

KLONDIKAVEN NEWS

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Scoutmaster Edition

Welcome to Klondikaven!

Here we are again! This is number 47 for the "Deep Freeze" and number 45 (or so) for the "Klondike Derby". We hope that this year's event is better than all that have gone before and that you and your Scouts have fun this weekend, sharpening your winter camping and hiking skills in the process.

PLEASE REMIND YOUR PATROLS TO BE AT THE STARTING LINE AT LEAST 30 MINUTES EARLY (BEFORE THEIR ASSIGNED START TIME) IN ORDER TO GET THROUGH THE "CLOTHING CHECK" AND HAVE THEIR SLEDGES AND PATROL FLAGS JUDGED. Otherwise, they will lose valuable time.

Registration at "Anaktuvuk" (a.k.a. Nature Lodge)

Make certain that you receive one Patrol Leader packet (tan envelope) for each of your Derby Patrols then give them to your Patrol Leaders as soon as possible. We give the PLs all the information they need (map, route card, and instructions) in plenty of time to PLAN their Derby Day. **Make certain that each Patrol spends some time with these documents** before they are to report to the Starting Line. DO NOT, however, allow them to go to any of the Derby Stations before 10:00! They must leave from the Starting Line!

Medical Forms

Be sure to turn medical forms in at Registration then remember to pick them up before you leave. They will be kept by the Event Health & Safety Chief (Aaron Phillips) at Horsley Lodge during the event and then will be available for you to pick up at Norris Hall after the Sunday AM Closing Ceremony.

EMERGENCIES

Immediately report all injuries and other emergencies to Camp Ranger Dan Crumb (White House) and Event Health & Safety Chief Aaron Phillips (Horsley Lodge).

Report Your Campsite Location

When you have selected a campsite for your Troop, report its location to Staff in the Nature Lodge. You may camp anywhere on Boyhaven property. The Health & Safety Team will be checking Deep Freezers Saturday night (only). Report cabin and lean-to locations to Staff as well. We want to be able to find you in an emergency!

Camp Headquarters

Anaktuvuk Pass (Nature Lodge) is Camp Headquarters for the Saturday morning registration. **Anchorage** (Horsley Lodge) is HQ for first aid, primary warming hut, and health form repository during the event. After about 10:00 AM on Saturday, the Program Staff will move to **Wasilla** (the White House). Aaron Phillips & Company will man Horsley Lodge throughout the weekend. These folks are **IN CHARGE** of the "Deep Freeze" operation from a health & safety standpoint.

Two-deep Leadership is REQUIRED

BSA Youth Protection Guidelines are in effect. Scoutmasters and/or other Youth Protection trained adults are responsible for making certain that these guidelines are followed. Two adults leaders must be in your campsite area at all times when Scouts are present. Adult leaders in nearby sites may be included in the two-deep count.

Boyhaven Road Rule

Due to increased traffic (large fast-moving trucks in particular) we strongly recommend that Scouts not walk on Boyhaven Road. In the PL information packets that you picked up at Registration, your Patrol Leader has been instructed to STAY OFF BOYHAVEN ROAD. All events are located on the White House (east) side of the road and there are marked trails on the Klondikaven map that they are to use. Please help us enforce this rule! (Exceptions are made for Troops camping on the west side of The Great Crevasse... but BE CAREFUL crossing it!)

NO PARKING on Boyhaven Road

The Sheriff may ticket your vehicle! Or a Big Truck may take a bite out of it. Use the lower-level parking lot if you're camping near Banker II. If it's full, drop off your Scouts and gear then park in the Norris Hall lot or either of the lots near the White House. But not in the White House driveway!

NO VEHICLES in the Banker-II or Horsley Lodge Areas

Except for "official vehicles", no cars or trucks are to be driven into the Banker-II or Horsley Lodge areas. Use sledges to transport Troop gear from the parking lot. We have to keep the roads open for emergency vehicles.

Mark Your Tent!

If one of your Scouts is found to be "in trouble" during the Deep Freeze overnight, the "checkers" will want to notify you that they have taken him to Horsley Lodge. Please attach a piece of brightly colored surveyor's tape to your tent so

that they don't have to awaken the whole campsite looking for you! You will receive a piece of surveyor's tape at Registration.

