LUMBERJACK KLONDIKE 2013

WHAT IS COLD WEATHER CAMPING?

The Boy Scouts of America defines cold weather as any camping that takes place when the high temperature of the day is 50 degrees F or below and is or could be involving cold, wet or windy conditions.

No camping is quite as exhilarating or challenging as that done in cold weather. Cold weather is not just camping in snow. It may involve hiking, snow shoeing, or skiing. Regardless – cold weather is fun.

PREPARING FOR COLD WEATHER

The single most important point of cold weather camping is that the cold is not as bad as it seems. Your attitude about the cold has a greater effect on your enjoyment of the camping than does the weather. Thus, cold weather is no excuse for not camping. In fact succeeding at cold weather camping can be a great source of personal satisfaction. Cold can be unpleasant and may provide a great excuse for quitting, but a major hurdle is overcome once you learn to handle the cold and decide that it need not interfere with the fun of camping.

Cold weather camping takes planning and training. The preceding paragraph is straight out of the BSA's handbook on cold weather camping. Here are some good resources: Okpik, Cold Weather Camping BSA, The Boy Scout Field Book, The Venture Handbook and Snow Camping.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

For personal equipment you will need to refer to the experts. Check out literature on cold weather camping to prepare properly for this type of outing

Make sure your Troop meetings incorporate cold weather preparations for this outing. Teach your scouts the proper equipment needed for safe comfortable for their Klondike experience.

TENTATIVE KLONDIKE ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Friday, February 22nd 2013

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Check in and set up camp
6:00 pm	Supper (on your own)
9:00 pm	Campfire
9:30 pm	Cracker barrel &Leader orientation

Saturday, February 23rd 2013

6:30 am	Reveille and breakfast (on your own)
7:30 am	Klondike staff meeting
8:00 am	Opening ceremony
8:45 am	Competition begins
12:00 am	Lunch (provided by Order of the Arrow)
1:30 pm	Resume competition
3:00 pm	Sled race
4:00 pm	Closing ceremonies

Although the Klondike officially ends on Saturday, those who wish to may stay over until Sunday and enjoy more cold weather camping. Breakfast will be provided Sunday morning by the OA for an additional $2 per person.

HOW TO GET THERE

Take Interstate 40 west from Flagstaff or east from Williams to Belmont exit. Go south to Camp Navajo and follow the signs.

REGISTRATION FEE

In order to cover the cost of patches , awards, the lunch meal and use fees at Navajo Army Depot we need to charge everyone (adults included) $12.00 for the Klondike.

EVENTS

SHELTER BUILDING

FIRE STARTING AND FLAPJACK COOKING

EMERGENCY FIRST AID

LOG PULL

CROSS-CUT SAW

MEASURING TREE HEIGHT

SLED RACE

TOTIN' CHIT CLASS

PATROL ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE KLONDIKE

A patrol-built sled no longer than 6 feet and no wider than 18 inches. No outriggers on the sled. The sled should be built with the ability to attach wheels in the event there is no snow. The sled is used to carry equipment.

A complete First Aid Kit with all items that might be needed to perform First Aid and rescue of accident victim.

Rope for Log Pull event.

Materials for Shelter Building Event

Matches and Flint and Steel for the fire building event. Also cooking gear to cook over that fire (For pancakes, plan accordingly)

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Cooking equipment and food for all meals except lunch on Saturday.

Camping equipment.

Any other equipment that you feel is necessary to participate in cold weather camping.

In addition to the equipment needed for the events for the day, be sure to plan accordingly for the overnight stay in snow and a very cold night. Be sure to bring adequate sleeping gear and clothing. Check each patrol member's equipment before departing for the Klondike.

Be sure that each patrol plans well for food and cooking. In cold weather camping our body will burn more energy that on traditional outings. Make sure that there are plenty of high energy snacks and water. **Firewood and water will not be provided;**

BSA POLICY ON THE USE OF CHEMICAL FUEL

For safety reasons, knowledgeable adult supervision must be provided when scouts are involved in the storage, handling and use of chemical fuels.

Battery operated lanterns and flashlights should be used by scouts in camping activities, participating in or around camping activities, particularly in or around tents. No chemically fueled lantern or stove should be used inside a tent.

Both gasoline and kerosene shall be kept in well marked approved and stored in a well ventilated, locked box at a safe distance (minimum 20 feet) from buildings and tents.

Empty petroleum cylinders should be returned home. They may explode when heated.

The use of liquid fuels for starting fires is prohibited.

All types of space heaters that use chemical fuels consume oxygen and must only be used in well-ventilated areas.