JAYHAWK AREA COUNCIL

KLONDIKE

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LEADER'S GUIDE

Prairie Peoples Park

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

January 24-26, 2020

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Greetings Klondike Mushers!

I am very excited to invite you to the Klondike Derby. For the first time this event will be held at Prairie Peoples Park on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation near Mayetta.

This is the first time the Prairie Band Potawatomi have ever allowed ANY outside group to use their facility. There was a lot of discussion among the Tribal Council, but they liked the idea of working with Scouts BSA as their first attempt.

There is a single concern that the Tribal Council has for the event: with this request is the requirement that no cultural references/activities (i.e., feathers, names, terms, etc.) that may be deemed as offensive be done at the event. It is very important that we, as guests of the Tribal Council, abide by this requirement.

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In 1896 gold was discovered in the Klondike river area of the Yukon Territory. Over the next 3 years an estimated 100,000 prospectors migrated to the area looking to strike it rich. Fortunes were made and lost, and the events of the Klondike gold rush rapidly became embedded in North American culture, captured in poems, stories, photographs and promotional campaigns long after the end of the stampede. The writer Jack London incorporated scenes from the gold rush into his novels and short stories set in the Klondike, including The Call of the Wild, a novel about a sled dog named Buck.

In 1925 a large diphtheria epidemic threatened Nome, Alaska. The nearest antitoxin was found to be in Anchorage, nearly one thousand miles away. The only way to get the antitoxin to Nome was by sled dog, as planes could not be used, and ships would be too slow. A 20-pound cylinder of serum was sent by train 298 miles from the southern port of Seward to Nenana, where just before midnight on January 27, it was passed to the first of twenty mushers and more than 100 dogs who relayed the package 674 miles from Nenana to Nome. The dogs ran in relays, with no dog running over 100 miles. Norwegian musher Gunnar Kaasen and his lead dog Balto, arrived on Front Street in Nome on February 2 at 5:30 a.m., just five and a half days later.

These two events are the inspiration for the Klondike Derby.

As I mentioned before, I am very excited about this new location. It's a great facility and an opportunity to create new partnerships.

So, Scouts get your sleds & gear ready! See you January 24-26, 2020 for the Klondike Derby!

Dave Evans
Klondike Czar

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Course and Registration Information

Three courses to experience:	Registration Fees		
Early bird Discount Deadline is Dec. 16	**Early Bird**	**Regular**	**On-site**
Extreme Course (Scouts 14 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2018)	$15	$18	$21
Boy Scout Course	$12	$15	$18
Webelos Course (Webelos and Arrow of Light)	$12	$15	$18
Adults / Leaders	$12	$15	$18
Klondike Staff & Mayors (must preregister with Governor listed below)	$5	N/A	N/A
Event Hat (must register as **early bird** to order hat)	$12	N/A	N/A

Online Registration is by unit contingent only, not by individual. For registration purposes, the only information that needs to be provided is the number of Scouts on each course, the number of hats you would like to order, and the number of adults. Each Pack and Troop should provide a Patrol Sled roster (p. 5) to the registration/check-in table onsite.

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Webelos Course Governor, Sojadi District - Dolcie Maley (C) 620-803-2285
Council Staff Advisor, Tracey Pearson (C) 316-347-5362

Klondike Schedule

Friday, January 24th:
5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Registration check-in starts
Camp set up after check-in

Saturday, January 25th
7:30 – 8:45 a.m. Registration check-in and On-site Registration
8:50 – 9:00 a.m. Opening @ Flags
9:00 a.m. Begin Mushing
12:00 – 12:45 p.m. Lunch break
3:00 p.m. Mushing ends
4:00 p.m. Awards @ Flags

