

KLONDIKE 2010 OBJECTIVE

To create a fun environment for scouts to demonstrate teamwork, skills and the ability to find another way to enjoy extreme conditions, safely and enthusiastically. Adventures and activities are focused around an all-day sled adventure between activities with a "gold-rush" days flavor. Each adventure has been selected to introduce or educate each and every scout in Scout craft skills pertaining to cooking, pioneering, first aid, compass, and teamwork, as well as basic survival techniques and methods. By combining the winter camping experience with the events, the Klondike provides an opportunity for Scouts to experience new challenges while having lots of fun. All troops are encouraged to participate in this great adventure!

When the first Alaska Gold miners hit the pass at Chilkoot, the Mounties stopped them, and would not let them enter the Klondike area until they passed certain conditions. This included proper equipment, sufficient supplies and proper attitude. Our Klondike attempts to re-create those conditions for those troops willing to test their mettle and take on the Klondike Challenge!

KLONDIKE CHALLENGE: THREE PARTS

1. **Winter over!** This is car camping, with camp setup by candle and Coleman lantern. Plus, if you stay Friday night, Saturday morning breakfast will be free!
2. **Winter prepared!** The first event will be to pass inspection on your sled, patrol gear and most important, your personal gear. Without the proper gear your patrol will not proceed from the Chilkoot pass inspection station.
3. **Challenge events!** We are again featuring Challenge Events. Once you start the event, your patrol must complete the event to the satisfaction of your Klondike event evaluator. Then you can move on to the next challenge. The patrols with the most successfully completed events will be rewarded.

CHALLENGE EVENTS

Here is the list of events for this year. We always change several around each year to keep things interesting!

1. Bunny Blast BB Shoot
2. TBA (new event!)
3. Rabid Animal Move
4. Ice Fishing
5. Salmon Toss
6. Braving the Blizzard
7. Hang 'em High!
8. Yeti Attack
9. Slingy Thingy
10. Smoosh Boarding
11. Saw and Brand
12. Map and Compass Challenge
13. Flapjack Hobo snow stove
14. Ice Rescue
15. Klondike Ping Pong

PATROL SCORING AND AWARDS

There is an element of competition/challenge and subsequent reward/recognition to our Klondike this year. Patrols will be judged on the completion of the event. Patrols may participate in an event more than one time, but only one occurrence will count towards the total score. The more events successfully completed, the higher the award level. There will be three award categories that patrols will be striving for:

Sourdoughs Highest honor, after a certain amount or time or experience, one becomes a "sourdough", you have arrived and know your stuff. You have struck it rich!

Prospectors Somewhere in-between. You are on your way there but have not "struck gold" yet. Your patrol still needs some more seasoning and experience.

Cheechakos Greenhorn, tenderfoot, newbie, inexperienced in mining or surviving Alaskan winters, "Thanks for showing up" award, as long as you successfully complete at least some minimum number events you should achieve this.

A patrol's performance at each event will be scored for their level of knowledge or accomplishment and for teamwork. Some points would be given for accomplishment and some for teamwork and scout spirit. Scores are totaled and patrols are "awarded" according to the level they have attained. Your reward at each event will be gold nuggets for your poke!

NUGGET POUCH

Each team will need a sturdy homemade pouch to carry their gold nuggets in. This can be made from leather or canvas with a drawstring.

TROOP PROGRAM AIDS

To prepare for this event it is recommend that the SPL review winter gear and preparedness information, and work it into your program for the next few months. Traditional patrol skills will be needed. There will be a need to know winter first aid, survival skills and fire building. Attitude will be emphasized.

LUNCH AWARD

Patrols will need to bring a **hot** lunch for midday on the Klondike. Bonus gold nuggets are available if you let the staff test your wares and the staff deems your meal worthy of "gold"! Outstanding lunch menu will be recognized at closing.

WOOD STOVE

Plans for the "HOBO" or coffee can stove are on the Klondike website. If you need more information, call for help (see contact info). Bring it and the wood to fuel it with you! A frying pan with a handle might be helpful also.

PATROL WATER SUPPLY

Hot beverages, cocoa/cider will be provided by the event staff, but each patrol is asked to provide two gallons of fresh water, to be dropped off at registration on Friday night or Saturday. No designer water, just gallon jugs of water, clean and ready for use.

