



# Troop 54

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## SLED RACE IS HIGHLIGHT OF TROOP 54 TRIP TO LITTLETON

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WORCESTER - Boy Scout Troop 54 travelled to the Harvard Sportsman's Club in Littleton, Massachusetts, to participate in the Nashua Valley Council's Massasoit District Klondike Derby, January 27-29. Typically, this event takes place on snow, with the boys pushing their sleds from one activity to the next. This year's weather called for adaptation: The sled was fitted with all-terrain pneumatic tires just before the event, thanks to Assistant Scoutmaster Brian Keenan .

Led by youth member Josh Champagne, of the Nashua Valley Council, the Klondike was a great success, providing competitions between patrols as well as work toward merit badges and advancement opportunities.

The troop food was great, with the Scouts preparing chili for lunch and camp-made meatballs with spaghetti for dinner. Assistant Scoutmaster Keith MacNeal prepared gourmet fare for the adult participants at every meal. The twist this time - he cooked every meal in a wok.

The high point was the last competition event - the Klondike sled race. With ten of the eleven troops fielding sleds, there were two initial heats and a final run. The field was partly grass and mostly mud, but that did not dampen the enthusiasm of these Scouts. In the end, Troop 54's Raccoon Patrol took first place, narrowly besting their closest competitors.

This was the troop's thirty-seventh consecutive month with at least one campout, and the boys can't wait until the next trip.

Caption for IMG\_1725.JPG: Troop 54 Scouts take to the road at the beginning of the Klondike Derby. (photo by Joshua Froimson)

Caption for IMG\_1730.JPG: Troop 54 Scouts Jeremiah D. and Romeo D. take their turn at camp cooking, turning out a large pot of piping hot chili. (photo by Joshua Froimson)