

# KLONDIKAVEN NEWS

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Scoutmaster Edition

## Welcome to Klondikaven at Camp Wakpominee!

Here we are again! This is number 58 for the "Deep Freeze" and number 55 (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.**

**ALSO MAKE SURE THEY FILL IN THEIR ROUTE CARDS (PATROL NAME, etc.).**

## Registration at "Anaktuvuk Pass" (a.k.a. Gelder Hall)

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 reviews 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!

**EMERGENCIES: Immediately report all injuries and other emergencies to the Campmaster at the Campmaster Cabin and Event Health & Safety Chief (Ranger station or Gelder Hall).**

## Report Your Campsite Location

When you have selected a campsite for your Troop, report its location to Staff in Gelder Hall. You may camp anywhere on Wakpominee property except where a mayor has set up an Alaskan City! The Health & Safety Team will be monitoring traffic and general safety during the Klondike. Scoutmasters are responsible for scout safety at all times in camp. 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** (Gelder Hall) is Camp Headquarters for the Saturday morning registration through the end of the Klondike Derby. The Health and Safety Chief will man Wasilla

(Gelder Hall this year) through the end of the KDDF at 10:00 AM Sunday.

## 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 adult 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.

## Sly Pond Road Rule

We strongly recommend that Scouts not walk on Sly Pond Road. In the PL information packets that you picked up at Registration, your Patrol Leader has been instructed to STAY OFF SLY POND ROAD. No events cross Sly Pond Road.

## NO PARKING on Sly Pond Road

The Sheriff may ticket your vehicle! Although multiple vehicles parked on Sly Pond Road last year, the Sheriff simply warned us to not do that again. We've improved parking this year, so that should not be necessary. Carpooling will help!

## PARKING and DRIVING AT CAMP WAKPOMINEE

Use the three parking lots (One across Sly Pond Road, and two on the camp side main road before the hill). **Driving inside camp (beyond the Visitor Lot) is restricted between 9:00 and 4:30.** In an emergency, the roads can be used. However, if not a true emergency, any Mayor or Safety Chief can authorize a vehicle to drive out of camp. This must be minimized. If you know you will leave during the Klondike, just park across Sly Pond Road in the big parking lot, not up in camp.

This year, we will allow vehicles to drive to the Visitor Lot during the event, but they must stop/park if scouts are visible.

**SPEED LIMIT IN CAMP IS 5 MPH, AND DRIVERS MUST YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS.** If possible, use sledges to transport Troop gear from the parking lots rather than drive. If you are on an icy road, and can't be sure of stopping in an emergency, you should park. If you can get enough aids to clear the road of scouts such that if you started to slide, no one would be injured, then you can proceed. Short of that, just park your vehicle and enjoy the event. Scout and adult safety is far more important than anything you were planning to attend.

## "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.

## 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 the Trading Post 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 - Gelder Hall

Don't miss the Leader's Meeting Saturday evening starting promptly at 7:00 in Gelder Hall. 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

Although we previously held Sunday all-souls service, we have lost our Event Chaplain and need to relocate the service at Camp Wakpominee. This service is suspended until it can be resolved.

## Closing Ceremony on Sunday at Wasilla (Gelder Hall)

At 9:30 AM sharp, we will line up by Troop inside Gelder 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 Brown 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 Annual Don Montanye Award will be presented to the Troop that registers the largest number of Scouts and adults on Saturday. The Annual Bob VanDycke Award will be presented to the Patrol that completes all of the Klondike Derby Trail events in the shortest time. The Annual Dean Slack Award will be presented to the Patrol with the best time in the Sledge Race "to the Leper Colony and back". And the George Loucks Award will be presented to the troop with the best score at Egegik.

## Trash Removal

Pack it in; pack it out. Take it home with you... The Campmaster does not make "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. We expect your "Scoutmaster's word" on this. 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 2022 Event Brochures

The 2022 SM and PL Brochure information are posted on the Twin Rivers website fall of 2021. If you have any comments or suggestions for improving the Brochures, please contact Brian Campbell (518) 372-6251 or (518) 265-0061 (cell), or you could submit a change proposal using the form on the website. SMS that intend to rent cabins or lean-tos need to contact TRC to learn when this opens up for 2021. They go fast! Contact us soon after a KDDF with comments.

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

...from all of us who plan and run the annual 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 2022 Klondike Derby & Deep Freeze Staff