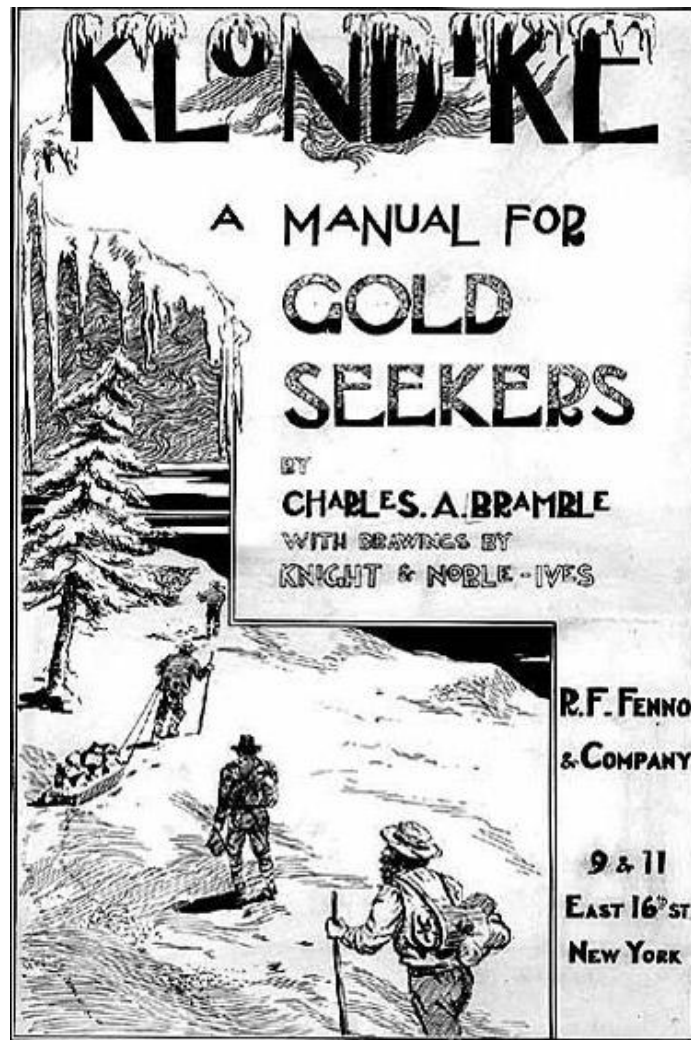


KENNEBEC VALLEY DISTRICT KLONDIKE DERBY 2012



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**JANUARY 28, 2012
CAMP BOMAZEEN
BELGRADE**

Dear Patrol Leader & Scoutmaster:

Kennebec Valley District has planned the District's Annual Klondike Derby to be held on Saturday, January 28, 2012 at Camp Bomazeen, Horsepoint Rd., Belgrade. The following pages will give you the basic information you and your patrol members will need to help get you started. Your scoutmaster will keep you up-to-date on further developments. You can also refer to the Kennebec Valley District website (<http://www.kv-scouts.org>) for updates.

Just what is a Klondike Derby? Well, it's like this. The Klondike Derby is a fun-filled activity patterned after the days of the Yukon Gold Rush. Patrols build sledges like the early prospectors used as they hunted for gold. The members of your patrol serve as a team of huskies to pull your patrol's sledge around the course. Your patrol will visit a number of stations, each having a simulated Alaskan/Yukon town name. At each town your patrol will be confronted with a problem requiring Scout skill to solve. Depending on how well your patrol works out the problem, you will receive a number of Gold Nuggets.

HERE IS HOW IT WORKS:

1. Patrols send in one copy of the enclosed roster sheet with the name of the patrol and patrol members to Karla Talpey by January 21, 2012.
2. The Troop sends in the registration form with payment for all attendees to the Council Office by January 21, 2012.
3. If you don't already have one, build a sledge for your patrol using the enclosed drawing as a guide.
4. Brush up on your scout skills

You should arrive one hour prior to the start of the Klondike. You will check-in at registration. Your patrol and sledge will be inspected to ensure you are ready for the competition. All patrols will be given sealed orders and will start out at the same time. Your orders will provide you with your instructions. When you have completed the course, your patrol will return to headquarters, and have your trail scores tallied. Scoring will be based on the number of Gold Nuggets (points) earned on the trail.

