

Klondike 2024

Leader Planning Guide

Essential Info... That stuff the Leaders and Parents want to know!

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All event information, included this information document, sled plans, stove plans, maps, permission slips, COLD information, etc., is available from the council events page for Klondikes...

<https://seattlebsa.org>, then Outdoor Adventures (<https://seattlebsa.org/camping>), then Klondike!

Or you can access the page directly at <https://seattlebsa.org/event/klondike/>

When: March 8 Friday Night Winter over
 March 9 Chilkoot Challenge Events
 March 10 Optional Campout

Where: Camp Koinonia
 850 Camp Koinonia Ln.
 Cle Elum, WA 98922

<u>Fees:</u> (Ala-carte)	<u>Before Mar 1st</u>	<u>Starting Mar 1st</u>
Klondike all-inclusive fee	\$30.00	\$40.00 (\$10 late fee)
<i>(includes Klondike fee, tenting for up to two nights, Saturday breakfast in dining hall, Saturday lunch <u>for adult volunteers only</u>, and Sunday all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast)</i>		
Cabin Upgrade Friday	\$15.00 (limited availability)	
Cabin Upgrade Saturday	\$15.00 (limited availability)	
Friday dinner	\$11.00 (limited availability)	
Saturday dinner	\$11.00 (limited availability)	
Parking (per vehicle)	\$5.00 (limited availability)	
Additional fee for a trailer	\$5.00 (limited availability)	

INFO: Most of these fees go to pay for the camp facilities. Guests should pay their fair share, or not use the facility. Saturday and Sunday breakfast, heating cabin, first aid facility, hot water and soup kitchen (for adult volunteers only) will be provided by Klondike. Patrols should plan on preparing a hot lunch from Noon to 1:00pm on Saturday. They will not be allowed back to the campsites during lunch. Each scout should plan on having 2 quarts of water with them during the day for personal use. There are limited water sources on site to refill.

KLONDIKE 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 on 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 set up by candle and Coleman lantern. If you can't handle tenting, there are LIMITED cabins available on a first come first served basis. **BONUS:** If you stay Saturday night, Sunday 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!** These events are the heart of Klondike! Once you start each 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

So you have an idea, here is the list of events we are considering for this year. We always change several around each year to keep things interesting!

- Bunny Blast BB Shoot
- Salmon Toss
- Ice Fishing
- Salmon Fry Transfer
- Signal Tower
- Snowballs Chance in Heck
- Forging Onward
- Smoosh Boarding
- Saw and Brand
- Hobo Stove
- Compass Challenge
- Panning for Gold
- Ice Rescue
- Surviving Klondike
- Panning for Gold
- Archery

TROOP PROGRAM AIDS

To prepare for this event it is recommended 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.

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. Or a Ziploc baggie will work in a pinch but is so boring!

PATROL SCORING AND AWARDS

There is an element of competition/challenge and subsequent reward/recognition to the Klondike Challenge. 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:

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.

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

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!

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!

LUNCH AWARD

Patrols should plan on preparing a **hot** lunch for midday on the Klondike Trail. Bonuses may be available if you let the staff test your wares! Outstanding lunch menus will be recognized at closing. Presentation, preparation, flavor, teamwork, etc. will be considered in the score.

WOOD STOVE

Plans for the “HOBO” or coffee can stove are on the district Klondike page. If you need more information, call for help (see contact info). Bring it and the wood to fuel it with you (no liquid accelerants)! A frying pan with a handle might be helpful also. This is only used for the Hobo Stove event.

PATROL WATER SUPPLY

Hot beverages, cocoa/cider will be provided by the event staff, but each patrol needs to plan their own water needs for the weekend. Camp has a fresh water supply in the Dining Hall, but it is a long walk from tent camping. Some water may be available in some towns during Klondike.

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 dressed for winter weather. (No Cotton! Bring rain gear, warm coats, waterproof boots etc.)
3. Each patrol must be registered at Klondike Headquarters. This will be confirmed upon on-site check-in.
4. The Scout Handbook is a great resource! (Chapters on Hiking, Camping and Cooking)
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 on the web site for examples of 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
- Patrol water container plus personal water
- Sled with harness
- "HOBO or Coffee Can" Stove for the Hobo Stove event (see web site for details)
 - Paraffin fire starters only (candle wax & paper, NO liquid accelerants for this)
- Hot lunch fixings, plus appropriate stove, pots, etc. needed to cook it. Scouts should be experienced with the stove they use for this as they will be unsupervised.

