



## ***Klondike Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)***

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### ***1) Where are the restrooms?***

There are 5 sets of "Biffies" in the Yakima Campground all available for use.

### ***2) Is there potable water onsite?***

Yes, but not in the Yakima Campground area. The pipes going to the Yakima Campground are turned off during the winter to keep them from freezing and breaking. There is water at the main lodge and at the shop. The shop is located across from the Summer Cabins near our Klondike parking lot. The water spigot is by the front door where a light is on at night and is the closest water source to our Klondike.

### ***3) If I need first aid, where do I go?***

The primary First Aid station is the Soup Kitchen, where the EMT will be hanging out. The back-up and longer-term infirmary will be Klondike headquarters in Family Cabin #2, where on-site Check-In and Registration takes place. During the day, this cabin will be used for the infirmary as well as the warming hut, if needed. The EMT will have a two-way radio set to Klondike 7.7 (channel 7, sub-channel 7).

### ***4) Is there a “warming hut” if a scout is not prepared for the cold weather?***

See number 3 above.

### ***5) I am just coming up for the day. Is there a reduced fee for that?***

No, there is no reduced fee. Ensign Ranch charges us for day use as well since we are using the facility whether we are staying overnight or just up for the day. Site reservations, breakfast, heating cabin, first aid facility, hot water, soup kitchen and awards are all provided by District. Most of this fee goes to pay for the camp facilities. Guests should pay their fair share, or not use the facility.

### ***6) Can I overnight in the camping area on Saturday night?***

Absolutely! The more the merrier! We have sites at Yakima Campground reserved for Saturday night as well. Check-out on Sunday is by 11:00 am. There is no extra fee for this.

**7) *Can we have a campfire in our site?***

Yes, but campfires must be contained in existing, designated fire-pits, and fully extinguished whenever the campsite is unoccupied or vacated. Keep at least one five-gallon bucket of water and a shovel beside each fire-pit. Bringing up a portable firepit is not a bad idea, in case you can't find your campsite's firepit.

**8) *Is there firewood at Ensign Ranch?***

Yes, in the "cage" next to Summer Cabin #2 where the Klondike HQ is set up. Your first armload is free, but every armload after that is \$4.00. Purchase this at Klondike HQ. There is a limited amount, though. It might be a good idea to bring some of your own up with you too.

**9) *Are there Klondike Patches?***

You bet! It would not be a District Klondike without something you could take home with you to say, "I was there!" Beside the sniffles and frostbite, I mean. A new design is used every year. Troops must turn in their "gold" at the Essay Office, have their campsites inspected, turn in their Klondike campsite sign and turn in their questionnaire before they are allowed to checkout and receive their Klondike patches.

**10) *What is the soup kitchen all about?***

Something to help warm the belly, soothe the soul and provide some energy for those that need it! Everyone needs to bring two cans of soup to be turned in at check-in. One can goes into the soup pot, which will be available starting at 11:45 am on Saturday. The second can of soup will be donated to a local food bank. Each person should bring a cup or bowl and an eating utensil to enjoy a helping from the soup pot. Hot water will also be going and, while they last, hot chocolate and cider packets as well. The pancake breakfast kitchen will be cleaned up and transformed into the soup kitchen. All adult leaders are encouraged to come by during lunch for "food and fellowship"!

**11) *Will Klondike staff be on a set two-way radio channel?***

Yes, Klondike channel 7, sub-channel 7. We have a limited supply of District radios that we will be providing to leaders. If your unit leaders want to bring their own radios, please do. However, Scouts should not be carrying radios and if they are found by staff, radios will be confiscated and turned into their unit leaders.