



JANUARY 24 - 26

**CAMP KOOTAGA
79 CAMP KOOTAGA ROAD
WALKER WV, 26180**

OPEN TO ALL SCOUTS BSA TROOPS and CREWS

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After a two-year absence, the Mountain Monster is back! After being chased off by Camp dog Odin in 2023, its shadowy form has once again been spotted lurking in the hills around Camp Kootaga. Ranger John and local Scout leaders are reporting sightings of glowing red eyes, high off the ground and of a large shaggy shape lurking behind boulders and trees. Why is it back? We don't know... but hope to find out by the end of this year's Derby event.

Join us on January 24 – 26th, as we test our Scout skills by navigating our gear sleds around Camp, competing in challenges, and tracking the monster whenever we can. Be prepared to test your Scouting skills and collect rewards for successfully completing tasks.

Each Patrol team forms a separate expedition by pulling their sled along a course outlined on a map. The map guides the team over the field course, moving from waypoint to waypoint. Each Patrol leader is handed a sealed envelope containing their instructions. Teams gather at the starting line, are checked for readiness and equipment, and, when told, open their sealed orders containing course directions and map. Each team then starts off for a different waypoint as shown on its map.

As teams demonstrate the Scout skills needed to keep up with a wily cryptid, they will receive representative “glowing eye” tokens. Team leaders will display and keep these safe on a provided leather strap.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2025 Klondike Derby will be a day of Scouting fun with a mixture of competitive spirit and outdoor fellowship. The following information will help you plan for this District event. Enclosed in this guide are the Derby rules, official agenda, and Troop form.

Proper clothing is a must and should be layered so the Scout can remove or add garments as site temperature rises and falls. Class A Scout uniform is not required. **No inappropriate footwear (sandals, Crocs, etc.) will be allowed.** Individuals will be sent home if inappropriately dressed. This should be covered at individual Troop meetings if attending. This event will not be canceled because of cold or damp weather, so bring changes of clothing in case your attire gets wet.

Each Troop participating must be prepared to volunteer at least one adult to assist with campout activities.

ACTIVITIES

Patrols will check in at the starting line and have their sleds inspected. Patrols will be given general instructions and then open their investigation packet and proceed as directed.

After making their way to their first activity location, Patrol leaders will meet with the assigned adult Station Leader. The Station Leader will give each team their challenge to resolve and tell them what to do when they finish. As Patrols complete their assigned tasks, they'll be awarded “glowing eye” tokens and sent to the next Station location. Patrols will be sent off at intervals until all Scouts are in the field.

Campsites will be inspected early Saturday afternoon. Special consideration will be made for any event-themed decorations or bushcraft creations.

Coffee and hot chocolate will be available at the Dining Hall for all Scouts and leaders.

Participating Patrols should be attired in appropriate winter dress. Appropriate winter dress will be enforced. Scouts may be sent home if not appropriately dressed. Patrols will be penalized one (1) "eye" per Scout for inappropriate dress.

A "**Best Sled Trophy**" will be awarded for the most attractive and best-built sled.

In addition, a "**Mystery Category**" Trophy will be awarded, based on a special event with details to be announced at arrival.

Troops must bring their own food except for Saturday lunch, which will be a group meal provided in the dining hall.

TEAMS

1. All Scouts must be prepared for extreme winter conditions; this event will not be canceled.
2. Maximum size of each patrol is eight (8) Scouts, with a minimum size of four (4) Scouts
3. Each team will be issued a leather thong on which to hang their awarded "glowing eyes". Mark the attached tag with your troop number and Patrol name. All scoring will be based upon the number of eyes possessed at finish line.

SLED SPECIFICATIONS

1. Each sled must be at least 5' long and 18" wide
2. No Wheels
3. Your sled must display your Patrol flag.
4. **Patrols flags & sleds with Patrol name & troop number will receive an extra "eye"**
5. No commercially built sleds may be used. Sleds must be built by Patrol.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT ON EACH SLED

- One (1) hand saw (covered by shield)
- Two pairs of gloves and safety glasses
- Fifty feet of rope (1/2 inch dia.)
- Three (3) one gallon sealed jugs of water
- Two (2) six to eight foot poles
- Eight (8) six-foot lengths of rope (strong 1/4 inch or cord)
- One (1) four to six foot pole

- Eight (8) tent stakes
- One 6ft x 8ft (or larger) plastic tarp
- Natural tinder and kindling materials (birch bark, twigs, cedar bark, pine straw, etc.) *
- Two (2) compasses
- Up to Eight (8) cocoa mugs (One for each team member)
- One (1) set of Flint & Steel
- Two (2) blankets (camp style)
- First Aid kit (two sterile dressings, two compression triangular bandages, and material for splints)
- Patrol flag

**NOTE: Each Patrol must have at least one Scout within it who has earned their Fireman's Chit.*

JUDGES NOTES

Your job is to run and judge one of the events (there will be one or two adults at every station as available). Event requirements are listed in the Activities Descriptions sheet, provided separately.

You'll need warm clothing. Please provide a supply of the hot water used to make hot cocoa for Patrols as they pass through. All other necessary equipment for the operation of your station will be provided or should be on the Klondike sled of each patrol. We will begin the Competition at **9:00 a.m.** so it will be necessary to have judges at all stations and ready at that time. THANK YOU for all your help making this event possible.

Klondike chairman will adjudicate in case of a tie breaker (if needed) after competition.

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE**Friday**

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Troop Registration (Dining Hall)
9:00 p.m.	Cracker Barrel @ Kootaga Lodge (Adults & SPL's)
Saturday	
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Patrol sign-in (Dining Hall) Adults running events pick up signs, "Glowing Eyes", & score sheets
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Flag Ceremony (Parade Field)
8:40 a.m. sharp	Patrols line-up with Sled & all Equipment @ Parade Field for Information Packet, Starting Location & Sled Judging Orientation (Camp rules)
9:00 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.	Competition
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch (provided, at Dining Hall)
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Competition
4:00 – 4:30	Final Patrol Race (Parade Field)
5:30 p.m.- 5:40 p.m.	Flag Lowering (Parade Field)
5:40 p.m.-6:45 p.m.	Dinner (in campsites, Troops provide)
6:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Awards presentation & monster wrap-up (Dining Hall)
Sunday	
Early morning	Breakfast (In campsites, Troops provide)
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Tear down camp Clean-up and Inspect Campsite Area Homeward bound DRIVE SAFELY, SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

TROOP ROSTER

**** Turn in at Friday check-in ****

Troop/Crew No. _____

Adult Leader _____ Assistant _____
 (Scoutmaster)

Staff: (Adults volunteering to run a station/verified by Klondike Derby Chair)

1. _____ 3. _____
 2. _____ 4. _____

Adult Names	
1.	2.
3.	4.
5.	6.
7.	8.

Each Unit must register at least one adult to run a station, contact acampbell@ohiohills.com with name and Unit number.

Number of Patrols _____ attending.

Health forms (Parts A&B) are mandatory for all attendees, along with online registration of youth and adult rosters.

Cost will be \$15.00 each for Scouts and Adults for units camping in campsites. Units wishing to use cabins or Adirondacks will need an additional reservation through the Parkersburg Scout Shop. Cost includes patch, hot chocolate, coffee, Saturday lunch, campsite fees, and event awards. You must pre-register before Monday, January 20, 2025. Collectable event patches will be reserved for pre-registered units, with potential shortages for late registrants. This is a Scouts BSA event.