

Snow Derby

Purpose:

1. It's fun – Preparing with a purpose, with a goal in mind – and it can be done during club time, in Church , and outdoors.
2. It's competitive – Challenging the cadet to better understand his merit badges and outdoor skills.
3. It's educational – Teaching the cadet his outdoor skills in an organized manner, as well as his merit badges.
4. It's Physical fitness – And this our “softee” cadets need badly

Remember, the success of any Cadre is how well the counselor was organized, and how thoroughly he prepared his cadets in the various requirements.

It's very discouraging for both the cadets and judges when they arrive at a station without adequate knowledge of the given project.

We can make it fun and interesting preparing for a snow derby so let's help build the right frame of mind for the cadets.

All the information needed is enclosed, except the actual judging sheets, to be completely prepared.

SUMMARY ON EQUIPMENT

These are items to be included in your list:

Cadre:

- 1.) One gallon of hot chocolate for mid-morning snack
- 2.) Cadre flags
- 3.) Sled - loaded neatly
- 4.) Twine for lashing sled and project.
- 5.) Hand axe and/or hand saw
- 6.) Matches (Farmer type would be best, in waterproof container.)
- 7.) Tent with upright poles and stakes - no ridge pole is needed if using
*Council tent. (ground sheet)
- 8.) Blanket for stretcher
- 9.) Bandages for serious cut
- 10.) Materials for splint – include padding
- 11.) Can of soup per person attending
- 12.) Poles for stretcher
- 13.) Compass
- 14.) Clipboard Large or piece of plywood

* Council tent refers to regular type pup tent.

Personal:

- 1) Compass
- 2) Mess kit - cup
- 3) Snack for mid-morning to go with hot chocolate
- 4) Kerchief
- 5) Dress warmly
- 6) Jackknife - Sharp
- 7) A sincere desire to do your best - a little better than the next guy.

CADRE CHIEF:

All information and assignments will be given **ALONE** to the Cadre Chief. He will be told only one time, and must convey the assignment to his cadre. He will supervise and participate in the project. He will also be in charge of, and responsible for his Cadre at all times during the derby. When his Cadre arrives at a station, he alone will report to the judge, and will always refer to the Counselor as Mr. _____ or Sir. He will identify his Cadre upon arrival by:

- 1) Assignment number, (2) Cadre name, (3) Club name (church)

An average of 6 is figured per Cadre, but a natural Cadre is very important, and they will be judged on proportion of completeness rather than by size.

DRESS:

According to the weather. Be sure to have enough clothes to be warm. It's easier to carry an extra item than to be cold all morning.

Be certain to wear your kerchief !

STATIONS:

Various projects will be given at each station. The cadets will find the stations by a map, which will be given to the Cadre Chief at the derby. Every Cadre follows a different route, so be sure not to just follow someone else's tracks. The judge at each station will give the Cadre Chief his next station at the time of departure. Speed is important only in your project, not in your travel. Hurry but don't race.

SLED:

Prepare the official cadet Snow Derby sled according to the attached plans. Remember - it must be light and sturdy. A Cadre flag mounted on a staff or carried, is to be used, and if possible a cadet flag.

If you predrill the screw holes, you will avoid splitting, and gluing the joints will make for a much stronger sled. Sure, you may use last year's sleds, but try to get every cadet in your cadre involved in shaping it up. Get them involved. You will be judged on some of the following:

SLED - continued

1. Sled construction (Cadet participation in the construction will count)
2. Sled finish (paint)
3. Sled packing
4. Cadre flag mounted or carried
5. Cadet and/or Cadre behavior and discipline during judging
6. New sled - 1 point

LASHING:

The cadets must know, and will be judged on the following:

1. The square and shear lash.
2. How to start and finish with a clove hitch.
3. Know proper frapping
4. Did they understand the project?
5. Did they work together?
6. The neatness and sturdiness of the project.
7. How did they clean up?
8. Were the cadets orderly while the Cadre Chief was receiving the instructions?
9. Each Cadre will be required to have their own twine.
10. Don't be caught off guard, the Cadet Verse, Pledge or Code may be asked at on of these stations.

TENT ERECTION:

1. As at all of the stations, Were the cadets orderly at the briefing? Did the Cadre Chief approach the judge properly? Did they clean up after the project? Was their sled neat? Did they understand the project the first time?
2. Type of site chosen
3. Was snow packed down and/or ground prepared?
4. Was ground cloth or paper used?
5. How was tent erected? Lines taught? Stakes at correct angles?
6. How was tent refolded? Neatly?
7. They will need one Council tent per sled with the upright poles only.
8. We suggest you pick up the tent well in advance, to make sure the ropes are all on them. You will be responsible for the tent being in good shape, and for the necessary stakes. (You are not responsible for any rips that were in the tents!)

FIRE BUILDING:

1. You will have to build one of these three fires; (1) Tepee fire, (2) Crisscross fire, (3) hunter fire, (4) Trapper fire. The judge will tell you which one when sled arrives at fire building area.

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FIRE BUILDING continued

2. They will be judged on construction.
3. They will be judged on how many matches were used to start them.
4. They will be judged on type of material used, which must be acquired at fire building site.
5. they will be judged on the fire site they pick out and how they clean up.
6. They will be judged on safety, as observed by all the cadets.
7. No paper is to be used unless deemed necessary by the judge.
8. No wood to be brought in advance.
9. Do you know the difference between the Council and the Corps?
10. No artificial fire starters may be used.

COMPASS READING:

1. They must be able to give the reading on a predetermined object.
2. They will be given a bearing and must be able to give the outstanding object.
3. They must be able to find the right direction (in degrees) on the ground from information on the map.
4. They must be able to find their next station from information on the map and scale.
5. They will be judged on accuracy and behavior.

CLIFF RESCUE:

1. Problem will be: A victim who: a. Has a bad cut, lots of bleeding. Separate from ... b. Has a broken bone. c. Will need to be transported up a hill
2. Judging will be on:
 - a. Attention given to cut (bleeding)
 - b. Quality of bandage used on cut.
 - c. Attention given to possible shock.
 - d. Attention given to broken bone.
 - e. Quality of splint used on broken bone.
 - f. Quality of stretcher used to carry patient up steep hill
 - g. You will need the following items on your sled:
 - (1) Splint materials, with padding (kerchiefs could be used)
 - (2) Stretcher material (tent poles could be used with a blanket)
 - (3) Bandages (kerchiefs could be used)
 - (4) A powerful lot of teamwork and cooperation
 - h. Did you repack that sled properly

MYSTERY SPOT:

1. A lot of physical energy, a lot of fun, and the Cadet Landmarks. What is a Cadet Council? Corps? What is the biggest difference between the Calvinist Cadet Corps and the Boy Scouts?

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Items to bring:

- 1. Hot chocolate for snack.**
- 2. Cadre flags.**
- 3. Sled - loaded neatly.**
- 4. Twine**
- 5. Hand saw / Hand axe**
- 6. Matches (Farmer type)**
- 7. Tent with upright poles and stakes (ground sheet)**
- 8. Blanket for stretcher**
- 9. Bandages for serious cuts**
- 10. Materials for splint including padding**
- 11. Can of soup for each person attending**
- 12. Poles for stretcher**
- 13. Compass**
- 14. Large clipboard / or piece of plywood**
- 15. One knife per sled**

Dress for the weather, bring snack to go with your hot chocolate. We will judge according to participation, how well you do (behavior), sled packing, construction, and finish.