

**FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ESKIMO RUN  
HUDSON VALLEY COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
DUTCHESS DISTRICT**



**DATE:** Saturday, January 23, 2016  
**Check-in Starts:** 8:30AM, **Opening** 9:30AM  
**BAD WEATHER DATE:** Saturday, January 30, 2016  
**PLACE:** James Baird State Park, Freedom Plains, New York

**WHAT IS AN ESKIMO RUN?**

The Eskimo Run is a Webelos Scout competitive activity similar to the Klondike Derby for Boy Scouts. It is designed to test the Scouts' proficiency in the Webelos skills and provide a day of fun and excitement for them. They will be asked to answer questions and demonstrate their skills. All materials are provided, except the sled which each patrol (formerly called dens) is required to bring with it. The time available on the course is the same for all teams, starting and ending at the same time. Time should not be wasted so that all stations can be visited. Otherwise, time is not a factor in the competition. Individual stations are not timed as a scoring factor. Stations usually close for new arrivals at 2:30 PM. Every effort is made to conclude the event by 4:00 PM. If you have any questions, after reading through this mailer, email or call Carl Sardaro at [csardaro@fairpoint.net](mailto:csardaro@fairpoint.net) - (518) 398-1960 or John Borchert at [jborchert@msn.com](mailto:jborchert@msn.com) (845) 452-5618.

**ESKIMO RUN "TEAMS"**

This may be the last year of the Eskimo Run in its current format as changes in the Cub Program will necessitate changes in this event, so let's have some fun this year. As in the past, there will be two competition levels, a Blue Trail for First Year Webelos Scouts (fourth graders only) and a Gold Trail for the Second Year boys (fifth grade and mixed patrols). While there is no maximum (or minimum) number of scouts on a team, a maximum of eight (8) Webelos can answer questions/demonstrate at a station. The "team" pulling the sled over the prescribed course can be more than eight (8), if that is the actual patrol size. Packs may enter as many sleds as they wish. Some thought should be given to the minimum number of boys needed to pull the sled over the course. Too few will make the work difficult. Webelos Handbooks may be carried on the trail and used for reference between stations. The Webelos Handbooks may **NOT** be brought into any station for any purpose. If a member of the team has special needs, physically disabled, or requires special consideration, please contact a committee member.

**THE DAY'S PROGRAM**

**Attendance at the opening ceremony is mandatory for all teams, with their sleds.** Between Check-in and the Opening Ceremony the boys and accompanying adults will be checked for proper attire for the event. Please understand that proper attire means jacket, hat, glove or mittens, NO sneakers or absorbent clothing like sweat pants. Sleds will receive a preliminary check. The attire inspection will be indicated on the score sheet. After checking they will be aligned in the space between the bandstand and the parking area for display and a Grand Prix start.

On the trip along the trail, each team will visit eleven stations. At ten of the stations, the team will be tested on some special Webelos skill appropriate to the trail (Blue or Gold). The test material, is taken from the Webelos Handbook, 2003 Edition for the Gold Trail and the **Webelos Handbook 2015 Edition for the Blue Trail**. In preparation for the Eskimo Run, the patrols should sharpen up on such areas as the Arrow of Light and Webelos Badges as appropriate for the Gold or Blue Trail.

Each team or patrol will have a captain (who can be the patrol leader) who will check in at each station. The sled must be at the station in order to register at a station, no leaving the sled behind. The patrol leader/captain will answer the questions after consulting with his team. He may designate someone else to answer for him. Where demonstrations are required he may do so, designate someone else or select the team's representatives where more than one person may be necessary.

At the eleventh station, the teams' sleds will be examined by the judges who will score them. The sleds will be rated, and the points awarded (up to 80 points, 50 points for the sled, 20 points for the speed limit, and 10 points for the sled and attire inspection) will be included in the overall scoring.

## AWARDS

Awards will be made for both the Blue and Gold trails for First through Eighth places. In addition Scout Spirit Awards will be awarded to the team(s) with the most scout spirit. **Finally, a timed sled race will be held this year awarding a prize to the fastest sled in each trail.**

## ESKIMO SLEDS

Sleds should be designed so that they can carry clothing and food for the Webelos patrol. Let your imagination run wild on your sled design. It should be oriented toward the Webelos program. In past years, sled designs have included a Scout Hat, the Space Shuttle and an airplane. **The sled should be designed and built by the boys in the patrol with assistance from leaders/adults only as needed and/or where the use of power tools is necessary. Emphasis is placed on boy participation.** The sleds are judged for compliance with the requirements attached. One poorly constructed may not score as well as one that is able to withstand the rigors of the course. The sled judging is part of the skills competition.