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 snow/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 and 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 Klondike. 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 for **adult volunteers only**. The second can of soup will be donated to a local food bank. Each adult 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, contact the Klondike 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

Camp Koinonia is located approximately 75 miles east of Seattle just off of I-90. Take exit 78 – Golf Course Road; turn right onto Golf Course Road; in 0.3 mile turn right again on Nelson Siding Road and travel 0.5 mile to Camp Koinonia Lane; follow road 0.5 mile to the camp entrance.

Winter Over: If your troop is planning to stay over Friday and/or Saturday night, you can register for tent camping or a very limited number of cabin beds. Campsites are available starting at 2:00 pm on Friday. The parking lot will be plowed, toilets provided, campfires are OK but there are no fire-pits so you must bring your own portable fire pit, and it must be fully extinguished whenever the campsite is unoccupied or vacated. Campsites are not judged.

Cabins: Exclusive cabin use is not guaranteed and will be assigned by Klondike staff. Friday night only camper’s check-out is Noon. Saturday night only camper’s check-in time is 2:00pm.

Garbage collection: Please take any garbage bags to a central collection in the parking lot near the road so that camp staff can more easily collect it.

Water is available only at the Dining Hall.

WEBELOS

Webelos are invited to attend either as a Webelos Patrol or as a guest of a Scouts BSA 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, unless they are the guest of a Troop and have their own separate sleeping area and adult supervision. If you want to stay over on Saturday Night, we recommend you ask a troop to sponsor you. The “Webelos sled” is ok, but the events are geared to the wood sled.

Klondike Challenge Race – the Iditarod!

When the siren sounds in the afternoon to signal the end of the Challenge Events (see schedule), all patrol leaders must make their way to the Assay Office near the Klondike Kitchen to get their gold weighed and receive their reward! At this time, patrol leaders will also receive a “Golden Ticket” which is their sled’s entry into the great Klondike Challenge Race – the Iditarod. The rules are a little different every year, so make sure you get a copy of them. They are up on the Klondike web site and will be available at Klondike for the leader’s meeting in the morning.

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 2:00 PM on Friday to select a campsite on a FIRST-COME-FIRST SERVED BASIS. A staff member will assist you in locating a camping site.

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

The 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 their group.

Friday night “Winter Over” unit check-in will be open between the hours of 4pm to 10pm. Saturday morning check-in will be from 8am to 9am. 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
 - Copy of the BSA Health form parts A and B, which should include a copy of the family insurance card, 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 from 5 - 8 scouts. Patrols that are smaller than this could be challenged at some of the events.
3. Copy of your Tour Permit (if you are outside the Chief Seattle Council and need one)

No one will be admitted without a BSA Health form! This is a National policy.

CHECK-OUT AND CAMPSITE CLEAN-UP

Checkout hours are Saturday after the closing. Troops must have their campsites inspected before they are allowed to checkout and receive Klondike Challenge patches. All equipment must be removed from the 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. Parking will be \$5 per vehicle to help pay for management of this process. Trailers are an additional \$5. Carpooling is strongly encouraged. Some of these areas will be restricted for safety reasons and to permit access by emergency vehicles. To avoid traffic congestion, 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.) A Klondike parking permit will be provided.

KLONDIKE WEEK TIME SCHEDULE

Thursday Prior		(1 week) Cutoff date for Friday night “winter over” pre-registration
Friday	2:00 pm	Start arriving
	4:00 pm	Klondike registration opens
	8:00 pm	Mayors/Event leaders check in
	9:00 pm	Campfire program at Klondike HQ Yurt and Kitchen <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Campfire! Hot chocolate!• Your skits, songs and run-ons!
	10:00 pm	Registration Closed
	10:15 pm	Taps
Saturday	6:00 am	Breakfast begins in Dining Hall
	8:00 am	Dining Hall closes
	8:00 am	Klondike Challenge onsite Registration open
	8:30 am	Patrol Leader Council at Klondike HQ Yurt
	9:00 am	Flags and announcements
	9:10 am	Adults meet at Klondike HQ Yurt
	9:30 am	Chilkoot Pass Sled Inspection
	10:00 am	Klondike Challenge Events
	12:00 pm	Hot Lunch (patrols eat on the trail, adults at Klondike HQ)
	1:00 pm	Resume Klondike Challenge events
	3:00 pm	End of Klondike Challenge events, Patrol Leader turn in gold at Klondike HQ Assay Office, patrols prep for Iditarod
	3:30 pm	Iditarod Challenge Race
	4:30 pm	Recognition and Rewards, closing flag ceremony
	5:30 pm	Klondike is over, departing units can check out.
	6:00 pm	Dinner in Dining Hall for those who purchased it
Sunday	8:00 am	Flapjack breakfast for those wintering over to Sunday
	9:00 am	Interfaith Service
	10:00 am	Check-out for remaining units