



PATRIOTS' PATH COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

222 Columbia Turnpike Florham Park, NJ 07932 973-765-9322

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2012 BLACK RIVER DISTRICT KLONDIKE DERBY!

At

Camp Akelaland, Trexler Scout Reservation in Effort, Pennsylvania

January 27 – 29, 2012

Winter Camping at Camp Akelaland

Extra Points for each night camping.

SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE):

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2012

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 28, 2012

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

Sled Races (Conditions Dependent) 4:00PM

Dinner: 5PM – 7PM (Timing will depend on number of seatings required)

Movie in Dining Hall 7:00 PM

Campfire/Cracker Barrel 9:00 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012

Check-out at the Dining Hall beginning at 7:30 AM.

Ski lifts open at Camelback 8:300 AM – 8:00 PM.

All units must be off of the Camp Akelaland property not later than 10:00 AM.

Cost: \$16.00 per person + \$20.00 per unit

Cost After January 13, 2012: \$26.00 per person + \$30.00 per unit

No registrations accepted after January 20, 2012

Includes: Camping Facility Use, Klondike Patch, Dinner on Saturday, Campfire/Cracker Barrel and Movie on Saturday evening

Pre-Registration is required by January 13, 2012

If you have a question about the Klondike please contact:

Larry Gersten (Program Chair) austhealey@aol.com (908) 879-3993

Howard Gordon (Logistics Chair) higesq@optonline.net (973) 452-1244

David Curtis (District Boy Scout Activities Chair) drcurtis@optonline.net (201) 874-3742

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All registrations must be done online through the district website:

www.br.ppsa.org



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BLACK RIVER DISTRICT KLONDIKE 2012 EQUIPMENT LIST

PATROL ROSTER
PATROL FLAG
KLONDIKE SLED
ONE CAN OF SOUP FOR **EACH** PATROL MEMBER (NOT CREAM SOUP)
SCOUT HANDBOOK
SCOUT FIELD BOOK
COMPLETE TENT WITH GROUND CLOTH
COMPASS
POCKET KNIFE & 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.)
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
AX AND SHARPENING TOOLS
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. KIM'S GAME	100
7. LASHING	100
8. SLED INSPECTION/EQUIPMENT CHECK	200
9. NATURE	100
10. KNOTS	100
11. SURPRISE STATION	100
12. SURPRISE STATION	100
13. SCOUT SPIRIT	100
14. OVERNIGHT CAMPING (see rules revisions)	50 per night

Failure to check-out: Forfeiture of all camping points

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BLACK RIVER DISTRICT KLONDIKE 2012

Welcome to the 2012 Klondike Derby –
A few notes about some changes for this year.

We're going back to Camp Akelaland at Trexler Scout Reservation in Effort, PA. For those of you who came in 2011, 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 sit down dinner.

A reminder 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. Only the total points for the Klondike skills portion will be announced during Saturday's crackerbarrel. The final scores (taking camping into account) as well as all prizes will be announced at the February Roundtable.
3. 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 tour permit, 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. **Since this event is not at a Patriots' Path Council owned property, a Tour Plan MUST be submitted to the Council office for approval at least 2 weeks before the event. Don't forget to bring a copy of your approved Tour Plan with you or our Professionals may send your unit home!**

Camping – There are 18 campsites at Akelaland. To the extent possible, units with larger attendance will be assigned their own campsite and smaller units will be sharing. All campsites will be pre-assigned once registration closes, so it's important to pre-register EVERYONE. One "bucket" load of firewood will be provided for each campsite as part of the registration fees. Anyone thinking that their unit will need more than one load, should speak to David Curtis at least two weeks before the Klondike.

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 400 people per seating. If it is at all possible, we will do one dinner seating starting at 5:30PM. If we have too many

people for one dinner seating, there will be two assigned seatings (5:00 and 6:00PM). David Curtis has agreed to head up our kitchen staff again, and we hear a rumor that John Ordemann may be making a special guest appearance! If anyone has any dietary restrictions for medical or religious reasons, please contact Howard Gordon 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 at about Noon Saturday), 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 races – This was a favorite activity when we had the track at Jack Frost to use. If it's cold enough, we should have a nice area to do this at Camp Akelaland. If we conduct the sled races, the Klondike Committee will set a minimum weight for the loaded sleds to compete. Full water jugs make great weights if you're sled is underweight!

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!

Sunday Skiing – Due to the lack of prior commitment last time, we are not planning on setting up skiing at Camelback. However, if we can get substantial commitment at least 2 weeks prior (at least 25 skiers / boarders), we should be able to set up group rates at Camelback as well as the possibility of having merit badge counselors there for Snow Sports Merit Badge. Please contact Larry Gersten with any questions about skiing at Camelback or other local areas.

Directions to Camp Akelaland:

From PA Interstate 80:

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

209 South to PA 115 North

PA115 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

As far as the other final details, stay tuned for more information. Several of us will be going up to Akelaland shortly to lay out the course and determine other logistics details.

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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