# Majestic Mesas District

# SCOUTSBSA

KLONDIKE DERBY

# and

# Winter Campout

# February 4 – 5 (6), 2022

Black Canyon National Monument

Cub Scouts, Tigers and above,

invited for Saturday only

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ANY QUESITIONS CALL:

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### ☸ WHAT IS A KLONDIKE DERBY ? ? ☸

Many years ago, men raced by means of dogs and sledges across the frozen wastes of Alaska in search of GOLD! Scouting has capitalized on this theme and has developed the Klondike Derby as an activity for Scouts.

Each dog team (so called because two to five Scouts act as huskies) form a separate expedition, and follows a course outlined on a map given to the team. The map guides the team over the field course. Each team driver (patrol leader) is handed a sealed envelope containing the team’s instructions. Teams line up at the starting line, are checked for readiness, equipment, etc, and when told are away on the trail. They tear open their sealed orders containing course directions, maps etc. Each team then starts off for a different station on the map.

A practical problem involving basic Scouting skills will be encountered in each Station and must be solved.

After the final station on their expedition, the team checks in with the judge who marks the number of gold nuggets earned on a tally sheet. Awards will be presented during the ceremony at the end of the event.

Sound good? You’re doggone right it does!

The Klondike Derby is the BIGGEST winter activity happening!!

### ☸ Plan

• Patrols and Packs check in at the starting line and have sleds inspected. They are given general instructions and sealed orders, and will proceed as directed by their orders after they are opened as described above.

• The Station Master at each station explains to each Patrol or Pack the problem they must solve and what to do when they finish. The Station Master will then award the gold nuggets earned for their efforts.

☸ **Other Troop Activities**

• SNOW SHELTER: built in your camp and slept in

• SNOW SCULPTURES: built in your camp Friday afternoon/evening

• THERE WILL BE A TROPHY FOR THESE TWO ACTIVITIES

Please let the Klondike Chair or Co-Chair know if your troop will be participating in either of the above

activities so they can be judged.

## ☸ Registration

## • Registration is online only and can be found at this link: https://majesticmesasdistrict.doubleknot.com/event/2022-majestic-mesas-klondike/2876450

## • Youth registration is $15 if registered on or before January 21st, 2022.

## • Registration cost after January 21st, 2022 will be $20.

## • Cub Scouts - Tigers thru Webelos - are invited to participate on Saturday only but will still need to register; same price and deadlines as above. Cub Scouts are required to have at least one parent attend with them and the parent will also need to register.

## • Adult registration on or before January 21st, 2022 will be $5.

## • Adult registration after January 21st, 2022 will be $8.

## • Last day to register will be Wednesday, Feb 2nd.

## • The event fee covers:

## National parks fee Insurance rider for event

## Patches Materials

## Prizes Hot beverages and snacks

☸ Check-In:

• Check-in will be Saturday morning at 8:15am.

• Cubmasters and Scoutmasters, along with your SPL’s, please have ready and bring with you

a roster and medical forms (A & B) for all registrants, including adults.

☸ **Snow Shelter Activity**

• There will be a trophy for the best shelter that is slept in. If spending the night, come early enough to build a shelter to sleep in. They can be built of snow, canvas, or wood and must be slept in overnight. No tent will be eligible for the award. All materials must be brought with the troop with the exception of snow. The shelters will be judged on Saturday morning and the award will be given out on Saturday afternoon.

• You must let the Klondike Chair or Co-chair know if you are doing this so it can be judged.

#### ☸ Equipment needed for shelter construction

Shovels, buckets, scrapers, tarp, etc.

🡺 Please bring clothing and gear that is adequate for all types of winter weather 🡸

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

☸Klondike Derby will be a day of scouting fun with a mixture of competitive spirit and outdoor fellowship. ☸ The following information will help you plan for this district event. Enclosed in this packet is an official agenda, the Derby rules, and guide to building a sled. Registration will be online at https://majesticmesasdistrict.doubleknot.com/event/2022-majestic-mesas-klondike/2876450

🡺 Proper clothing is a must and should be layered so the Scout/Cub can remove

some layers if too hot or add layers if cold 🡸

• Scout uniform is not required*.*

• No inappropriate shoes (tennis, athlete shoes, etc.) will be allowed.

