 02/07/09, please e-mail Randy Miller to make sure he still has it on file.

Changes in Registration and Refund Policies: Registration fees are due before 02/01/09; your unit is not registered until your fees are received. If you register after 02/01/09, late fees will apply. Refunds for no-shows on the day of the event will not be provided.

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Registration is due by 01/31/09. *To reduce congestion on the trails and park, registration will be limited to the first 650 Scouts on the Cub Scout Trail and the first 50 sleds on the Boy Scout Trail. Units are strongly encouraged to register before January 1st.* Any units registering after 02/01/09 will pay the higher fees for all participants. **Registration is not complete until the fees are received for the number of participants indicated.** Make checks payable to BAC/BSA; do not send cash. You may hand in your registration at the December or January Roundtable, or mail it to:

Randy Miller
9260 Brush Run
Columbia, MD 21045

Staggered Start Times: Your unit may request a start time on its registration form; requests will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. You will be notified of your unit's assigned start time(s) by telephone and/or e-mail by 02/01/09.

Directions: Take 70 west from Rt 29 about 4 miles. Take exit 83, Marriottsville Road exit from 70; take the right-hand lane on the ramp to head north on Marriottsville Road. Follow Marriottsville Road about 4.5 miles (into Carroll County); the McKeldin Area of the park is a right-hand turn off of Marriottsville Road. **Car-Pooling** is strongly recommended. Parking at McKeldin is very limited. Patapsco Park Staff and National Pike District Staff may turn units away when all available parking is filled.

Clothing: The Klondike Derby is an all-day outside activity; the only shelter available is off the trail, at the food pavillion (Ulcer Gulch). All participants must be dressed appropriately for the weather – gloves, hats, and layers. Appropriate footwear is critical. The Boy Scout trail is rugged, and the Cub Scout Trail may be muddy; sneakers should not be allowed in any weather. Unit leaders are responsible for the safety of their Scouts and must enforce these rules.

Food: The Ulcer Gulch canteen will provide fine dining (coffee, cocoa, snacks, hot dogs, etc.).

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Unit Participation Form

Unit Number: _____ Circle one: Pack / Troop

Unit Point Of Contact: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact e-mail: _____

Number of Scouts: _____ x \$9 = \$_____

(\$10 on or after 02/01/09)

Number of Adults: _____ x \$2 = \$_____

(Non BSA registered only)

Additional patches: _____ x \$2 = \$_____

(\$3 on or after 02/01/09)

Overnight campers: _____ x \$3 = \$_____

(\$3 per camper, either or both nights)

Each Scout registration includes one patch.

Total Fees: \$_____

Number of groups participating on each trail (a group will participate together at a station):

Adventure: _____ Boy Scout: _____ Cub Scout: _____

Requested Start Times (please pick ten minute starting intervals):

Trail	Group Size	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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For example,

<u>Boy Scout</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10:00</u>	<u>10:10</u>	<u>10:20</u>
<u>Cub Scout</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>11:10</u>	<u>11:20</u>

This might be appropriate for a Cub Scout pack sending one group on the Cub Scout trail and a second group on the Boy Scout trail. A rough estimate of the group size (number of Scouts in the group) is important to allow us to spread Scouts evenly across all of the available start times.

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Cub Scout Trail

For those who participated in the National Pike Klondike Derby Cub Scout trail in previous years, the general format this year remains the same, though the content of some of the individual stations will be different. Cub Scouts will learn about the 1898 Klondike Gold Rush while having fun and playing games!

Description: The Cub Scout Klondike trail is an outdoor trail activity approximately 1.5 miles long and is intended for Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and first year Webelos (note that first year Webelos may also participate on the Boy Scout trail). The Klondike Derby Cub Scout trail will have approximately eight stations; each station will feature a group activity or game. Units should be able to complete the entire Cub Scout trail in about three hours (not allowing for a meal stop). Parent participation is recommended, especially for the youngest Scouts.

Staggered Start Times: Your unit may request a start time between 8:30 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. on its registration form; requests will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. You will be notified of your unit's assigned start time(s) by telephone and/or e-mail by 02/01/09.

Clothing: The Klondike Derby is an all-day outside activity; the only shelter available is off the trail, at the food stand (Ulcer Gulch). All participants must be dressed appropriately for the weather – gloves, hats, and layers. Appropriate footwear is critical. The Cub Scout Trail may be muddy; sneakers should not be allowed in any weather. Unit leaders are responsible for the safety of their Scouts and must enforce these rules.

Food: The Ulcer Gulch canteen will provide fine dining (coffee, cocoa, snacks, hot dogs, etc.). A second canteen will also be set up along the Cub trail. Individuals and units should bring additional snacks and water to consume along the trail.

