

What is the Klondike Derby

The Klondike Gold Rush was harsh and only the most prepared were successful and profited from the event. The Klondike Derby is also set up so that the most prepared patrols will profit from the camporee. Lord Baden-Powell was asked what a Boy Scout should be prepared for and his response was a Boy Scout should be prepared for absolutely anything.

There are seven towns/events at the camporee. Each town is named for a town or pass used to reach the gold fields. Each prospector had to have a years worth of supplies to even be allowed entry to the area. Sleds and patrols will also have a list of required equipment in order to participate. This list is provided.

There were many ways for the potential prospectors at the gold rush to acquire fortune as there are many ways to gather gold at the Klondike Derby. Most fortunes were made in the service industry and by the most prepared prospectors during the gold rush. Throughout this information there are ways of gathering gold to add to your total; these include performing an approved skit, answering questions from the Klondike quiz, being knowledgeable concerning Scout skills and trivia taken from the Boy Scout Handbook and having a properly loaded and stocked sled.

Each town will have a different skill and/or fun event and will be staffed with a mayor and his adult staff. Previous skills in the town have ranged from first-aid to team building. Lashing, orienteering, Scout skills and lost Scout skills have also been events in previous camporees. **Be Prepared** for any or all of these events.

The towns you will enter are **Dyea, Skagway, Bennett, White Pass, White Horse, Dawson** and the **Chilkoot Pass**. Some of the characters you will see are **Mounties, Klondike governor** and you may encounter **robber barons**.

There are selected town(s) that will have the mother lode of gold just as there were mother lodes of gold at different places during the original gold rush. The prospectors that were prepared and ambitious prospered as a result of knowing where the most gold was found. Patrols by **“being prepared”** will also discover where to accumulate gold.

Good luck in your quest for gold.