



2020 BLACK RIVER DISTRICT KLONDIKE DERBY!
At Camp Akelaland, Trexler Scout Reservation, Effort, Pennsylvania

January 24-26, 2020
Winter Camping at Camp Akelaland
Extra points for each night camping.

SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE):

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020

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 25, 2020

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 26, 2020

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 10, 2020.
\$27 full fee per person if paid ON OR AFTER JANUARY 11, 2020

Early Bird Registration closes 11:59PM on January 10, 2020

All units must be pre-registered no later than January 17, 2020, but you save money if you register by January 10. 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:

Larry Gersten (Program Chair), larry@gersten.net, 973-898-1188

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All registrations must be done online through the district website: <http://br.ppbsa.org/weswb01.htm>



BLACK RIVER DISTRICT KLONDIKE 2020 EQUIPMENT LIST

PATROL ROSTER
PATROL FLAG
KLONDIKE SLED
ONE CAN OF SOUP FOR **EACH** PATROL MEMBER (NOT CREAM OR SEAFOOD SOUP)
SCOUT HANDBOOK
SCOUT FIELD BOOK
COMPLETE TENT WITH GROUND CLOTH
COMPASS
POCKET KNIFE & SHARPENING STONE
MESS KIT AND UTENSILS
FLASHLIGHT
6 TRIANGLE BANDAGES
BLANKET
POT FOR BOILING WATER
CANTEEN OF **COLD** WATER
SMALL PATROL TARP
SPLINTS
PACKAGE OF COOKIES –ENOUGH FOR YOUR PATROL-**EXTRA POINTS** FOR
HOMEMADE
FIRE BUILDING MATERIALS AS DESCRIBED IN THE “FIRE BUILDING
STATION RULES”(FLINT/STEEL, HOT SPARK, MATCHES ETC., TINDER, KINDLING
ETC.) **UPDATED RULES WILL BE PROVIDED!**
PAD, PEN, PENCILS
AMERICAN FLAG
BOW SAW WITH COVER
FIRST AID KIT
ONE PIECE OF ROPE (MIN. 6') FOR **EACH** PATROL MEMBER
4 POLES 5-6 FEET LONG
AXE, SHARPENING TOOLS AND APPROPRIATE SAFETY EQUIPMENT
SONG---IN GOOD TASTE----TO BE SCORED FOR POINTS
TRASH BAG
TRAIL TYPE LUNCH FOR EACH SCOUT – returning to their campsites for lunch will
likely jeopardize a patrol's ability to complete all stations.

PROPER ATTIRE FOR ALL SCOUTS-BOOTS-BOOTS-BOOTS. **If Scouts are not properly dressed for the weather they will not be permitted to participate in the event.**

NO TRASH ON THE TRAIL—IF YOU CARRY IT IN, CARRY IT OUT!!!



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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

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NO EXCEPTIONS!!



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Welcome to the 2020 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.**

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. Our overflow will still be at Trexler Scout Reservation; but across the main road and slightly down the hill. ***The first 19 units to register will get the main sites at Akelaland. This means that you shouldn't wait until the last minute to register!!! If you know that your unit does not intend to camp, please indicate so during the registration process.*** While we encourage you to start early, it is not fair to register a very low number of people early to secure your site and then register the main part on the day of the deadline. SO – any additional registrations with an increase by more than 50% of the original registration will reset your "place in line" in the campsite selection process.

Firewood – ONE load of firewood will be delivered to each campsite (similar to last year). If you think your unit will need additional wood supplies, please indicate so and pay for them at your registration. ***The Venture Crew that works with the camp has raised the price on the firewood to \$40.00 per load.*** We have incorporated the one load per campsite into our budget without raising the participant fee, however, additional loads will be paying the increased fee.



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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 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! Start early and encourage your Scouts to participate in building, improving or rebuilding their sled(s).

Weather Concerns – Our deal with both involved councils is simple. If, on Tuesday afternoon before the Klondike, the forecast for Effort shows (a) temperature below 0F, (b) wind chill below 0F or (c) winds gusting over 20MPH, there will be no points awarded for camping. Barring road conditions that limit access to the camp, the event will go forward regardless of the weather – we’ll just start a little later on Saturday if there are going to be no camping points.

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

More details on Camp Akelaland: www.akelaland.com



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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.

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