PATROL/DEN GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS:

1. Natural patrols of 4 to 8 scouts with a suitable Klondike sled plus all essential gear (See below).
2. All scouts must be properly clothed for winter weather. (No Cotton! Bring rain gear, warm coats, water proof boots etc.)
3. Each patrol must be registered at Klondike Headquarters. This will be confirmed upon on-site check-in.
4. The Scout Outdoor Essentials list (page 224 of the Scout Handbook) is a useful resource!
5. No flammable fluids, explosives dangerous stuff (scout meaning of “fuel” is usually considered wood not gas.) Check your Scout Safety Guide in case you have any questions.

SLED SPECIFICATIONS AND PATROL EQUIPMENT

Sleds must be homemade. Refer to the Klondike sled plans for details. Sleds should be sturdy enough to transport one team member and all of the patrol’s gear. Each patrol should bring all the items they will need to compete in each of the events of the Klondike. The Klondike is a harsh environment. Many a miner has failed to hit the mother-load for lack of proper planning and supplies. For example, be sure to bring fire building materials (there won’t be any wood available in the gold fields, no flammable fluids), first aid supplies, rope, and anything else the patrol may need or want to complete each of the events (refer to instructions below). Remember, you are going to the Klondike, so **BE PREPARED!**

Patrol Equipment Required

- Patrol Roster
- Gold nugget pouch
- 2 Gallon jugs of water for breakfast plus personal water
- Sled with harness
- “HOBO or Coffee Can” Stove (see web site for details)
- Paraffin fire starters only (candle wax & paper, NO liquid accelerants)
- Hot lunch fixings, plus stove, pots, etc. needed to cook it.

Scout checklist

- Ten essentials (see Scout Handbook)
- Cold weather clothing (see Scout Handbook)
- Mess kit (bowl/cup, spoon)
- Good insulated winter boots. Tennis shoes and light hiking boots are not appropriate.
- Sitting pad or small camp chair (so you are not sitting on the ground).
- 2 cans of favorite can of soup. One for soup pot, one for local food bank.
- Copy of “Winter Camping Information” document (on Klondike web site). Read it!

Sled usability checklist

- Secure spot for patrol flag
- Canvas or tarp lining sled to hold gear
- Rope securing it
- Ultimate test: if sled is turned upside down, nothing should fall out.
- **Advanced warning on Klondike sled capabilities.** In years past the snow levels have varied at Ensign Ranch. It is recommended that the sleds be equipped with removable wheels. A judgment by the Klondike Director will be made at the Klondike site as to the use of the wheels during the events and for the Iditarod Race. (And no -- putting a sled on top of a wagon doesn’t count!)

KLONDIKE SOUP POT

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.

KLONDIKE STAFF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Scouters, wandering adults, “just drivers”, and officious looking council staff will be put to work. If you have a preference, or would like to command an event, call the committee! Like last year, the games and program areas will be staffed with experienced Youth and Adults. Experienced Youth not participating in a patrol are encouraged to help staff events and program areas. All attending adults should plan on volunteering to assist. Volunteers should meet at the Klondike Headquarters at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday and ask how they can help.

LOCATION

Ensign Ranch is located approximately 75 miles east of Seattle just off of I-90. Take exit 78 – Golf Course Road; turn left and go under I-90; turn left again on Frontage road and travel 2-1/2 miles west to the entrance.

Winter Over: If your troop is planning to stay over Friday and/or Saturday night, your Klondike fee covers “Wintering Over” in the tent campground area. Please make sure you let us know what you are planning to do when you register. Campsites are available starting at 1:00 pm on Friday. Parking lot will be plowed, toilets provided, campfires are OK but must be contained in existing, designated fire-pits, and fully extinguished whenever the campsite is unoccupied or vacated. Campsites are not judged. In addition, there are bunkhouses and a limited number of cabins available, but these are not part of your Klondike registration. Call the Ensign Ranch directly for reservations and fees at (509) 656-2344. Your Klondike fee will not be adjusted if you decide not to use the campgrounds.

Garbage collection is limited to the Lodge. Please plan to take it with you or pack it to the Garbage truck near the Summer Cabin parking lot.

Water is available only at the Lodge, and at 2 places near the shop.