A sled of any type may be used as the starting point for the sled construction so that it looks like an Eskimo sled or a design of the boys' own. It can be as elaborate as they like. **A flag to indicate the pack number and patrol name or number for patrol identification is mandatory.** Failure to have such a flag will cost points in the sled judging. Wheels are not allowed. See page 5 for sled requirements.

## ADULTS

**Each patrol/team must register and pay for at least two adults.** Two **must** accompany each patrol/team along the trail. Other adults may accompany the sled. No adult or patrol chief will be permitted to enter the station with the Webelos. No coaching of boys during the station tests by adults or patrol chiefs is permitted. Both the boys and their leaders will be observed for their behavior in the field. **Failure to adhere to these requirements will lead to loss of credit for the station and possible total disqualification of the patrol/team. REMEMBER, THE SCOUT LAW IS THE LAW OF THE DAY. Let's not forget what this program is all about.**

**THERE IS TO BE NO SMOKING.** Adults and leaders are supposed to set an example for the Scouts.

***NO VEHICLES ARE TO BE USED TO TRAVEL TO STATIONS OR TO FOLLOW THE SLEDS. CARS PARKED IN THE ROADWAY INTERFERE WITH TRAFFIC AND ARE A HAZARD TO THE BOYS ON THE COURSE.***

***LET'S NOT PUT THE BOYS IN AVOIDABLE DANGER !!!***

## LUNCH

Each Webelos will need a lunch and will eat on the trail. A thermos of hot soup or cocoa is recommended. Adults will be responsible for their own noon meals. One half hour will be allowed for lunch from Noon to 12:30PM. Hot chocolate and doughnuts will be provided for all registrants after the stations close for the day. The Order of the Arrow will be selling coffee, hot chocolate, candy, hot dogs and snacks throughout the day. The proceeds from these sales support the camps and our camping program.

## BE PREPARED

It is important that the boys **AND ADULTS** be dressed appropriately. This is a Winter weather event, requiring warm clothing in layers, waterproof footwear, warm gloves/mittens and a **hat which covers the ears. SNEAKERS ARE NOT ALLOWED. ANYONE not dressed suitably will NOT be permitted to participate.** Anyone not dressed appropriately may go home to change and return. As with any Scout event, uniforms are encouraged.

## REGISTRATION

There is a registration fee of **\$11.00** for each scout and **\$6.00** for each adult to cover the cost of patches, awards, refreshments, program materials and insurance. **If registration is received after Friday, January 15, 2016, the registration fee is \$2.00 more per person.** Note: If an **ADDITIONAL** adult desires a patch, he must register. Each registered participant will receive an embroidered cloth patch especially designed to commemorate the event. Each team will receive a participation ribbon suitable for attachment to the patrol flag.

**Registration for the 2016 Eskimo Run must be completed on line. The registration can be found on the council website at [www.hudsonvalleyscouting.org](http://www.hudsonvalleyscouting.org) on the calendar by clicking on the event listed on the January 23<sup>rd</sup> date. A paper copy of the registration form is provided in this packet.** It is being provided to the Webelos Adult Leaders of each pack well in advance of the event. **This copy should be kept and brought to the event. If more than one person is going to register, each one should have a copy showing which team(s) he/she is representing.** This will help when questions arise at check-in. Participating Scout leaders and additional adults assisting who desire a patch should be listed on the registration form and pay the fee.

Teams registered no later than **Friday, January 15, 2016**, are awarded twenty five (25) bonus points for on time registration. **These points count toward the skills competition.** On time registration accelerates and facilitates the check-in process on the day of the event. Failure to register on time penalizes those Webelos whose leaders procrastinate. Twenty (20) bonus points will be awarded for teams that sign up to do skits or songs. **The skits or songs must be cub-scout age appropriate, inappropriate skits or songs will not be accepted and the bonus points will not be awarded, if you are unsure about the content of a skit or song, please contact John Borchert or Carl Sadaro in advance of the event. This has become an area of controversy over the past few years and we will try to police this as much as possible, but we need your attention on this as well, and please understand that your tolerance for this may be different than others.** A special sign-up form is included in the packet for this purpose. This form must be submitted with the registration.

