

KLONDIKE 2010

CENTENNIAL KLONDIKE: 100 YEARS OF GOLD!

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FREEDOM PARK, SYKESVILLE, MARYLAND

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ★ 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING



CELEBRATING THE ADVENTURE ★ CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

Klondike is Carroll District's annual winter adventure, and Pack 883 will be participating again in this exciting activity! This day is Cub Scouting at its best – lots of hands on activities and events for your Cub Scout, and a really fun time out in the cold (and it is usually COLD)!

Webelos II dens are encouraged to camp and participate in the Boy Scout activities. The Web II den needs to decide by the November Pack Meeting if it will 1.) camp (Friday and/or Saturday night) and compete with the Boy Scouts, 2.) not camp and compete with the Boy Scouts, or 3.) compete with the Cub Scouts. All other Cub Scouts (from Tiger Cub through Webelos I dens) are encouraged to attend and participate as dens.

Adult Help is Required: We will need every family to commit to sending at least one parent to help with the Klondike in one of these areas:

- **Assist the Den Leaders and Den Chiefs to move the dens between stations** – Ultimately, I would like to have 5-6 people moving with the dens (including Den Leaders, Assistant Den Leaders, and Den Chiefs). **Den leaders usually bring a wagon to help move all of the “stuff” between stations.**
- **Assist at the Pack's Klondike Derby Station** – I will need 5-6 people to help run our game station
- **Comfort Station** – I would like to find someone to coordinate and staff a “comfort station” for our Pack – to include hot chocolate, a shelter for warmth, and other necessities that might make the event more comfortable for participants from our Pack (like extra socks, hats, and gloves).
- **Help with Parking and Inspection** – I will need 2 people from the Pack to assist with parking and inspection of the Participants. This is a District requirement – we will not be able to participate unless we provide these two positions. (These positions are needed for 2 hours at the very start of the event – you can then either join your den, assist with the Pack's station, or staff the Comfort Station.)
 - **Adults will need to rank these times from 1-5 in order of preference:** 6 – 8 AM, 7:30 – 9:30 AM, 9 – 11 AM, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM, or 12 – 2 PM.

Cost: Registration is \$8.00 for Cub Scouts, and \$5.00 for adults (who will not receive a patch). Additional Klondike patches can be purchased by adults for \$3.00 at the trading post. As in years past, Pack 883 will pay for the cost of the event. However, families will need to bring a check written to Pack 883 with their registration (see below). If you show up for Klondike as promised, the Pack will return your check at the next Pack Meeting. If you commit to the Klondike and do not show up, the Pack will cash your check.

Registration: Registration will be handled on a den-by-den basis. By the November Den Meeting, Den Leaders will be required to turn in the attached Den Registration Form with full payment (see above). **No late registration will be accepted – NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Food: The Order of the Arrow will again be selling hot breakfast and lunch. A menu is attached. New this year – the OA is offering advance purchase meal tickets. For \$4, participants get a main course (burger, hot dog, chili dog, or large bowl of chili), a bag of chips, and a drink (soda, water, coffee, or hot chocolate). The same \$4.00 gets you a breakfast sandwich, donut, and a drink for breakfast. The best part: there is a separate line for advance purchase food tickets – so you should move through the line much more quickly! **If you purchase advance purchase food tickets, please send a separate check payable to Pack 883. The Pack will not be paying for your food if you choose to purchase food on the day of the event.**

Clothing: Everyone who attends Klondike Derby (Scouts, Scouters, parents, station leaders, etc.) is **required** to adhere to the clothing requirements. To ensure the safety of all participants, everyone will need to pass a clothing inspection before the event starts. The word of the inspectors is final, so don't miss out on the opportunity to participate because you forgot a piece of your cold weather gear!

Even if it is warm on the day of Klondike, follow the cold gear requirements. We have had years when it was 60 degrees and sunny at the start of the day but mid-30s and rainy by afternoon. Winter conditions can change suddenly, so **Be Prepared**.

REMEMBER: Cotton kills. Don't wear cotton – when it gets wet, cotton loses all insulation, and it actually takes the heat AWAY from your skin. Choose wool or fleece instead.

ALSO REMEMBER: Wear layers. If you get warm, shed a layer (see why dens should bring those wagons!). If you get cold, add a layer.

Inspectors will require that you have:

- Winter hat
- Winter coat
- Gloves (waterproof gloves – not cotton gloves!)
 - Please bring an extra pair of winter gloves (not cotton gloves!)
 - Mittens keep your hands warmer than gloves – but you will need gloves for the stations since manual dexterity will be required.
- Long pants
 - Jeans are made of cotton – and they are terrible if they get wet
 - If you have them, wear a pair of snow pants or rain pants over your jeans to keep your jeans dry.
 - Wear long underwear!
- Boots (snow boots or hiking boots – no sneakers!)
- Two pairs of socks (not cotton)
 - Wear a polypropylene (non-cotton) sock near your foot and add a wool sock over it.
 - Make sure you have room in your boots for the extra sock! It's going to be a miserable day for everyone if your boots fit too tightly.
- Layers of clothing on your torso
 - Start with long underwear or Under Armour
 - Add a long sleeved shirt and then a sweatshirt and then your jacket
 - Remember to wear LAYERS

On the Day of the Event:

- Parking will be limited, especially after 7:30 AM. There are only 389 parking spots at Freedom Park, so CARPOOL! Keep in mind that available parking will be inversely proportional to the time when you arrive.
- Because there is no trash collection during the winter, plan to take your trash home with you.
- **DO NOT** use any of the Spot-O-Pots designated for LADIES unless you are female.
- The Baseball and Soccer fields are **OFF LIMITS**.

We will meet at the Pack 883 sign at 9:00 AM. **DO NOT go to the registration shelter.** We will all go through a mandatory Inspection Station to make sure all Cub Scouts and adults are dressed appropriately for the weather (using the guidelines above). **Cub Scouts and adults who are not dressed for the weather will be sent home!** Cub Scout events are scheduled to start at 10:00 AM and will end by 2:00 PM. Boys will be grouped into dens, and each den will receive a score sheet which will be marked by the person running the station. Especially encourage boys (and parents) to cheer for those in their den (some stations may give extra credit for showing Cub Scout Spirit).