WEBELOS

Webelos are invited to attend either as a Webelos Patrol or as a guest of a Boy Scout patrol. We encourage troops to invite the Webelos into the troop for the day. Webelos will not be allowed to Winter-Over on Friday night. If you want to stay over on Saturday Night, we recommend you ask a troop to sponsor you. A great time was had last year, in tents or igloos. The “Webelos sled” is ok, but the events are geared to the wood sled.

Arriving at the Klondike Challenge

CHECK-IN AND SET-UP

If you like, you can have a small group or advanced party, show up after 2PM on Friday to select a campsite on a FIRST-COME-FIRST SERVED BASIS. A staff member will assist you in locating a camping site.

In order to avoid traffic congestion, vehicles are not allowed at the campsites. All vehicles except identified staff vehicles must park in the designated parking area.

Distances between campsites and the competition sites are relatively small, and within easy travel range. Be prepared to hike your camping gear to your campsite. Please mark your campsite in some manner (signs, troop flag, surveyors flagging, etc.) to indicate your boundaries. This helps everyone easily locate your group.

Friday night “Winter Over” unit check-in will be open between the hours of 2pm to 10pm. Saturday morning check-in will be from 8am to 9am on Saturday. Scoutmasters and/or Senior Patrol Leader should check in at the Headquarters area during these times. Please be prepared as follows:

1. Bring the following (copies of all registration forms):
 - Your copy of the Unit Registration Form and
 - Klondike Liability/Medical Consent-Participation Forms (or equivalent) for each scout and adult attending
2. Give your final list of patrols, including the patrol name. We will accept patrols with up to but no more than 10 Scouts. The ideal size is about 8 scouts.
3. Copy of your Tour Permit

No one will be admitted without a Klondike Liability/Medical Consent-Participation Form or the equivalent.

CHECK-OUT AND CAMPSITE CLEAN-UP

Checkout hours are Saturday after the closing, and Sunday 8am until 11am. Troops must have their campsites inspected before they are allowed to checkout and receive Klondike Challenge patches. All equipment must be removed from campsite before checkout. Proof of registration is required to receive Klondike Challenge patches and awards.

PARKING

Please note that parking spaces are limited and certain portions of the roadway are narrow. Some of these areas will be restricted for safety reasons and to permit access by emergency vehicles. In order to avoid traffic congestion, vehicles are not allowed at the campsites. (If there is plenty of snow, the road is not plowed all the way into the campground anyway.) All vehicles except identified staff vehicles must park in the designated parking area. Your cooperation in not parking in restricted areas is extremely important to the safety of the Klondike. Parking in campsites is not permitted, unless special permission is obtained for good reasons (e.g. a handicapped person needing close access to a vehicle.)

KLONDIKE TIME SCHEDULE

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| Feb 11 th | 7:30 pm | Final registration at Thursday District Roundtable Cutoff date for Friday night “winter over” registration |
| Feb 19 th | 2:00 pm | Start arriving, Klondike Campsite registration |
| | 8:00 pm | Event leaders check in |
| | 9:00 pm | Campfire program at Klondike Kitchen <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Campfire! Hot chocolate!• Robert Service poems!<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Cremation of Sam McGee, Spell of the Yukon, etc.• Alaskan adventure story! |
| | 10:00 pm | Registration Closed |
| | 10:15 pm | Taps |
| Feb 20 th | 7:00 am | Flapjack Breakfast for “Winter Over” sourdoughs |
| | 8:00 am | Klondike Challenge on site Registration open |
| | 8:30 am | Patrol Leader Council at Breakfast site |
| | 9:00 am | Flags and announcements |
| | 9:30 am | Chilkoot Pass Sled Inspection |
| | 10:00 am | Klondike Challenge Events |
| | 12:00 pm | Hot Lunch |
| | 1:00 pm | Resume Klondike Challenge events |
| | 3:00 pm | End of Klondike Challenge events, prep for Iditarod |
| | 3:30 pm | Iditarod Challenge Race |
| | 4:30 pm | Recognition and Rewards, closing flag ceremony |
| | 8:00 pm? | Friendship fire for any who stay! |
| The Camp is available for troops to winter over till Sunday. | | |
| Feb 21 st | 9:00 am | Camp Scouts Own |
| | 11:00 am | Check-out |