## STATIONS

To demonstrate the skills tested, the station themes to be used at the 2016 Eskimo Run are as follows:

<u>Blue Trail</u>	<u>Gold Trail</u>
First Year	Second Year and Mixed
Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade and Mixed
Earth Rocks	Readyman
Stronger, Faster, Higher	Outdoorsman
Maestro!/Movie Making	Family Member
Engineer	Artist
Into the Woods	Scholar
Webelos Walkabout	Communicator
Into the Wild	Handyman
Build It	Scientist
Webelos Badge	Arrow of Light
Cast Iron Chef	Sportsman/Aquanaut

## **DIRECTIONS TO BAIRD PARK**

**Passenger Vehicles** best approach the park using the Taconic Parkway. The park entrance is between Mountain Road to the north and Route 55 to the south. Upon entering the park follow the drive straight down to the parking lot.

**Trucks/Commercial Vehicles** must use the bus entrance. From the east (traveling toward Poughkeepsie) follow Route 55 past the Parkway and the Arlington High School. Take the first right after the school onto County Route 47, Freedom Plains Road. Those coming east (from Poughkeepsie) will have to turn left at this intersection. There is a Mobil gas station on the northwest corner. Follow County Route 47, Freedom Plains Road north to the park entrance which is on the right. There is a sign marking it. Well into the park you will come to a crossroads. Turn right here to go to the parking area.

## **SCHEDULE**

8:00 AM	Staff Check-In and briefing
8:30 AM	Registration Desk Opens
9:30 AM	Opening Ceremony at Shell Announcements
9:45 A M	Begin Stations
12:00 Noon	Lunch (The Order of the Arrow will be selling coffee, hot chocolate, candy, hot dogs and snacks throughout the day. The proceeds from these sales support the camps and our camping program.)
12:30 PM	Resume Stations
2:30 PM	Close Stations, complete work with patrols already there <b>TURN IN SCORE SHEETS AT REGISTRATION DESK</b>
2:30 PM	Sled Racing & Skits and Songs at the Bandstand
3:15 PM	Free Hot Chocolate and Doughnuts Courtesy of the Order of the Arrow
3:45 PM	Closing at the Shell Announcements Awards Closing Ceremony
AFTER CLOSING	Pick up patches and participation ribbons at the Registration Building.

**PATCHES WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED BEFORE THE CLOSING CEREMONY, FOR ANY REASON. --- PLEASE DON'T ASK.**

## **POSTPONEMENT DUE TO WEATHER**

In the event of bad weather, announcement of cancellation will be made on the following radio stations:

