

# 2022 SM Information At Camp Wakpominee

**Scoutmasters, this file contains important safety and logistics information. Please read it!**

## Registration

A maximum of 55 Patrols will be registered to compete on Derby Saturday.

**Returning Troops:** Prices as follows.

	Scouts	Adults
On-line registration (link below)	\$10	\$10
On-site registration	\$10	\$10

The event registration fee is payable using either of two methods:

1) **On-line Method (PREFERRED):** Register on line using the Twin Rivers method. Registration button is on the webpage. You will need to estimate the number of registrants and pay at that time. This number can be raised or lowered till January 15, 2022, at which time we need to print it out and complete our preparations for Derby day. You can add to your number on Saturday morning during registration, but lowering the number requires Twin Rivers Council approval (representative will be on site). On Derby Saturday, **you will need to bring a final registration form** (on website) and correct for the actual number of registrants (up or down) and pay as appropriate. This method guarantees you a place on the starting line.

2) **Gelder Hall Method (ALTERNATIVE):** Register in Gelder Hall during Derby Saturday. You'll need to bring a final registration form and pay for registrants.

In either case, the registration fee is waived for Scouts who are serving as members of the Health & Safety Team. We encourage you to register ALL your Scouts and Adult leaders - it costs money to run this event and registration fees are source of revenue.

## Reading & Following Instructions

We are probably guilty of providing too much information for this event. But we do make it available well ahead of time (3 months or so) and on-line so everyone has easy access to the same

information. Unfortunately we still see a large number of Patrols on Derby Saturday morning who are not well informed. Many of them have not even entered their Patrol Name and Troop Number at the top of their Route Card when the Clothing Checkers line them up and ask for their Card to record their scores. They have not looked at the Instructions included in the Route Card Envelope. Arriving 30 minutes before their assigned Start Time seems to be a problem for a surprising number of Patrols as well.

You do a great job preparing your boys for the skill events but we encourage you to also devote some time to schooling your Scouts (Patrol Leaders in particular) in the "mechanics" of Derby Day. If you have to, read the instructions to them and make sure they understand them before they arrive at Klondikaven.

## The Don Montanye Award

The Troop or Crew with the largest number of registered attendees (plus members of the Health & Safety Team who are registered with the Unit) will be awarded special event patches and a recognition ribbon in honor of Don Montanye at the Sunday morning Closing Ceremony.

## Deep Freeze Site Selection

At Camp Wakpominee, our Health & Safety Headquarters will be in Gelder Lodge near the main open area. Deep Freezing Troops may select any site in Camp. Scoutmasters are in charge of scout safety. When you have selected your Deep Freeze campsite, report its location to the Registrar in Gelder Hall Saturday morning and please help make certain it is accurately recorded on the Deep Freeze Campsite Map so that we can locate your Troop in an emergency. Thank you!

## Friday Night Arrivals

The Klondike Derby/Deep Freeze event does not officially start until 7:45 Saturday morning. If, however, all or part of your Troop is planning to arrive Friday night, please inform an event coordinator, Brian Campbell (phone or e-mail below).

The Camp Ranger will be alerted to your early arrival plans, but please check in at the Camp Master's Cabin (near Sly Pond road on the left). Note that there is no Health & Safety Emergency Service "coverage" as there is Saturday night.

## Registration on Derby Saturday

Complete the Troop Registration Form included on the website before you arrive at Camp and turn it in at the Registration Table in Gelder Hall between 7:45 (no earlier) and 9:30 Saturday morning.

Scoutmasters keep Troop Health Forms. Pick up Klondike Derby information packets to give to each of your Derby Patrol Leaders. These packets will contain instructions, Route Cards, Klondikaven maps, and start times. **Please encourage your Patrols to spend some time planning their trek BEFORE they arrive at the Starting Line.**

## Staff Headquarters

Saturday morning registration will be held in the Gelder Hall. Sunday "Closing" (presentation of awards) will be conducted in Gelder Hall.

Gelder Hall will be Emergency Services headquarters, First Aid Station, and Primary Warming Hut during the event.

Event Staff will be headquartered in the Gelder Hall from Saturday at 7:00 AM until Saturday evening at 8:00 PM. Gelder Hall will also serve as Cub Visitor Registration Station, Derby Lost-and-Found, and warming hut on Derby Saturday.

