



2018 BLACK RIVER DISTRICT KLONDIKE DERBY!
At Camp Akelaland, Trexler Scout Reservation, Effort, Pennsylvania

January 26-28, 2018
Winter Camping at Camp Akelaland
Extra points for each night camping.

SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE):

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2018

Check-in beginning at 6:00 PM (Although we're working on letting people up earlier)
Check-in office closes at 11:00 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018

Mayor's meeting: 8:00 AM
Patrol leader's meeting: 8:30 AM
Opening Ceremony: 9:00 AM
Start of Klondike (Shotgun Start) 9:30 AM-3:30 PM
Dinner: 5 PM – 7 PM (Timing will depend on number of seatings required)
Movie in Dining Hall 7:00 PM
Campfire/Cracker Barrel 9:00 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018

Check-out at the Dining Hall beginning at 7:30 AM.
All units must be off of the Camp Akelaland property not later than 10:00 AM.

COST: \$17 per person if paid by January 12, 2018.
\$27 full fee per person if paid AFTER JANUARY 12, 2018

Early Bird Registration closes January 12, 2018.

All units must be pre-registered no later than January 19, 2018, but you save money if you register by January 12. Walk-ins will pay the full (not early-bird) fee and are not guaranteed dinner or patch.

If you have a question about the Klondike please contact:

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All registrations must be done online through the district website:

<https://ppcbsa.org/districts/black-river-district/>



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STATIONS

	Point Value
1. FIRE BUILDING	100
2. WOODS TOOLS---LUMBER JACK	100
3. FIRST AID	100
4. MEASUREMENTS	100
5. ORIENTEERING	100
6. SURPRISE STATION	100
7. LASHING	100
8. SLED INSPECTION/EQUIPMENT CHECK	200
9. SURPRISE STATION	100
10. KNOTS	100
11. SURPRISE STATION	100
12. SURPRISE STATION	100
13. SCOUT SPIRIT	100
14. OVERNIGHT CAMPING (see rules)	50 per night

Failure to check-out: Forfeiture of all camping points

Failure to turn in score sheet – 50 point penalty

If Scouts are not properly dressed for the weather they will not be permitted to participate in the event.
NO EXCEPTIONS!!



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Welcome to the 2018 Klondike Derby –

We're going back to Camp Akelaland at Trexler Scout Reservation in Effort, PA. For those of you who came the last few years, Camp Akelaland offers what is quite possibly the facility most conducive to everything that everyone wants. Akelaland has a traditional Scout camp layout with troop campsites. We have use of a full dining hall with a full kitchen to cook a sit down dinner.

Reminders about a few rules and a few other points:

1. All units must check-in at the dining hall (which will be our event headquarters) upon arrival. Once you check-in, you will be assigned your campsite. **If a unit does not check-in Friday night, patrols in that unit will not receive camping points for that night!**
2. All patrols MUST turn in their score sheets after they are done with the course. This not only allows us to promptly score the event but it also allows us to confirm that we have no confused (lost isn't a term we like to use in Scouting) patrols. We have no way of knowing whether or not a patrol is accounted for after the conclusion of the event until / unless they turn in a sheet. In the event of a tie, the earliest score sheet turned in will be the higher finisher.
3. Only the total points for the Klondike skills portion will be announced during Saturday's cracker-barrel. The final scores (taking camping into account) as well as all prizes will be announced at the February Roundtable.
4. All units must check-out at the dining hall prior to departure. **If your unit fails to check-out, each patrol in that unit will forfeit all camping points.**
5. We've made a couple of tweaks to the registration process, so please read below before you register online.

Check-in will be at the dining hall. Each unit should have their unit leader and senior patrol leader come for check-in. ***You must have a copy of your troop roster indicating those people present with you for us at check-in.*** Also, please let us know how many patrols and their names at that time.

Camping – As we did last year, we've arranged with Trexler Scout Reservation to allow each unit to have their own campsite. Some of the sites will be technically part of the other camp at Trexler Scout Reservation; however, the paths connecting the 2 camps will still have you reasonably close to the dining hall and the main program areas. ***The first 18 units to register will get the sites at Akelaland. This means that you shouldn't wait until the last minute to register!!!*** The online registration will ask you to indicate your troop's camping and dinner intentions. If this changes, please let us know.

Firewood – Each campsite will be delivered one load of wood (similar to last year). If you think your unit will need additional wood supplies, please order and pay for these online during the registration process. The camp has asked us to pre-order all of the wood at least 2 weeks before, so the ability to get extra wood that weekend will be limited.

Vehicles at the Campsites - The road near the camp sites, if passable, will be marked as "one way" with appropriate signage. Any unit that leaves vehicles blocking the road may have points deducted from their unit's patrols' scores. Furthermore, any vehicle in a position that is deemed to create a safety hazard (i.e. – really blocking the road) ***may***



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be towed without notice. In other words, if your vehicle can get to the campsite, please have it unloaded and removed to the main parking lot as soon as it's empty. **REMEMBER – A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS!**

Dinner - Camp Akelaland offers a dining hall capable of serving approximately 350 people per seating. If it is at all possible, we will do one dinner seating starting at 5:30 PM. If we have too many people for one dinner seating, there will be two assigned seatings (5:00 PM and 6:00 PM). David Curtis has agreed to head up our kitchen staff again. If anyone has any dietary restrictions for medical or religious reasons, please contact David Curtis when registering.

Station Staff (Mayors and Deputy Mayors) – Mandatory meeting for the Mayors will be at 8:00 AM on Saturday morning. We'll go over scoring and other time management procedures at that time. We ask all units to volunteer to man one station. Remember, that the Klondike is a PATROL competition and that adults should not be accompanying the patrols on the course. Also, we remind all station staff that this is a Scouting event, and that we cannot allow the competitive spirit of certain adults to compromise our guiding principles, the Scout Oath and Law. ***If the scores reveal favoritism by the station staff to their own unit, the Klondike committee reserves the right to adjust the scores in a manner that, in their sole discretion, said committee deems appropriate.*** Larry Gersten will be coordinating all station volunteers – please speak with him to reserve your station!

Kitchen Staff – Cooking dinner for our expected 600 participants takes more than a few people. We can use some people to help cook (starting early Saturday morning), as well as lots of servers for each seating. Anyone interested in helping in the kitchen should email David Curtis (drcurtis@optonline.net).

Patrol Leader Meeting- Patrol leaders will be expected to meet at the dining hall at 8:30 AM on Saturday morning. We'll go over the rules, emergency procedures and the maps.

Sled Construction – As always, it's up to you. Wheels on sleds will be permitted if conditions are inappropriate to use traditional runners. If you build your sled(s) with removable wheels, you'll be ready for anything!

Directions to Camp Akelaland:

From PA Interstate 80:

I-80 to US 209 South (exit 304).

209 South to PA 115 North

PA 115 North to a left turn onto Merwinsburg Road, which becomes PA 3007.

Merwinsburg Road / PA 3007 to a left turn onto Jonas Road

Jonas Road to a left turn onto Camp Trexler Road.

For Google maps, please use an address of Camp Trexler Road, Effort, PA 18330

THE ONLY ENTRANCE TO THE CAMP IS FROM JONAS ROAD. Some GPS units and mapping software may send you to a different "entrance," but you'll find a locked gate and no access.

More details on Camp Akelaland: www.akelaland.com

Once again, we thank you for your longtime support of making our Klondike known throughout not only the council, but continually drawing out of council units. We look forward to your continued support.

If you have any questions, please contact any of our event chairs:

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