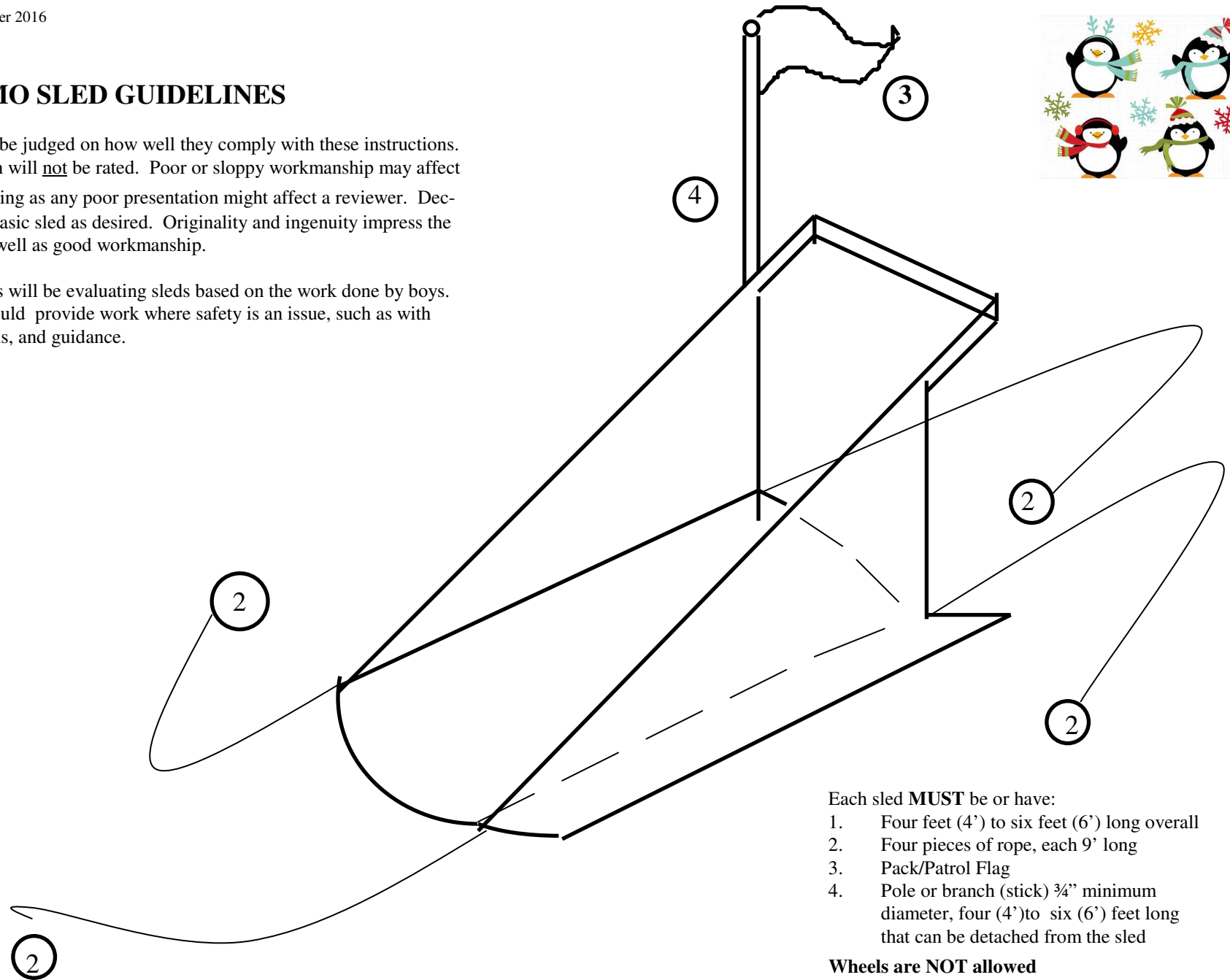
WBNR - 1390 AM  
WEOK - 1390 AM  
WKIP - 1450 AM

WCZX - 97.7 FM  
WPDH - 101.5 FM  
WSPK - 104.7 FM

## ESKIMO SLED GUIDELINES

Sleds will be judged on how well they comply with these instructions. The design will not be rated. Poor or sloppy workmanship may affect judges' rating as any poor presentation might affect a reviewer. Decorate the basic sled as desired. Originality and ingenuity impress the judges as well as good workmanship.

The judges will be evaluating sleds based on the work done by boys. Adults should provide work where safety is an issue, such as with power tools, and guidance.



Each sled **MUST** be or have:

1. Four feet (4') to six feet (6') long overall
2. Four pieces of rope, each 9' long
3. Pack/Patrol Flag
4. Pole or branch (stick)  $\frac{3}{4}$ " minimum diameter, four (4') to six (6') feet long that can be detached from the sled

**Wheels are NOT allowed**





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**SKIT/SONG SIGN-UP SHEET**  
**Please turn this in when you check in**

**PATROL NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **PACK NO. & TOWN** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF SKIT/SONG** \_\_\_\_\_

**THE SKITS OR SONGS MUST BE CUB-SCOUT AGE APPROPRIATE, INAPPROPRIATE SKITS OR SONGS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND THE BONUS POINTS WILL NOT BE AWARDED, IF YOU ARE UNSURE ABOUT THE CONTENT OF A SKIT OR SONG, PLEASE CONTACT JOHN BORCHERT OR CARL SADARO IN ADVANCE OF THE EVENT.**

**PRINT LEGIBLY OR TYPE BELOW OR ATTACH A PRINTED COPY OF THE SCRIPT OF THE SKIT OR WORDS TO THE SONG:**





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### HUDSON VALLEY COUNCIL DUTCHESS DISTRICT BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA PACK ROSTER

**UNIT NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOWN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CubMaster (or Designee)**

**Name, Telephone Number**

(To Contact in case of Postponement)

**Adults and Den Chiefs in Attendance**  
**Minimum, two per patrol**

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#### Webelos (by Dens)

##### Blue Trail

##### Gold Trail

<b>Den/Patrol Name</b>
<b>Denner/Patrol Leader</b>
<b>Den/Patrol Name</b>
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**EACH LEADER COMING TO THE REGISTRATION DESK MUST  
HAVE A COPY OF THIS SHEET INDICATING WHICH  
DEN OR DENS HE OR SHE IS CHECKING IN**