Sunday, January 26th:
9:00 a.m. Worship Service for all participants

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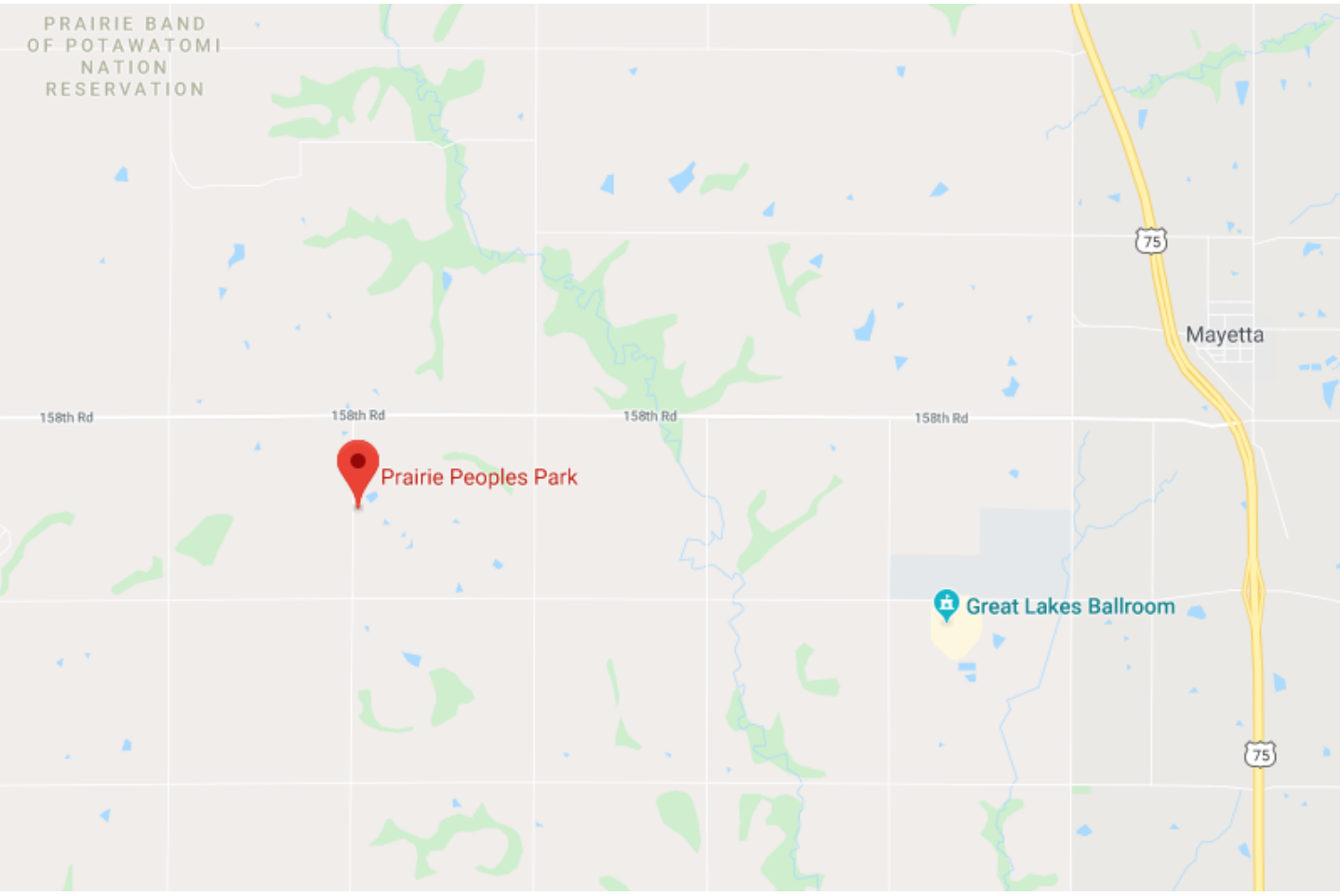
Directions

Prairie Peoples Park is located on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation, 5 miles West of Mayetta. From Topeka, take US 75 north to 150th Road. Go west on 150th about 5 miles (past the casino) to M Road and turn North. The park is less than a quarter mile up the road. From the north, take US 75 south to 158th Road. Go west on 150th about 5 miles to M Road and turn South.



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Sled Equipment List

Your Patrol Flag on a Staff Lashed to the Sled
Wampum string
Health Forms for Each Member of Your Sled (In ziplock bag)
Boy Scout Handbook and Fieldbook (Webelos Book for Webelos course)
Notebook, Pencil and Clipboard
1 Cup/Mug for Each Member
Lunch, Hot Drink Mix or Drink Mix
1 Quart Water (per person) minimum
Trash Bag (No Littering)
Survival Necessaries
Watch Set to Klondike Time
8 – 6’ Lengths of ¼” Rope *****
1 Each – Rope 25’ Long *****
2 Each – Big #10 Tin Cans Open at One End – (1 gallon)
Fire Starter Kit (including Firem’n Chit)
2 Bundles of kindling
First Aid Kit including Splint Material
Two Blankets (Camp Type)
Tarp 8’ X 8’
4 Each – 6’ Poles or Scout Walking Staff
Pocket Knife w/Can Opener (Totin' Chip)
GPS unit-one per sled Extreme course only
Compass
1 Raw Egg Per Sled
American flag to be retired
Tent stakes (8) & Hammer
Lunch Cooking Utensils
***** ALL ROPES SHOULD BE NATURAL FIBER
Equipment is to be secured to sled at all time while the sled is being mushed.

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Klondike Roster

District*: (Please Check One)** ☐ ***Shunga ☐ ***Sojadi*** ☐ ***Shawnee*** ☐ ***Pony Express*** ☐ ***Sunflower***

Date_____ **Troop #_____Pack # _____ Crew # _____**

SENIOR PATROL LEADER (or Designated Klondike Leader)_____

Patrol Name:	Patrol Name:
Patrol Leader	Patrol Leader
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
6.	6.
7.	7.
8.	8.
9.	9.

Patrol Name:	Extreme Patrol Name:
Patrol Leader	Extreme Patrol Leader
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
6.	6.
7.	7.
8.	8.
9.	9.

