

KLONDIKE 2011

THE KLONDIKE CHRONICLES

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FREEDOM PARK, SYKESVILLE, MARYLAND



Klondike is Carroll District's annual winter adventure, and Pack 883 will be participating again in this exciting activity! This event is Cub Scouting at its best – with 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)!

Cub Scout activities for Tiger Cub through Webelos I Dens occur all day on Saturday. Webelos II Dens are encouraged to camp and participate in the Boy Scout activities. The Webelos II Den needs to decide by the October Pack Meeting if it will a.) camp (Friday and/or Saturday night) and compete with the Boy Scouts, b.) not camp and compete with the Boy Scouts, or c.) compete with the Cub Scouts.

PLEASE NOTE: At the request of Carroll District, large Dens will be broken up into two Dens for the event. For logistical purposes, large Dens, when split, should not travel together. The Dens can certainly decide how to split up for the day, but we cannot have Dens of more than about 8 boys. Many of the stations are not set up to accommodate such a large number of boys in one Den at one time. Den Leaders, please accommodate this request by splitting your boys into two Dens and having your Assistant Den Leader run the second Den.

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 3-4 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. All Dens will need to have a minimum of two adult leaders who will travel with the Dens at all times (in accordance with the BSA Youth Protection guidelines). Tiger Cubs are required to have an Adult Partner with them at all times on this trip.
- **Assist at the Pack’s Klondike Derby Station** – I will need one person from each of the smaller Dens and two people from each of the larger Dens to help plan and run our game station. (In concept, if people from the Den want to split into a morning and afternoon “shift,” that is OK, so that will double the number of people who need to sign up from your Den.) The Pack’s station theme this year is “Summer is Right Around the Corner,” and all of the activities will have a summer/beach theme.
- **Comfort Station** – We need someone to coordinate and staff a “comfort station” for our Pack – to include hot chocolate/coffee/tea, snacks, 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). We found out last year that we don’t need a gaggle of people to handle this station – just one person to organize and run it.
- **Help with Parking and Inspection** – I will need one person from each of the smaller Dens and two people from each of the larger Dens to assist with parking and inspection of the Participants. This is a District requirement – we will not be able to participate unless we fill these positions. (These positions are needed for 2 hours at the very start of the event – you can then assist with the Pack’s station.)

Cost: Registration is \$7.00 for Cub Scouts, and \$4.00 for adults (who will not receive a patch) as long as you register by the Pack meeting on October 29. **No late registration will be accepted.** Additional Klondike patches can be purchased by adults for \$3.00 at the Trading Post. **Unlike in prior years, the Pack will not be able to pay for the cost of this event out of our budget.**

Registration: Registration will be handled on an individual basis. Registration and payment is due by the October Pack Meeting on October 29. **No late registration will be accepted – NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Food: The Order of the Arrow will again be selling hot breakfast and lunch. There will again be an option to purchase meal tickets in advance – given the long lines in prior years, it makes a great deal of sense to purchase the food tickets. There is a separate line for advance purchase food tickets – so you should get your food much more quickly! 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.

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 tent at 9:00 AM. DO NOT go to the registration shelter. Once we are all on site, 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 (larger Dens will be broken into two smaller 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).

2011 Klondike Derby REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Number	Cost	Total Due
	Registration (Boys and/or Adults who want a Klondike patch) @ \$7 per person	\$
	Registration (Adults who <u>DO NOT</u> want a Klondike patch) @ \$4 per person <i>(DO NOT register Cub Scouts in this category)</i>	\$
	Breakfast Tickets @ \$4 each	\$
	Lunch Tickets @ \$4 each	\$
	Extra Klondike Derby Patches @ \$3 each	\$
	Klondike Derby Knit Hats @ \$10 each	\$
TOTAL		\$

Check As Appropriate (✓)	Adult Help
	I will help staff the Pack's Activity Station.
	I will run the Pack's Comfort Station.
	I will help with Parking/Registration (and then help with the Pack's Activity Station)
	Assist the Den Leader/Assistant Den Leader with the Den

Payment Method (check one):

_____ Martin's Cards _____ Check/Cash

Make checks payable to: **Cub Scout Pack 883**

**Please mail/drop off this form to Marc Fischer –
DO NOT give it to anyone else:**

Marc Fischer
6460 Tydings Road
Eldersburg, Maryland 21784

**DON'T FORGET: Registration and payment is due on or before
the October Pack Meeting on October 29, 2010.
THERE IS NO LATE REGISTRATION!**