• This should be covered at Pack, Den, and Boy Scout meetings. This event will not be canceled because of cold weather, so bring plenty of clothing to change into if you get wet.

• Personal items and equipment as needed to guarantee a safe campout in cold weather. (Think: The 10 Essentials) Refer to appropriate BSA information for proper Cold Weather Camping information. **SUNBLOCK!!!** The snow will reflect the sun and will cause sunburn.

• A scout is prepared •

#### ☸ Troops and Packs must provide their own food for the day or weekend ☸

☸ The Klondike Derby will take place at the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument

☸ Each unit that registers on or before Friday, January 21, 2022, automatically receives two gold

nuggets.

[In the event of a shortage of patches, pre-registered scouts will have priority]

☸ All troops have the option and are encouraged to camp out on Friday and Saturday evening in

Snow Shelters or other types of shelters that they build on Friday and will be judged Saturday

morning. There will be a trophy for the best shelter that is slept in. This is an excellent opportunity

to camp in the winter environment and to earn Polar Points (see in ScoutBook).

• as per current BSA rules, no adult may camp with a youth, even if they are related.

☸ Be sure to polish the skis on your Klondike sled for the Cross Country Race. Each member of your

patrol must be in the race (except for medical reasons). Nuggets are given to the top 4 finishers.

☸ Coffee and hot chocolate will be available to all Scouts and Leaders.

☸ **New for 2022. Each Troop and Pack will COOK their own lunch and provide a Cooked**

**Lunch for the Station Master. Lunch will be judged by a panel of Judges that will travel**

**around 20 minutes after lunch horn has been sounded to sample your lunches.**

☸ Please advise your Scouts of the following:

• Sledges must be Home built.

• Participating patrols should be natural patrols and in appropriate winter dress. (Scout uniform

is not winter dress.) **No inappropriate shoes** (tennis, athlete shoes, etc.) will be allowed.

Appropriate winter dress will be enforced. Scouts may be sent home if not appropriately

dressed. Patrols will be penalized one (1) nugget per boy for inappropriate dress.

• The **“Best Sled Trophy”** will be awarded for the best looking sled and will also be judged on

how well it is put together.

• It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America and Denver Area Council that no alcohol or

mood-altering drugs will be allowed at any Scouting function. Anyone, scout or leader, using

these chemicals will be asked to leave immediately.

• All units must have a roster and health forms for all participants, youth and adults, that will be kept at

the Main Headquarters for easy access if needed.

### ☸ TEAM SPECIFICATION

1. All Scouts must be clothed for extreme winter conditions; this event will not be canceled.
2. Maximum size of each patrol must be eight (8) scouts and a minimum of four (4) scouts.
3. All Scouts are encouraged to be members of the same natural patrol.

### ☸ SLEDGE SPECIFICATIONS

1. Each sledge must be at least 6’ long and 18” wide.
2. Your sledge must display your patrol flag.

#### Patrols flags with patrol name & troop number will receive extra nuggets.

### ☸ EQUIPMENT NEEDED BY EACH PATROL ON SLED BEFORE STARTING COURSE

#### Pay particular attention to “Equipment Needed”! It is vital information.

1. Two (2) blankets (camp style)
2. Two (2) six to eight foot poles for stretcher & travois.
3. One (1) four to six foot pole for travois.
4. Eight (8) six-foot lengths of rope (strong 1/4 inch)
5. Solid fuel for fire building (natural material, birch bark, twigs, etc.)
6. Two (2) Compasses, paper and pen or pencil
7. First Aid kit (two sterile dressings, two compression triangular bandages, and material for splints)
8. One (1) hatchet (covered by shield)
9. One (1) axe (covered by shield)
10. Fifty feet of rope (1/2 inch dia.)
11. Six poles (30 inches long for lashings)
12. Patrol flag
13. Camp stove and fuel for lunch
14. Cooking and eating utensils – also for sharing with the Station Master and Judges
15. Trash bag
16. Sunblock

☸ **COURSE EVENTS**

1. **LASHING**

The team will be required to tie three lashings: Sheer lashing, Square lashing, and Diagonal lashing.

