

Towpath Klondike 2023 Leaders Guide

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Agenda:

The Towpath Klondike 2023 will be at the Niagara County Fairground Jan 27-29 2023. Schedule and other information is below.

This is created to be a Patrol Leader driven Klondike Derby. To challenge the PL's and give them opportunity to excel in their time management and scout skills within the troop. Reaffirms fair play and in today's environment, not everyone wins, but nobody loses. Only 1 troop can EARN the Klondike trophy, all others can learn (not lose) and hone those scout skills for next year. Meals will be provided by your troop, for your troop.

Cost for scouts is \$10/scout. Cost per non scout is \$5.00/non-scout. Collected funds are used for patches, fairgrounds rental and other Klondike related expense. Any excess funds will be held by Council and used for future Klondikes.

It is the sincere wish of this committee to offer the Klondike every year. If you would like to assist with future Klondikes please let us know.

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Schedule:

1 week prior

- Final activities and materials that are needed will be published and distributed via email and event website.
- It was the intention of the planning committee to withhold specifics of the events to avoid patrols practicing events.
- Committee members **ARE NOT** sharing any event information with their troops.
- Only hint here, is know your basic c scout skills.

Friday Jan 27

- 16:00 Arrival for troops camping
- 16:00-21:00 Registration Open

Saturday Jan 28

- 06:30-07:30 Registration Open. Registration will close for flags.
- 07:30 Opening Flags for all Troops
- 07:45-08:30 Registration (payment) open.
- 08:30 Leaders Meeting
 - In Agricultural building
 - **SPL/PL will need to submit troop roster and patrol selections. See Section A**
- 09:00-13:30
 - Begin Core Events. (Citizenship, Hatchet Throw, Trail To Eagle Game, Fire Building, First Aid, Fitness, Tools)
- 13:30
 - Troop lunch in site
 - Not all events will be completed any remaining events needs to be completed by 17:00
 - SPL/PL will need to time manage.
- 13:30-14:30 Cooking Prep
- 15:30-16:00 Cooking turn-in
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- 16:30 Final Events / Sled pull & Tug o War, single elimination until winner for both
- Immediately Following Final Events and scoring compilations
 - Announcements-Trophy-Closing Fire

Sunday Jan 30

- 10:00 Check Out for any remaining troops

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Registration:

- Troops need to check in and register when arriving, either Friday night or Sat morning. Leader meeting is Saturday morning Payment will be due at registration. \$10.00/Scout and \$5.00/Leader. Make checks payable to **Scout Troop 5014**. Troop 5014 is acting treasurer for the Klondike, Funds will be used only for the klondike and **WILL NOT** benefit troop 5014. Any surplus will be set aside for next year.
- Only payment will be collected at registration. Completed roster will be due at the Leaders Meeting at 08:30 Saturday morning.

Events:

10 EVENTS TO COMPETE IN

- CITIZENSHIP
- COOKING
- HATCHET THROW
- FIRE BUILDING
- FIRST AID
- FITNESS
- TOOLS
- TRAIL TO EAGLE
- TUG O WAR
- SLED RACE

Details for events will be emailed out the week prior to Klondike. Practice your scout skills!

- Most events will take place between 09:00 and 13:00. A couple of events will be completed after lunch but before 17:00
- Event specific will be distributed a week prior to Klondike via email and on event website.
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Rules

1. Winner is the **Patrol** with the lowest score at the end.
2. Patrol sizes; 2-8 scouts maximum. Troops and patrols **WILL NOT** be combined at any event. You compete with the numbers that you have.
3. Points are earned on each event by the order they place. Example; 1st place = 1pt, 2nd place = 2 pts, 3rd place = 3pts, etc.
4. Scoring will be done by event judges only. Any tie-breakers will be determined as follows:

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- Least amount of scouts used to win
 - Lowest ranked scout wins
 - Youngest DOB scout wins
 - Coin flip
5. Events not completed in the given time will earn Patrol last place points. EXAMPLE; If we have 10 patrols competing and 3 patrols do not complete the same event, they would all receive 10 pts.
 6. PL must organize the scouts in that Patrol to participate in an equal amount of events if possible. It will be tracked on who is participating on each event. Do your best to make it equal to all. Being off by 1 is ok. Please turn in event sheets to registration table with the scouts names of participation on them before 0900 start time. This has to be accomplished before you begin events
 7. Other than for safety reasons, **any adult assistance will result in automatic 5pt per event addition to the assisted patrol.**
 8. Judges have final say.

Materials Needed for Events

- Scout Spirit
- Scout Book
- Cast Iron for cooking
- Charcoal (if you cook with it)
- Wood
- Ingredients for the food you plan on cooking
- Cordage (as much as you think you need)
- Fire Starters
- Troop First Aid
- 1 man saw w/ protective covering
- Fire Starters
- Troop First Aid
- Axe/Hatchet w/ protective covering
- Klondike sled or other way to carry Material to Events

Equipment

- Patrols will need a sled to carry required equipment in. Final equipment required list will be available a week prior to Klondike
- This is a cold weather event. While we never know the actual weather until the day of the Klondike proper weather applicable equipment is a must.

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- Check the weather forecast before the event
- Any scout that is found to not be prepared for the weather **and is a safety concern** will first be referred to the SPL/PI and scoutmaster if necessary.
- In most cases the troop will have the equipment necessary for the scout to continue.
- If they do not the scout may be asked at the discretion of the Klondike staff to leave.
- The klondike staff It **IS NOT** responsible for providing proper equipment to attendees

Camping

- There is no additional fee for camping.
- Any troops camping overnight can do so from Friday 16:00 until Sunday at 10:00
- Running potable water is available at the Agricultural Building
- Ground fires **ARE NOT** permitted
- Fire Rings that **sit on the ground ARE NOT** permitted
- The only permitted type of in site fire ring/pit is one that is on elevated on legs or cinder blocks. We do not want to damage or burn **any** of the grass in the camping area
- There will be a camp wide fire ring with fire burning most of the weekend.
- Firewood is **NOT** available for scavenging. We are at a fairground not a scout camp. Troops will need to plan on bringing wood to burn if they are camping and have a proper, off the ground, fire pit/ring.
- Troops camping traveling more then 50 miles are restricted from transporting wood as per DEC regulations.
 - <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/28722.html>
 - Any troops travelling more then 50 miles and planning to camp will need to buy wood locally or scavenge locally, Plan accordingly
 - Any firewood near the main campfire ring is for the main ring only. It is **NOT** for sale or to be used for individual site campfires

Facilities

- Agricultural Building: We have reserved this building for the weekend. It will be heated and will be our main building for First Aid (not the event), some events, warming center, emergency gathering point, and registration
- Porta Johns: While the Agricultural Building has some toilet facilities Porta Johns will be available and will be the primary facilities for the Klondike. Also scouts will not want to enter a heated building with their cold weather gear just to use the restrooms.
- We ask that the restrooms in the Agricultural Building are reserved for staff and used only if necessary.
- A designated camping area will be reserved for trop staying overnight
- A main campfire ring is available and will be used for opening, closing, and awards.

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Section A – Roster

- Roster should have name of all Scout and Adults that will be in camp
- All scouts participating in Klondike events NEED to be assigned to a patrol
- Patrols listed can contain 4-8 scouts

Troop #		
SPL/PL Name		
Scout Name	Patrol#	Adult /Leader Name
1.		1.
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20.		20.

Patrol Name	Number
	1
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Total # Scouts		X \$10.00	
Total # adults Leaders		X \$5.00	
		Total due	

Use second page if more than 20 scouts

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Troop #		
SPL/PL Name		
Scout Name	Patrol#	
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