

2025 Northern Light District Ice Road Sledders

When: January 31 – February 2, 2025

Where: Lone Tree Camp
12 West Shore Park Drive
Kingston, NH

Second Edition

Cost: \$9.00 per Scout or Scout Leader

Competitions: Klondike Derby

NOTE: The specifications and rules which follow are subject to change. Any changes will be published as soon as possible. If any changes are made, they will be made primarily for clarification or safety reasons.

Any questions may be directed to the Northern Light District Activities Committee at nldsactivities@comcast.net or by calling Committee Chairman Paul Taylor at 603-819-1897.

Northern Light District 2025 Klondike Derby

Check-in

All units must check in upon arrival at the old Nature Lodge. All units must submit a roster of all participants and note the location where in camp that they have set up their camp. All participants – youth and adults - must be properly registered. All units are responsible for their own health forms.

Parking

All unit vehicles must be parked in the parking lots as directed by event staff. No parking will be allowed in camping areas, except for one vehicle with a troop trailer.

For each vehicle, units will be given a form on which to show their name and unit number and are asked to put this form on the dashboard of each vehicle. This will aid event staff in contacting the driver should the car need to be moved or any other problem arises.

Camping Areas

Camping areas will not be assigned; units are welcome to set up most anywhere in the camp, though some areas are reserved for program.

Leader Meeting and Crackerbarrel

This is a mandatory meeting for Scoutmasters and SPLs beginning at 9:00 PM on Friday in the old Scouters' Lodge. Any unit not in camp overnight must send representatives to this meeting.

Campfires

Units should bring their own firewood with them, though no firewood from Massachusetts is allowed to be brought into New Hampshire. No live trees are to be cut. Campfires are to be off ground except in designated fire pits. Ashes and other fire remnants must be properly disposed of.

Trash

Carry in and carry out. Units must take all trash out of camp with them. Be sure to police your camp site for trash before leaving.

Water

Water will be available in the camp.

Saturday Night Campfire

It is planned to have a traditional campfire on Saturday. All units are asked to perform a skit or lead a song or both. Troop ? is the service unit and will host the campfire. Units are to submit their plans for the campfire to the campfire emcee who will be named at the Friday Leaders' meeting.

Program

KLONDIKE DERBY

Patrols will travel through the "Klondike" from town to town to take part in activities. Patrols will earn gold nuggets according to how well they do on each activity. Patrols must have a sledge (sled) for the event. Sledges should be able to have wheels in case there is no snow on the ground to slide on.

At the end of the program, patrols will go to the "Assay Office" to turn in their gold nuggets.

COOKING CONTEST

The Cooking Contest will be the last activity of the Klondike Derby. Patrols will create a dessert cooked in a Dutch Oven and present it to the event staff. Nuggets will be awarded according to participation, presentation, amount of ingredients, and taste. An ingredients list must be supplied with the entry.

Patrols must have the following items with them, either on their sled or on their person:

1. First aid kit
2. Drinking water for all patrol members
3. A money bag (to carry earned gold)
4. Two or more six-foot poles
5. Six 10' pieces of rope. 3/8" suggested
6. A minimum of one 12' x 12' tarp for shelter building
7. A current "Scout Handbook, 14th Edition, Boys or Girls
8. A GPS unit or a smartphone with a GPS/Geocaching App
9. A musical instrument
10. Small lighter
11. Ferro Rod
12. A hand axe
13. At least one pocketknife w/Totin Chip Card

Each patrol's sled will be inspected at the first activity to be sure they have all items with them

Event Schedule

Friday, January 31

- 6:00 PM Registration/check-in begins – Check-in at the former Nature Lodge
Units set up campsites
- 9:00 PM Leader (SMs and SPLs) meeting and cracker-barrel – former Scouters' Lodge

Saturday, February 1

- 9:00 AM: Opening ceremony – Fort Preble
- 9:20 AM: Patrols depart -- Klondike Derby begins
- 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM Period 1
- 10:10 AM – 10:40 AM Period 2
- 10:50 AM – 11:20 AM Period 3
- 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM Period 4
- 12:00 AM – 1:00 PM LUNCH
- 1:10 PM – 1:40 PM Period 5
- 1:50 PM – 2:20 PM Period 6
- 2:30 PM -- 3:00 PM Period 7
- 3:10 PM – 3:40 PM Period 8
- 4:00 PM Assay Office opens
- 4:30 PM Assay Office closes
- 7:30 PM Deadline for cooking contest submissions
- 8:00 PM Campfire