Don't forget—if your patrol is to take part, fill in the enclosed roster and mail it right away! The **deadline** for pre-registration is **January 20, 2012**. All paid pre-registered patrols will earn bonus nuggets.

See you and your patrol on January 28, 2012.

Klondike Derby

**Camp Bomazeen
Belgrade, Maine
January 28, 2012**

SCHEDULE

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Registration
8:45 am	Opening
9 am – 11:30 am	Klondike
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch & Clean-up (meal is judged)
12:30 pm	Klondike continues
3:00 pm	Klondike Ends
3:30 pm (approximate)	Award Ceremony

PLAN:

1. Patrols will check-in at least one hour before start time.
2. Klondike will start at 9am. When signal is given, patrols will open their orders and proceed to the first station on their orders. They will then proceed as instructed.

DERBY REGULATIONS:

1. Registration is a two-part process:
 - a. A patrol roster for each patrol participating is mailed to Karla Talpey postmarked by January 20, 2012.
 - b. A registration form with payment is mailed to the council office postmarked by January 20, 2012.
 - c. **DO NOT MAIL ROSTERS TO THE COUNCIL OFFICE!**
2. Patrols should be natural patrols (as much as possible) and consist of 5 to 8 scouts
3. Scouts must be properly dressed for the weather. They will be inspected. If in the judges' opinion, if a scout is not properly clothed with proper footwear (boots or overshoes), that scout will not be permitted to participate.
4. Each patrol must present a roster of patrol members (actual participants) signed by the scoutmaster at check-in. **THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE ONE MAILED IN ADVANCE.**

SLEDGE SPECIFICATIONS:

1. Sledges are recommended to be 6 feet long. Sledge plans are enclosed. They are suggestions only, and need not be followed. Sledges built to these specifications will meet length requirements. They will also prove serviceable. Patrols may substitute their own design as long as sledge is 6 feet long and resembles general design of dog sledge. There are no weight requirements.
2. Sledges must display patrol flag, troop number, town/city, and sponsoring organization.
3. **WHEELS ARE PROHIBITED!**
4. Sledges must be pulled over finish line by the entire Patrol with all equipment still on board.

2012 KLONDIKE DERBY

WHEN: Saturday, January 28, 2012

Check-in will be at 7:30am. Opening is at 8:45am. Competition will begin at 9am and end at 3pm. Groups that arrive late may not have time to complete the course. After competition, there will be a short closing ceremony at 3:30pm.

WHERE: Camp Bomazeen, Horsepoint Rd., Belgrade

WHY: Fun, Competition and Camaraderie.

WHO: ALL Scouts and ALL patrols from ALL troops and crews in our district may participate.

All patrols should be natural patrols that function within a troop (no combining patrols unless absolutely necessary!). Patrols should consist of 5 to 8 scouts.

REGISTRATION: Every patrol that wants to participate MUST pre-register the patrol with Karla Talpey by January 20, 2012. Registration is a two-part process. Patrol rosters are sent to Karla Talpey. Registration fees are sent to the Council Office by January 20, 2012.

You may add additional scouts/scouters to your list after the registration deadline by registering in person at the Klondike.

Registration fees:

\$8 pp pre-registered by January 20, 2012.

\$10pp after January 20, 2012 (pay at the event—do not mail fees after 1/20/12).

Send your Patrol Rosters to:
Karla Talpey
118 Coburn Ave West
Jackman, ME 04945
ktalpey@myfairpoint.net

Send registration fees to:
Pine Tree Council
Attn: KV Klondike Derby
131 Johnson Rd.
Portland, ME 04102

CLOTHING

One of the most important parts of a Klondike Derby is keeping warm and dry. Each Scout must know what to wear. Winter weather is very changeable, requiring preparedness for almost any condition. A nice day can turn into a raging blizzard.

Your best protection is common sense. **Dress in layers.** Avoid working up a sweat, and keep yourself comfortable by removing or adding layers of clothing. **No cotton clothing—this includes jeans!** Cotton wicks moisture and loses all insulation properties when wet. Cotton can kill in cold weather! **Waterproof boots** are essential. Wear wool socks or of other wicking material such as polypropylene that wicks away moisture. **NO SNEAKERS!!!** A **wool stocking cap** or similar headgear with ear coverings is necessary during the event. **Scarves are recommended** to protect the face from the cold and biting wind. Scouts should wear wool mittens covered with a waterproof shell. Gloves may be worn, but are not as warm as mittens.