## Lean-to Rentals

If you wish to use one or more of the many lean-tos in Camp for storage of equipment and/or for sleeping quarters, you must rent them in advance through the Twin Rivers Council Office using established procedures and forms. The event staff takes no responsibility for renting lean-tos.

## Cabin Rentals

If your Troop plans to rent a cabin for Friday and/or Saturday night, it is up to you to make arrangements in advance with the Twin Rivers Council Office using established procedures and paperwork. Be advised that Finlayson Lodge and Gelder Hall (dining hall) are reserved for exclusive use by Staff and guests from Massachusetts.

## Honor System for Property Rentals

The Derby/Deep Freeze Staff will not be responsible for renting cabins or lean-tos for use during this event. We will assume in all cases that proper arrangements have been made with and all required payments have been made to the Twin Rivers Council in advance. You are "on your honor"...

## NO "Open Area" Fees for Tent Campers

### Liquid Fuels Policy

"Liquid fuels" include gasoline, white gas, Coleman fuel, and kerosene.

Because of our excellent record of safe use of liquid fuels at this event, we are going to continue to relax the usual "no liquid fuels" policy to allow you to use these fuels under specific conditions. If you cannot meet all of these conditions, you must use only propane or butane-fired lanterns and stoves with these fuels being dispensed from their original, approved containers. Of course, cooking over wood or charcoal is acceptable.

### Conditions for Use of Liquid Fuels

- (1) Since the filling operation is the most dangerous, all stoves and lanterns will be filled before leaving home to minimize the quantity of back-up fuel that must be brought to Camp;
- (2) Back-up fuel supplies will be contained in original containers or approved bottles (i.e., no mayonnaise jars or milk jugs) with tight-fitting tops;
- (3) Fuels will be stored safely while in Camp (e.g., trunk of your car);
- (4) Only adults will use liquid-fueled stoves and lanterns - "Scouts under adult supervision" is not acceptable at this event.
- (5) The next nearest campsite must be at least 50 feet away;
- (6) No liquid fuels in cabins, lean-tos or tents.

If you accept these conditions and agree to follow all other related safety rules outlined in the BSA literature, we approve your use of liquid fuels. But **BE CAREFUL**. If you have ever witnessed a white gas fire, you understand why we are being so cautious.

### Firewood Policy

If you rent a cabin, see the Campmaster when you arrive in Camp and he will direct you to a woodpile where you may stock up on split firewood for cabin heating only. No outdoor fires should be fueled using this firewood. There's plenty of dead-and-down wood around Camp for this purpose. For outdoor cooking over wood, please bring a supply from home if you need a good hardwood fire. Or bring charcoal...

## Clothing & Equipment Policy

The Klondike Derby/Deep Freeze is an outdoor event held in the middle of winter. KD/DF veterans can recall temperatures ranging from 50 degrees above zero to 30 degrees below! And it's difficult to predict the amount and condition of snow cover or weather conditions that may vary from sunny to cloudy, clear to snowy or rainy, from wet to dry.

This event presents a challenge to all, but especially to "fair weather campers." It is imperative that Scoutmasters and other Troop Leaders examine this issue carefully and thoroughly and then set minimum standards for clothing and equipment for all participants, including those who are just visiting on Saturday. Equipment and clothing checklists are included on the website. It is strongly advised that the Troop conduct a pre-Derby "shakedown" inspection to evaluate each Scout's readiness for this (or any other) outdoor winter activity.

The Scoutmaster is ultimately responsible for the safety and welfare of his Scouts. He has the final word regarding who participates and who doesn't. The key to a safe and successful Derby/Deep Freeze weekend is to keep everyone warm, dry, well fed, and HYDRATED!

## Two-Deep Leadership

BSA Youth Protection Guidelines are in effect. Scoutmasters and/or other Youth Protection trained adults are responsible for making certain that these guidelines are followed. Two adult leaders must be in your campsite area at all times when Scouts are present. (Adult leaders in nearby sites may be included in the count...)

## Campsite Health & Safety Inspections

During the dinner hour, Troop Leaders should carefully check their Deep Freeze campsite or cabin for good health and safety practices using the check-list included in the event literature. Deficiencies should be brought to the attention of the Scoutmaster for immediate correction. Patrol camping is encouraged, but not required. In keeping with the "Outdoor Code", we strongly encourage Troops to minimize the number and size of campfires.