"Deep Freeze" Lean-to Policy

Lean-to rental arrangements should have been made directly with Twin Rivers Council (at least two weeks prior to your arrival in Camp) using their standard procedures and forms. If you neglected to do this, please make the appropriate payments to Ranger Dan Crumb or to Twin Rivers Council following the event. You are on your honor...

No Meddling on the Derby Trail!

Patrols should not be accompanied by adults on the Klondike Derby Trail. They will "do their best"; there's no need for side-line coaching. Adults should, however, feel free to roam and observe station operations. Mayors will be quick to scold meddling adults! Please respect (and encourage your visiting parents and leaders to respect) the orange-flagged "Spectator Areas" at each of the Derby Stations.

Patrol Flag and Sledge Judging

Patrol Flags and Derby Sledges will be judged at the Starting Line on Saturday morning. Again, make sure that Patrols report to Norris Hall at least **30 minutes** before their assigned Start Times (noted on their Route Card).

Campsite Health & Safety Inspections

Health and Safety inspections of all campsites should be conducted by the Scoutmaster or Troop Health & Safety Officer. Use the checklist included in this Scoutmaster information packet that was distributed at Registration. Please have a SAFE weekend.

Scoutmasters are ultimately responsible for the safety and well being of their Scouts

Leader's Meeting - HORSLEY LODGE

Don't miss the Leader's Meeting Saturday evening starting promptly at 7:00 in Horsley Lodge. Be sure there are a couple adults back in your general campsite area to satisfy the TWO-DEEP LEADERSHIP requirement. This is a meeting for adult leaders and SPLs (only) to review the day's events. Light refreshments will be available.

A Scout is Reverent

All Troops are strongly encouraged to attend our in-Camp "Scout's Own" worship service in HORSLEY LODGE at 9:00 AM Sunday morning conducted by our Event Chaplain.

Closing Ceremony on Sunday at NORRIS HALL

At 9:30 AM sharp, we will line up by Troop (with flags) in front of NORRIS HALL for presentation of Klondike Derby/Deep Freeze awards. Blue, red and white ribbons will be presented to Patrols based on their performance in Saturday's Derby events. The "Ace Patrol" will receive the coveted "Ted Brow Snowshoe Award" to display at their meeting-place for one year. Special recognitions will also be awarded to Patrols that placed first, second, and third in the Sledge Judging Event, Patrol Flag Contest, and in the individual Klondike Derby Events. The Third Annual Don Montanye Award will be presented to the Troop that registered the largest number of Scouts and adults on Saturday. The First Annual Bob VanDycke Award will be presented to the fastest Patrol that completes the entire Klondike Derby Trail of events.

Trash Removal

Pack it in; pack it out. Take it home with you... The Camp Ranger no longer makes "garbage runs". Thanks for your cooperation...

Site Check-out Inspections

Scoutmasters are responsible for making certain that campsites, lean-tos and cabins are in "better than we found it" condition before the Troop leaves Klondikaven. Your "Scoutmaster's word" on this will get you your Health Forms after the Closing Ceremony. If we find a less-than-acceptable condition after the event, phone calls will be made. We know where you live!! We've got your number!!

The Event Brochures

The SM and PL Brochure information was posted to the Camp Boyhaven website by early October '08. If you have any comments or suggestions for improving the Brochures, please contact George Loucks in the next few weeks while the Event is still fresh in your mind. Are there other things that need to be explained or explained in more detail? We plan to have the 2011 Brochures ready to go by next October, so give us a holler if you have ideas to share!

And, lastly, a BIG THANK-YOU...

...from all of us who plan and run the annual Camp Boyhaven Klondike Derby and Deep Freeze. It's a year-round effort, not only for us but also for you, our Scoutmasters. Preparing Scouts to safely and skillfully participate in this event and other outdoor wintertime activities is a monumental task. But the job we are doing is important. **Some day, some time, somewhere, one of our Scouts may survive or help others survive using the knowledge, skills and confidence we have helped him gain. Keep up the good work. SCOUTING IS IMPORTANT... more important than ever.**

The 2010 Klondike Derby & Deep Freeze Staff