Adults	Adults	Adults	Adults

PLEASE COMPLETE AND TURN IN AT CHECK-IN

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Check-In

When you arrive, follow the instructions of the OA parking attendants to your campground or parking lot. One adult and the Senior Patrol Leader should proceed to check-in at Headquarters. Please bring a copy of your roster, your registration receipt, and Medical forms. Late registrants can be added at this time.

Camping

This is an excellent opportunity for Cold Weather camping. Friday and Saturday night camping is available for Boy Scouts/Venturers only. Winter camping requires special preparation and more than basic camping skills. Patrols should keep this in mind when packing for camp. We ask you to use low impact camping methods. All fires must be in fire barrels or fire rings. Please bring your own fire barrels or fire rings. ***No open flames or stoves in tents per BSA Guide to Safe Scouting regulations.***

Lunch

Each sled team will need to bring a lunch meal to prepare. All courses shut down from noon to 12:45 p.m. Sled teams are to proceed to the nearest town (if they're not already at a town) and stake a claim on a piece of real estate where they can prepare their lunch. Meal choice is up to each patrol. Careful consideration should be given to the time allowed for lunch. You will need to bring a small stove (used under the supervision of adults) for hot meals. We encourage low impact cooking methods. No ground fires.

Water

Hot water will be available at every town. Bring hot drink mix (such as hot chocolate or hot cider) and a mug for each member of the sled team. Cold Water will also be available to refill jugs during the day and for camping. Please bring enough water to get started on Saturday.

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Sled Teams

Teams should be 6 to 10 Scouts per sled grouped by age. The ideal number is 8. There are three Courses: a Webelos course, a Boy Scout course, and the Extreme course. Each Scout on the Extreme course must be 14 (or older) as of Jan. 1, 2018. Small sled team? Consider combining with another unit. Use your roundtable to assist with combining sleds or contact your Course Governor (p. 2). Try to put boys of approximately the same age on a sled. Each course will be set up for the types of skills that are expected for their age. The registration area will assist with combining sleds on Derby Day.

Webelos Course
Team work and having fun is the order of the day for the Webelos. This course will give the Scouts a challenge and develop their ability to work as a patrol as they prepare to become a Boy Scout. Parents and Leaders are encouraged to let them complete the challenges without help to get the most points and the best experience from each town.

Boy Scout Course
Requirements for Boy Scout First Class advancement will again be a major emphasis for the town activities on the Boy Scout course. It will test their ability to work together and perform all the important Scout skills. Leaders need not walk with the boys and are encouraged to volunteer as Mayors of the towns to put on a great experience for the Scouts.

Extreme Course (age 14 and up)
Older, more experienced Scouts will be challenged at a high level on the Klondike Extreme Course. The course is set up for extreme scouting. Test your scouting navigation savvy in our geo-cashing and compass courses. Maybe archery or shelter building are your specialty? You will not only build your shelter, but you have the option to sleep in your shelter if approved by the Governor of the course. Check out our course and see how you measure up. You can also use a Travois or Pack Baskets instead of sleds if you choose.

Patrol Sled and Patrol Flag
Each sled should have its own flag. Use your patrol flag or consider making a special flag that in the tradition of the Klondike Gold Rush.

Governor's Award
There will be a Governor's Award for each course presented to the overall best sled team. This will be based on the cumulative scores from each town.

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Adults

The Klondike Derby needs YOU! We need adults to help staff the Klondike towns and provide support. If you have not been asked to help you can volunteer by calling your Governor (listed on p. 2). Each station offers an educational opportunity for Scouts by using the time-tested Boy Scout method of learning by doing. For this to work, we ask the adults not to help solve the task the boys are given. If adult help is needed, a Mayor or one of their assistants will be available. *Patrols that go through the course without adult participation will be judged more favorably and will learn more as a result of this.*

First Aid

All sled teams should carry a First Aid kit and a copy of their medical forms and be prepared to use it for simple cuts and scrapes. Please let adults at the closest town know of any injury requiring first aid so they can help determine if more help is needed at the main first aid station at HQ.

Restrictions

From the Guide to Safe Scouting:

> An important way adult leaders can model healthy living is by following the policies on alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. Leaders should support the attitude that they, as well as youths, are better off without tobacco in any form and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving youth participants. **This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking.**
>
> All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas located away from all participants

Sheath Knives are not allowed at this event and may result in the knife being impounded by the Governor.

Failure to follow these restrictions may result in the participant being sent home immediately There will be zero tolerance for any infraction of these rules and all adults at the event are required to monitor and enforce this restriction. Adults failing to enforce this restriction will also be removed from further participation at the Klondike Derby and will be reported to the Jayhawk Area Council Exec.

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Cold-Weather Camping Resources

Be Prepared!

For information on cold-weather camping please review the BSA Field Book, p. 241-245. Or check out these online resources:

- http://boyslife.org/outdoors/outdoorarticles/6981/checklist-for-a-basic-cold-weather-outing/
- http://www.boyscouttrail.com/library/wintercampingtips.asp
- https://www.slideshare.net/djdarkbeat/cold-weather-camping-bsa-scouting