Directions: Take 70 west from Rt 29 about 4 miles. Take exit 83, Marriottsville Road from 70; take the right-hand lane on the ramp to head north on Marriottsville Road. Follow Marriottsville Road about 4.5 miles (into Carroll County); the McKeldin Area of the park is a right-hand turn off of Marriottsville Road. **Car-Pooling** is strongly recommended. Parking at McKeldin is very limited. Patapsco Park Staff and National Pike District Staff may turn units away when all available parking is filled.

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Boy Scout Trail

For those who participated last year in the National Pike Klondike Derby Boy Scout trail, the general format this year is the same, though the content of some of the individual stations will be different.

Description: The Boy Scout trail is intended for Webelos and Boy Scouts below the rank of First Class. The Klondike Derby Boy Scout trail is a three mile hike with multiple stations designed to test scout skills required for First Class. The stations may include but are not limited to the following:

First Aid	Knots	Lashing
Fire starting	Matchless fire starting	Knife, axe & saw use
Orienteering	Sled & travel safety	Nature/outdoor code
Team spirit	Communication	

Each patrol will be judged on their spirit and how they function as a patrol. Teamwork is a must!

Equipment: Each patrol must have the following equipment while on the trail:

PATROL EQUIPMENT:

Sled, compass, patrol first aid kit, matches, means to start a matchless fire, kindling and wood to start at least two fires (no fire starters, mechanical sparklers or accelerants!!), a metal hubcap or metal trash can lid to start fires on (no ground fires), a 15 foot rope for throwing, six 6' staves, patrol flag, pot for boiling water

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT:

Paper & pencil, scout book, a 6' piece of rope for knots & lashings, weather suitable lunch (may be cooked on trail) and water (one to two quarts per Scout), pocket knife, large garbage bag, appropriate clothing for the weather (**no sneakers**)

Sled Requirements: Each patrol/den must have an equipment sled that accompanies them along the trail. The sled should have the troop/pack number and patrol/den name displayed prominently. **Boy Scouts must build their sled.** Any safe design is acceptable and many different types of sled plans are available on the web. **Webelos may build their sled but store bought sleds are acceptable.** If a store bought sled is used a milk crate or similar box should be attached to the sled to hold patrol equipment. Sleds may be built out of any materials but no metal is allowed except as fasteners (no steel runners). **No skis may be used as runners.** Easily removable wheels may be affixed to the sled. PVC pipe sleds are allowed. Sleds are to be scout powered and harnesses or pull ropes should be safely constructed. The course is very rugged – be forewarned.

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Boy Scout Adventure Trail

The Boy Scout Adventure Trail is designed to challenge the skills of Scouts First Class and above while meeting the backpacking / hiking requirement for camping merit badge. It is an approximately 4-4.5 mile backpacking trail open **only** to Scouts that have attained First Class rank or above. Sleds are not allowed on this trail and all equipment should be backpacked. Patrols will be inspected before they are allowed to enter the trail. This trail is intended for the experienced camper. No Webelos or scouts below First Class are allowed. Patrols should have all of the equipment listed below, plus personal and patrol camping equipment. Trail stations will be of appropriate difficulty for older scouts.

First Aid

Fire starting

Orienteering

Team spirit

Knots

Matchless fire starting

Backpacking safety

Communication

Lashing

Knife, axe & saw use

Nature/outdoor code

Each patrol will be judged on their spirit and how they function as a patrol. Teamwork is a must!

Equipment: Each patrol must have the following equipment while on the trail:

PATROL EQUIPMENT:

Compass, patrol first aid kit, matches, means to start a matchless fire, kindling and wood to start at least two fires (no fire starters, mechanical sparklers or accelerants a 15 foot rope for throwing, one 6' stave per patrol member, small pot for boiling water, trail stove, tent or emergency shelter

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT:

Paper & pencil, scout book, a 6' piece of rope for knots & lashings, weather suitable lunch (may be cooked on trail) and water (one to two quarts per Scout), pocket knife, large garbage bag, appropriate clothing for the weather (**no sneakers**)

Clothing: The Klondike Derby is an all-day outside activity; the only shelter available is off the trail, at the food stand (Ulcer Gulch). All participants **must** be dressed appropriately for the weather – gloves, hats, and layers. Appropriate footwear is critical. The Boy Scout and Adventure trails are rugged; sneakers should not be allowed in any weather. Unit leaders are responsible for the safety of their Scouts and must enforce these rules.

Lunch: Also pack a trail lunch based on the weather. Hot soup may be a blessing depending on the weather. Also include adequate water (2 quarts or liters) and trail snacks (high energy - fats & carbohydrates).

Important: a long portion of the trail will have no stations and patrols will be out of contact with the Klondike Staff. An adult leader may accompany patrols if they desire as on all Klondike trails. Patrols may want to carry an FRS radio. The Klondike Staff will monitor a set frequency the day of the event. Emergency frequencies will be available the day of the event.