## First Aid Station

A first aid station/warming hut will be located in Gelder Hall till 10:00 AM Sunday morning.

Scoutmasters are responsible for troop medications. Whereas in past years, members of the health and safety team patrolled troop sites looking for cold scouts, this service is no longer provided. Consistent with normal winter campouts, Scoutmasters are in charge of troop safety.

## Emergencies

All injuries and other health emergencies must be immediately reported to Gelder Hall first aid station and to the Campmaster. Any Scout who is found to be wet and/or cold is to be ESCORTED to the nearest heated cabin for warming or Gelder Hall for warming and treatment.

## Sly Pond Road is Off Limits for Scouts

All Derby events are located on the camp side of Sly Pond Road. Patrols should be instructed not to cross the road for any reason, including their treks to and from start/finish location. Alternate routes should be selected when they receive their Klondikaven maps on Saturday morning. Please help us by announcing this policy to your Troop both before and after your arrival at Camp.

## Meddling Adults

Klondike Derby Staff will be quick to scold adults who tag along with Patrols on the Klondike Derby Trail. Giving advice and instructions from the sidelines is entirely inappropriate. Klondike Derby Mayors are authorized to adjust Patrol scores downward if they feel that an unfair advantage has been given by a meddling adult or senior Scout who is not a member of the patrol. The Klondike Derby competition is a Patrol activity. Training for the event should be accomplished prior to your arrival at Camp.

A Visitors Area will be clearly marked at each Derby station. Please ask all Derby visitors and "observers" from your Troop to observe the events from the designated areas. There is enough confusion and congestion at the event sites without on-lookers being in the middle of things!

Dropping off gear at remote campsites: Some Camp Wakpominee campsites are significant distances from parking areas. Troops that need to drop gear off at remote campsites shall follow these rules:

FIRST: if we have icy roads where no vehicle can reliably stop, then our scouts are at risk of you sliding into them when driving, even if you're trying to stop. **In this case, do not drive past the Visitor's lot (before the hill up to the central camp area).**

- 1) Minimize how many vehicles drive into camp past the parking lots.
- 2) Consolidate gear into as few vehicles as possible.
- 3) Only 4 wheel drive or all-wheel drive vehicles can go past the parking lots.
- 4) Vehicles must stay under 5 MPH and yield to pedestrians.
- 5) Vehicles must be out of camp and in parking lots Saturday between 9:00AM and 4:30 PM.
- 6) Any vehicles that need to drive in camp between 9:00AM and 4:30PM must receive permission from a Mayor or Health & Safety Chief. The Chief may assign a walking or riding escort to the vehicle.
- 7) For 2022, we will allow vehicles to drive to the Visitor lot during the Klondike, but not beyond. Vehicles must stop and stand still if scouts are spotted, and then proceed when they are gone.

### **Parking Policy**

Vehicles may be parked in one of the three parking lots (one across Sly Pond Road from the camp and two in the camp as you drive in on the right). If necessary, vehicles can park on the left side of the entrance up to the visitor parking lot (stop before the hill). Do not park so as to restrict other vehicles from leaving the parking lots or to restrict emergency vehicles from entering and leaving. Use your Derby sledges and strong Scout backs to transport your Troop gear if possible. See "**Dropping Off Gear**" policy if this is impractical.

### **Rules**

**NO SNOWBALLS.** There will be no snowball throwing. Scouts found disobeying this rule will be asked to leave Camp.

**NO SLEDDING.** Sleds and Klondike Derby "sledges" may be used only for transporting gear, not Scouts.

**NO FIREWOOD** from Camp woodsheds or woodpiles may be used for outdoor cooking or campfires. If you don't bring your own, scavenge dead-and-down fuel in the woods around Camp.

### **NO FLAMES IN TENTS.**

And, of course, the Scout Law, Scout Oath, Motto, Slogan and the Outdoor Code are always in effect.

### **In-camp Religious Service—cancelled for 2022**

The Klondike Derby lost its religious service leader, and a replacement has not been identified yet. If you are interested or know of an interested person, contact Brian Campbell. For 2022, there will not be a religious service. If a leader can be identified, we will continue this tradition in 2023.

