

**THE OLD PORTAGE DISTRICT  
PRESENTS  
THE YUKON TRAIL, SEARCH FOR GOLD  
2017 CUB KLONDIKE**



**CAMP MANATOC  
JANUARY 27 – JANUARY 29, 2017  
DEN LEADERS  
AND  
CUB MASTERS GUIDEBOOK**

## **Overview**

The Klondike Derby is a winter camping and Outdoor Skills competition. Each competing group needs a sled that uses scout power to pull it. Groups can carry any supplies or equipment and pull them through the competition course stopping at as many stations as time permits. Each event will provide scouts a fun opportunity to

experience outdoor winter activities. The ideal patrol size is 6 to 8 scouts each. Multiple patrols/sleds per unit are encouraged. The objective is to have fun and enjoy outdoor activities along with meeting others that share the same ideals and interests that you have.

This year we are testing this event at the Cub level. We will incorporate 8 events on Saturday during the day. Units can visit any event station in any order. This event is designed to be outdoor fun and not a competition. Score will not be collected

## **Theme - “The Yukon Trail, Search for Gold”**

This year’s Klondike has been developed from a time in the late 1800’s when the Klondike gold strike in North America. The Yukon Trail, officially known as the Chilkoot Trail, is a 33-mile long passage through the Coast Mountains from Bennett, British Columbia, in the north to Dyea, Alaska, to the south. In 1896 news of the Klondike gold strike spread, attracting mobs of inexperienced men, and in some cases, families, seeking fortune. Although there were other passages to the Klondike, the Chilkoot Trail was the shortest and least expensive route, becoming known as the poor man’s passage. The Chilkoot Trail was almost instantly abandoned in 1899 when the White Pass and Yukon Route railroad was built at Lake Bennett, providing cheaper transport. Because of the popularity of the 1896 to 1899 Klondike gold rush, the Chilkoot Trail earned its legendary status. There will be 10 events with many of them influenced by the period represented. The events will be spread out enough to keep them from bunching up but close enough that the patrols can visit all of the events if desired.

## **Program Explanation**

Each group will guide their sled from one event to another during the Saturday event stations. At each station the team will have a task to perform.

At each station, there will be one or more Eagle Scouts in charge; that will be handling the event. They will be judging everything, including scout spirit, or lack of it, and if the sled team listen to and follows instructions.

## Information for Leaders — Please share with your Scouts

- You are Scouts and are bound by **the Scout Law, especially the first point to be trustworthy.**
- Each Unit Leader will be given a map (or a list of events) provided at check in.
- Units should attempt as many stations as possible in any order they wish. They are not required to try all stations.
- As you arrive at each event, units should demonstrate their scout spirit by giving their patrol yell.

## Information for Adult Leaders — Please share with your other leaders

- Adult Leaders and visitors are welcome to observe the operation of the Klondike Derby, but we do ask that they not interfere with the operation of the events. One of the objects of this event is to encourage the scouts to use their own skills and make their own decisions. And most of all, have fun.

## Equipment requirements

You must have a Sled! There is not a sled design requirement. Durable sleds made of plastic are recommended. Sleds should be long enough and wide enough to sit a passenger. (Toboggans and store bought metal runner or inflatable sleds are not allowed).

## Other Activities

- Lunch will be provided – A hot lunch of hotdogs and soup or chili will be provided for all Cub Scouts and Leaders at the Training Lodge pavilion.

## General Information

- In Case of Emergency! - First Aid is available at the District Headquarters at the Training Lodge.
- Leader Coffee - Coffee is available for ADULT leaders in the District Headquarters (Training Lodge) all weekend. Please bring your own cup (no sucking out of the spigot permitted).
- Hot chocolate will be available at the Training Lodge throughout the day on Saturday. **CUPS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED.**

# Safety Considerations

- As always the lakes are closed. Ice notwithstanding stay off the lakes!
- Insure that all your Scouts are outfitted correctly for the weather. Sneakers, un-waterproofed hiking boots, etc. are unacceptable. January is no time to be experimenting with footwear.
- Adequate sleeping gear is a must. Recall what it is like to sleep on the snow! Your sleeping equipment, both what is above you as well as what is below you is you.
- Keep your (and of course your Scouts) equipment as dry as possible. This is probably the single most important challenge of the weekend.
- This weekend is designed to challenge the winter tent camper. Scouts learn best how to handle the tasks of camping and staying warm when confronted with the rigors of tent camping.
- This event will go on regardless of the weather conditions. Be Prepared.
- ***There will be NO vehicles permitted beyond the parking lots for any purpose.***
- To the maximum extent possible units should arrive at camp with the minimum number of vehicles.
- When you arrive on Friday, please keep your unit in the camping area. As we have events for Saturday set up.

## The Agenda!

The following information is needed to complete the Klondike Check-in:

1. Two copies of the unit roster.
2. Check or Money for any remaining fees or a copy of the prepaid receipt.

All Scouts on the roster must be registered at the Council Office by close of business on Friday January 20, 2017. Two-deep leadership is required throughout the day.

### Saturday January 28

7:00am- 8:30am – Check in at the Training Lodge.

9:00am - Assemble at the Swimming Pool Field.

9:15am - Event begins with a shotgun start.

11:30am - Event stations will close. You should report to the Training Lodge Pavillion.

11:30am to 1:00pm - Lunch Break

1:00pm - Event stations will reopen.

4:00pm - Event stations will close.

### Saturday Event Stations

At check in the locations for all events will be provided. Your unit may work all of the events in any sequence. When you have completed all the events you may re-visit any event you wish. Please allow units that have not completed the events to go first.

Below is the current list of event themes to assist in your preparation.

- Archery
- Sling Shots
- Fishing
- Blind Maze
- Iceberg Jump
- Ice rescue
- Smoosh board
- Snowball targets

## **Webelos**

Second year Webelos may participate with Boy Scout Troop as follows:

1. Webelos may come out for the day on Saturday and go around to the events with their adult leaders. The event operators will show the Webelos what is to be done at that event and then the Webelos may demonstrate their knowledge at that activity.

Or

2. Webelos may camp for the weekend with a Boy Scout Troop under the following conditions: (1) Must camp one-on-one with an adult partner (their parent); (2) Must be the guest of a Boy Scout Troop and (3) May be integrated with existing Boy Scout patrols or Webelos may go from station to station and see the activities first hand and be instructed and permitted to demonstrate their knowledge at that activity. (No Webelos only patrols will be permitted to compete).

Scoutmasters should call your Webelos den leader and extend an invitation. Remember, these are your future Boy Scouts.

Thank you for attending the 2017 Old Portage District Klondike!