Scouts are most vulnerable to the cold at meals, because they do not move around as much. **Prior to any meal, ask every scout if his clothing is dry.** If not, have him change into dry clothes before eating.

JUDGING

The word of the Judge in each town is final. Every patrol will know if they have succeeded in that town.

NUGGET POUCH

Each patrol will need a sturdy, homemade leather, canvas or cloth pouch to carry their gold nuggets. Mark it with your troop number, patrol name, and totem. IT should be roughly 9 by 3 inches with a draw string.

HOW TO PREPARE

For the most part, patrols should brush up on all skill areas. Areas of concentration should be in Knots, First Aid & Fractures, Knife & Ax, Compass, Cooking, Lashing, Height & Width Estimates, and Fire Building.

CLAIM JUMPER

Beware the claim jumper! This inscrutable rascal will try and rob you of your hard earned gold. However, if you know your scout handbook, you may be able to outsmart him and earn bonus gold.

FEED THE MAYOR

Each Patrol will need to prepare their meal in the Town that they are visiting at Lunch-time. They will need to prepare enough for themselves and to “Feed The Mayor” who will also be the judge for how well they prepared, served, and worked together making lunch! The focus is on the method not the meal.

PATROL EQUIPMENT

Equipment needed for each patrol. It is to be carried on your sledge and used as your patrol presses along the Klondike Route in your search for gold nuggets.

1. Pouch to carry gold nuggets
2. Two notebooks and two pencils
3. Two camp blankets
4. Six 5 to 6 ft scout staves or poles. 2 inch maximum diameter.
5. Cooking equipment necessary to cook lunch of your choice.
6. Eight 10ft lengths of rope (no nylon). Recommended rope includes sisal or hemp.
7. Two tarps or ground clothes of roughly 12ft x 20ft each.
8. Adequate clean-up material for cooking.
9. One can of soup per two patrol members to be turned in at registration check-in. NO CREAM SOUPS.
10. Disposable cup for each scout.
11. Water pot and cocoa for each scout.
12. Two gallons of water.
13. Fuel for cooking and fire building. No liquid fuels. Fuels and fire starters should be of natural material.
14. A compass for each scout.
15. First Aid Kit to meet first aid requirements through First Class Rank and splint material.
16. Matches
17. One #10 can
18. A refuse bag—for charred wood, paper, garbage, etc., which is to be transported home for disposal.
19. Axe, knife, file and whetstone
20. Neckerchief or bandana for each patrol member.
21. Two pairs of snowshoes
22. One gallon ziplock bag to hold orders, claims deed, and score sheet.
23. Scout Handbook and Fieldbook.
24. 10lb bag of charcoal for lunch fire.
25. Enough aluminum foil to cover cooking area under charcoal (24" X 24" doubled)

Suggested Sled Information

The sketch below should be used as a guide by teams in designing their sleds. Don't be afraid to use your own imagination. Your own design will be accepted, if it conforms to the specified dimensions. Just make sure the sled is strong enough to bear the weight of your driver and your equipment.

TIPS:

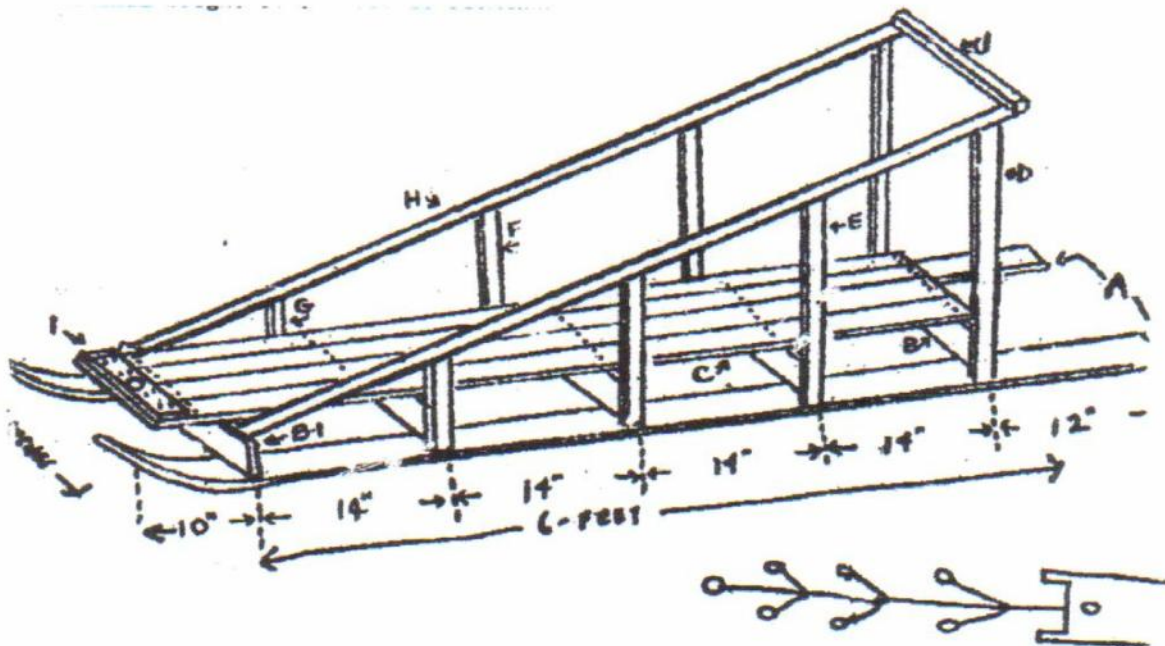
Use screws instead of nails. Drill first to avoid splitting. Varnish the bottom of the runners, then wax before the race. If you wish, add a canvas snow curtain to keep your equipment dry.

Secure towing bridle firmly so "huskies" don't get separated from the sled.

Length: 6 feet, 6 inches
Width: 20 inches

BILL OF MATERIALS:

- A) 2 pcs. 4" x ½" x 6' 6" runners
- B) 4 pcs. 1" x 4" x 18" cross supports;
1 pc. 1" x 4" x 20" cross support
- C) 4 pcs. ½" x 4" x 5' floor planks
- D) 2 pcs. 1" x 2" x 40" rear uprights
- E) 2 pcs. 1" x 2" x 31" second rear uprights
- F) 2 pcs. 1" x 2" x 22" second front uprights
- G) 2 pcs. 1" x 2" x 13" front uprights
- H) 2 pcs. 1" x 2" x 6' hand rails
- I) 1 pc. 1" x 4" x 16" tow bar
- J) 1 pc. 1" x 2" x 20" handle bar



Kennebec Valley District Klondike Derby Camp Bomazeen, Saturday, January 28, 2012

REGISTRATION IS A TWO PART PROCESS!!

BONUS NUGGETS FOR FOLLOWING REGISTRATION DIRECTIONS AND PREREGISTERING!

STEP 1: Fill in the information below. Tear off the bottom section and mail to the Council Office, postmarked no later than January 20, 2012. *After the 20th, DO NOT MAIL IT IN. Hand deliver it with payment at Bomazeen on the 28th.*

_____ Keep this top portion for your records _____

2012 K-Valley Klondike Derby Registration Form
(Make checks payable to Pine Tree Council)

You may Pre-Register by mail postmarked January 20, 2012.

Troop/Pack Number: _____ # of Adults: _____

Contact: _____ # of Scouts: _____

Your Copy

Phone#: _____ Address: _____

Town/Zip: _____

Contact Email Address: _____

Scouts/Leaders by 1/20/12: _____ @ \$8.00 _____

Scouts/Leaders at the door on 1/28/12: _____ @ \$10.00 _____

Total: Attendees _____ \$ _____

----- Detach and mail to Council -----

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1/20/12 to:

Pine Tree Council
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131 Johnson Rd.
Portland, ME 04102

STEP 2: Send this page or the information on it to Karla Talpey for *every* patrol in your unit that is participating in the Klondike. Following directions and preregistering will result in bonus nuggets. You must also bring a copy of this page with you to registration check-in on January 28, 2012.

DO NOT MAIL THIS PAGE TO THE COUNCIL OFFICE!

Troop/Pack Number: _____ Adult Contact Name: _____

Contact Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____

Patrol Name: _____

Patrol Leader Name: _____

Patrol Member Names: _____

This information must be received by Thursday, January 26, 2012.
After that date, hand deliver it on the day of the event.

Mail or email a copy of this page for every patrol to: Karla Talpey
118 Coburn Ave West
Jackman, ME 04945

ktalpey@myfairpoint.net