### **Sunday Closing Ceremony**

At 9:30, a closing ceremony will be held in Gelder Hall to recognize the efforts of our Klondike Derby Patrols. Blue, red and white ribbons will be awarded to Patrols based on their performance in the Klondike Derby, the Derby Sledge and Patrol Flag competitions, and for outstanding Patrol performance at each of the Derby skill stations. The "Chuck Moehle Award" for the best sledge, the "George Loucks Award" for the fastest fire, the "Glen Grant Award" for the best Patrol Flag, the Bob VanDycke Award and the Don Montanye Award will be presented. And, of course, the coveted snowshoe, the Ted Brown "Ace Patrol" Award, will be presented to the Top Patrol(s) in the Derby to take home and display in their Troop meeting place.

### **Derby Staff Assignments**

If you would like to volunteer to serve as a judge at one of the Klondike Derby skill stations during the day on Saturday, please call Brian Campbell, 518 265-0061. If you know someone who would like to help out, please pass these phone numbers along. Klondikaven Mayors will be contacting last year's station judges and new volunteers in December and early January with instructions. All judges must report to their assigned stations by 9:30 on Saturday morning in order to help with set-up and to receive final instructions in time for the arrival of the first Patrols at 10:00. Note that some stations require 10 to 15 minutes walking time, so please plan ahead.

### Health & Safety Staff Opportunities

We are also looking for senior Scout and adult volunteers to assist with keeping us safe during the event. See the flyer that is included in the event literature for details. Contact Brian Campbell if you are interested in helping out.

### Sunday Check-out

The Scoutmaster or, in his absence, a designated adult leader will take personal responsibility for seeing that his Troop's cabin, lean-to and/or campsite receives a final inspection and passes the "better than we found it" test.

### Trash Removal

Bring your own bags. All trash goes home with you. Pack it in; pack it out...

### Saturday Night Leader's Meeting

Be sure to attend the Leader's Meeting and Cracker Barrel Saturday evening in Gelder Hall at 7:00. A Cracker Barrel is a sharing of food, usually snacks. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and make comments regarding the day's activities. Other adult leaders are also welcome to attend but make certain that your campsite is covered with two-deep leadership.

### Awards

All Derby Patrols that are successful in the Clothing Check at the Starting Line will receive a special "Thomas B. Chaisson Award" ribbon. Overall Derby scores are used to award blue, red, and white event participation ribbons. The Klondike Derby Mayors will award smaller blue, red and white ribbons to Patrols using criteria that are entirely up to the Mayor. He may award his ribbons based on scores at his event or he may choose to award the best Patrol Yells or the best Patrol Teamwork. The Derby Patrol(s) with the highest total score in the event will take home the **Ted Brown "Ace Patrol" Award** (The Showshoe) to display at their Troop meeting place until the following January. Blue, red, and white ribbons will be awarded to the best sledges and patrol flags as measured against desirable characteristics listed in the Patrol Leader Brochure. The "**Chuck Moehle Award**" will be presented to the Derby Patrol with the best sledge in the Sledge Judging Contest. The "**Glen Grant Award**" will be presented to the Derby Patrol with the best Patrol Flag. Ribbon awards will also be presented to Patrols that complete all the Derby events in the shortest

period of time. The fastest time will be recognized with the presentation of the "**Bob VanDycke Award**". The "**Don Montanye Award**" will be presented to the Leader of the Troop or Crew that registers the largest number of youth and adults. The "**Dean Slack Award**" will be presented to the Patrol that turns in the fastest time from Shageluk to the Leper Colony and back. The "**George Loucks Award**" will be presented to the team that boils water fastest at Egegik.

### Radio Communications Policy

We don't encourage the use of "walkie-talkies" and see no reason for a Derby Patrol to carry one, but if they do please follow this policy:

Patrol: **ODD** channel numbers

Staff Emergency Communications: **EVEN** channels

**Questions? Comments?**

Please contact Brian Campbell at (518) 372-6251 or (518) 265-0061 (cell) or send email questions to [naorewand2001@outlook.com](mailto:naorewand2001@outlook.com)

Event website:

[www.trcscouting.org/mohawk/klondikederby](http://www.trcscouting.org/mohawk/klondikederby)