



24th. Annual Kosher Klondike Derby

Hosted by
Jewish Scouting Programming Committee

Presidents Day Weekend
Friday February 13th, 2026 through
Monday February 16th 2026

NEW LOCATION!

AISHEL TALMUDIC UNIVERSITY
formerly
Carson Long Military Academy
New Bloomfield PA

Come prepared for outdoor winter camping activities.

For a checklist, see the Scout Handbook
Each Scout wears a full Scout uniform and brings a backpack or duffel bag with his or her own personal gear, with sleeping bag. All food will be provided. Extra blanket is highly recommended. Male Scouts over the age of 13 are encouraged to bring tefillin.

What is a Klondike Derby:

A Klondike Derby is a competitive way for Scouts to use their skills in fun-filled way. In addition to these skills, they will need to use teamwork and communication skills in order to excel at the various events. Each Scout should bring a day pack. Scouts will travel in a patrol. When they leave basecamp, they should have everything they will need for the various stations. This includes 10 feet of rope per patrol (supplied), at least one personal first aid kit per patrol, a compass, matches, tinder (no fire starters).

The planned stations are expected to be as follows:

(Subject to change)

- ☒ Cooktown
- ☒ Blindfold Carry
- ☒ Orienteering/Treasure hunt
- ☒ Emergency Shelter
- ☒ Ravine Crossing
- ☒ Knot tying derby
- ☒ Susquehanna relay



* Additional recommended gear information will be sent to registered leaders.

WHO: Active Registered BSA and AOL Scouts & Adult Leaders in any Council are invited to attend.

WHAT: The 24th Kosher Klondike Derby

A weekend for scouts to display their basic scout skills in a fun, energized competitive atmosphere.

WHEN: Friday February 13th 2026
to Monday February 16th 2026

WHERE: Aishel Talmudic Academy
Nestled in the beautiful rural wooded hills of New Bloomfield Pennsylvania.

HOW: Heated dorms will serve as sleeping accommodations, while the dining hall will serve as base camp and meal service.

“A scout is Reverent” states the 12th Point of the Scout Law. Therefore, we pause from our daily activities for Grace before and after meals and for daily services (Shacharit, Mincha and Maariv).

WHY: For the development of scout skills, teamwork and fun in a competitive atmosphere Scouts will compete in a Klondike Derby course that will test their skills in fire-building, cooking, first aid, orienteering, teamwork and many other skills. Scouts compete in patrols and will be judged on time, and skill level.

Prizes will be awarded.

REGISTRATION & COST

To Register: Unit Leaders or Provisional Scout parents should include any special allergies or dietary needs in advance in the following Klondike registration link:

<https://jspc.events/Camp/>

Early Bird Registration thru January 25:
COST: \$150 per person

Registration January 26 thru February 11:
COST: \$180 per person

For every 10 paid attendees from the same unit, the 11th attendee goes Free

Registration closes on Sunday, February 11, 2026

For more information, contact:

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All attending adults must have completed Youth Protection training.

Merit badges and core advancement skills will also be offered throughout the weekend.