



# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

## HEART OF NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL

### Chuckwagon Derby 2023 - Leader Guide



#### What is the Chuckwagon Derby?

The Chuckwagon Derby is a Council wide, friendly competition of Scouting knowledge and spirit. This is the day that the boys and girls in your Pack will meet fellow Cub Scouts from all over the Council, and spend a day sharing “Cub Scout Spirit.”

Chuckwagon Derby offers the cub scouts in your Pack a day filled with Scouting, Scouting, and more Scouting! The cubs are in teams of 3 to 6 per wagon. They push, and/or pull their wagons around Laurel Spring Farm, stopping at “Towns” to have fun and demonstrate basic Scout knowledge and skills - appropriate for their rank. Leaders should encourage all their cubs to attend.

This is a great event to use for recruiting. So please encourage your cub scouts to invite their friends!

#### Date and times

Saturday May 13, 2023 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

#### Location

Laurel Spring Farm, 34 Ford Road, Sterling MA

#### Registration

Registration is \$20 per unit (you must pre-register via the link below) plus \$5 per Cub Scout which is due at the event check in.

URL: <https://commerce.hnebsa.org/event/chuckwagon-derby-quinapoxet/>

Please fill out the roster on the last page of this leader guide and bring it to the Chuckwagon along with your \$5 payment per Cub Scout.

## General information

- All Units must be pre-registered (\$20). You are free to add/remove Cub Scouts (\$5 each) from your roster as needed before the event.
- All Teams should check in together WITH A COMPLETED ROSTER(S) AND PAYMENT.
- Teams can arrive any time starting at 12:30PM (stations open at 1:00 PM); keep in mind that your wagon team may not get to every station if they arrive too late.
- There will be no opening or closing ceremony. Once checked in, wagon teams can proceed straight to their first station.
- There must be at least one adult leader/parent per team.
- There is no potable water on site. Make sure all Cubs bring a full 2 liter water bottle. Please ensure that your Cubs remain hydrated; hydration is critical to scout and scouter safety.
- Scouts can be in Class A Uniform, Class B Uniform, or in western wear.
- Watch out for bandits - there will be wanted flyers around 'town'; we will need help rounding up the notorious Badturn Gang and putting them in jail until the judge arrives.
- There will be restroom facilities.
- We encourage a bagged lunch or snacks and a water bottle as no food will be served.
- There will be plans in place for inclement weather. This will be a rain or shine event.
- Every Cub Scout that participates will get a patch.
- Please check with your local Scouts BSA Troop to see if they are attending. This year's Chuckwagon is being held in conjunction with the Quinapoxet Spring Camporee.
- There will be a medic/nurse on site.
- Adult leaders are responsible for their team and keeping track of their whereabouts and safety.
- Other than service animals, all pets (including therapy dogs) are not allowed at council events and properties at any time
- The Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace Principles should be applied to any outdoor activity, including The Chuckwagon Derby. Please review both prior to arriving at the derby.
- UAVs (drones) may not be used at council events and properties unless it is part of the formal program and/or approved by a council employee to document the event.

## Questions

Please reach out to the people below if you have any questions.

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## Wagons

The Chuckwagon Derby is a “spin off” of the Klondike Derby’, which is a Scouts BSA event where troops compete similar to the Chuckwagon. Scouts BSA troops push and or pull “Dog Sleds”; Cub Scouts push and or pull “Chuckwagons” - The style of wagon is left up to your imagination, but remember you will be pulling it a long distance during the derby. It can be any decorated wagon that is store bought or hand made. It should not be shorter than 18” or longer than 48”.

Wagon crews are at least 6 cubs pulling the wagon and 2 adults per wagon. Don’t forget that Scout policy requires “two-deep leadership” or better for all Scout functions, and Tigers require “one to one”. Mixed wagons (a wagon having Tigers, Wolves, Bears, & Webelos) will receive extra points. **No running! Let’s keep it safe for everyone.**

Wagon crews should be determined at your Pack prior to the Chuckwagon - therefore Leaders should report to the Cubmaster or Assistant Cubmaster names of cubs attending, a week prior to Chuckwagon. In order to provide mixed wagons for the entire Pack, Dens should be divided between the wagons. Try to keep a minimum of 2-3 cubs together from their Dens. Please be sure to have the cubs bring the required equipment listed below.



**Chuckwagon example:** A ‘Radio Flyer’ or garden cart can be used. If you are feeling ambitious, you can build your own. A white sheet with hula hoops cut in half will work. Duck tape is your friend. Some cardboard around the outside to decorate and you’re good to go. Accessories are a nice touch but totally optional.

## Wagon equipment

The following items should be included on all wagons

- Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos books
- Litter bag
- Wagon banner with pack number and home town location
- Extra water bottles
- Small first aid kit
- Den cheer and/or song & Scout Spirit!

## Personal equipment

Each cub scout needs to bring the following with them...

- 2 Liter water bottle
- Sun screen (non aerosol)
- Sturdy shoes for the ‘trail’
- Western attire encouraged, with appropriate Scout neckerchief

**\*\*NOTE\*\* Do not bring any guns or other weapons (toys or otherwise). They will be confiscated or you will be asked to leave the event.**



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### Chuckwagon Derby Wagon Team Roster

Pack #: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Cubmaster: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Wagon Team Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Designated adult leader/Parent:

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Scouts:

Rank:

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Roster notes:

- Please assign 3 - 6 Cub Scouts per wagon team
- There must be at least one designated adult leader/parent that stays with the wagon team at all times.
- Please refer to Leader Guide for 'equipment' that should be included in each wagon

- Print off as many rosters as your unit has teams