

Mohawk District
Klondike Derby & Deep Freeze at Camp Wakpominee

Reading & Following Instructions

Dear Scoutmasters,

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 more) and on-line so everyone has easy access to the same information. The event doesn't change much from year to year so it's tempting to gloss over the information and instructions we provide.

Unfortunately we encounter a large number of Scouts on Derby Saturday who are not well informed. Many Patrols 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. When randomly quizzed during the day by our staff of Mayors and judges, it is apparent that many Patrols have not looked carefully at the Instructions included in the Route Card Envelope (and posted to the Camp website well in advance). Arriving 30 minutes before their Start Time seems to be a problem for a surprisingly large number of Patrols and this makes the morning at Chilkoot Pass far more confusing than clothing check and flag & sledge judging need to be.

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. All event information will be posted to the Camp website in October.

Many thanks from the Klondike Derby and Deep Freeze Staff! We look forward to seeing you again in January!

Yours in Scouting,

Brian and Glenn

Event Coordinators

"The Klondike Derby is an exercise in reading and following instructions."

-Ted Brown