This event is not timed.

### FIRE BUILDING You must bring your own material for your fire

The team will set up a fire with natural materials normally found in the woods and natural twigs not larger than your finger in diameter, (about 8” to 10” long). No commercial fire starters will be allowed.

You will be asked to do 1 of the following 2 activities:

1. Burn a string that is set at a certain height above the ground.
2. Boil water in a paper cup. The cup, water and 2 matches will be furnished. You will be judged on your fire boiling the water in the paper cup.

This is a timed event.

### ROPE RESCUE / KNOT TYING

One member of your team will be chosen to be the victim who has fallen through the ice (not a real event). The rest of the team will tie a bowline in the end of a length of rope and throw it to the victim 25’ away. The victim must catch the rope and slip it under their shoulders. The rest of the team will pull him ashore.

Each team will be asked to tie 4 different knots, each knot will be tied by a different scout.

The rescue rope will be provided.

This is a timed event.

### FIRST AID / STRETCHER RACE

Each team will be asked to do a demonstration on First Aid.

The team will also make a stretcher, then place a scout on it and carry them around an obstacle course and back to the starting line.

This is a timed event.

### LOG SAW / LOG TRANSFER

Each team will do one of the following 2 activities:

1. 2 Scouts will use a saw to cut through a log (The saw will be available at the site).
2. As many Scouts as required will transfer a log from one location to another location.

This is a timed event.

### TRAVOIS RACE

The team will make a travois on a starting line, and be able to carry a boy a short distance and back. Any knots will be allowed.

This is a timed event.

### ORIENTEERING

Each team will use their compass to complete a compass course. They will write down what they found (a number, letter, object, etc.) They will receive a point for each correct answer.

Additional points will be given to a team that can successfully Triangulate their position based on visual landmarks onto a map that is provided.

This is not a timed event

### CROSS COUNTRY RACE

Your sled must be loaded with all the required equipment listed on the previous page. Sled must remain in one piece. All scouts, sled and equipment will race around an obstacle course and back to the starting line.

Minimum team size is four (4) Scouts. Teams of less than four Scouts will be penalized 10 seconds of time for each boy under the required 4 team members.

This is a timed event.

☸ JUDGES NOTES

• Your job is to oversee and judge one of the events (there will be one or two adults at every station as available).

• You’ll need warm cloths, thermos of hot coffee or hot chocolate.

• All necessary equipment for the operation of your station will be provided or should be on the Klondike sled of each patrol.

• We want to begin the competition at **9:00 a.m.** so it will be necessary to have judges ready and at their stations at that time.

• THANK YOU again for all your help with this event.

☸ **SCHEDULE**

Friday

Camping, dinner and fellowship

Saturday

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. • Breakfast, work on Shelter & Snow Sculptures and prepare for events

• Station Masters and helpers - Pick up Signs, Nuggets, & Score Sheets

8:15 a.m. • Check in: Cubmasters and Scoutmasters, along with your SPL’s, bring

a roster and current med forms for all registrants, including leaders, to

the check-in table.

8:40 a.m. sharp • Flag ceremony

• Patrols line-up with Sleds and Equipment

9:00 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. • **Klondike Derby Competition**

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm • **Lunch** (Troop provides) - each troop is required to provide lunch

for their Station Master and samples to the lunch Judges

1:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. • Continue with Klondike Competition . . . .

3:30 pm to 5 pm • Awards and closing flags.