

# The Great Southwest Klondike

Mystery Mania

## Leader's Guide Supplement (2/12/2026)

### Camp Raymond

February 20<sup>th</sup>-February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026



# Purpose of this Document

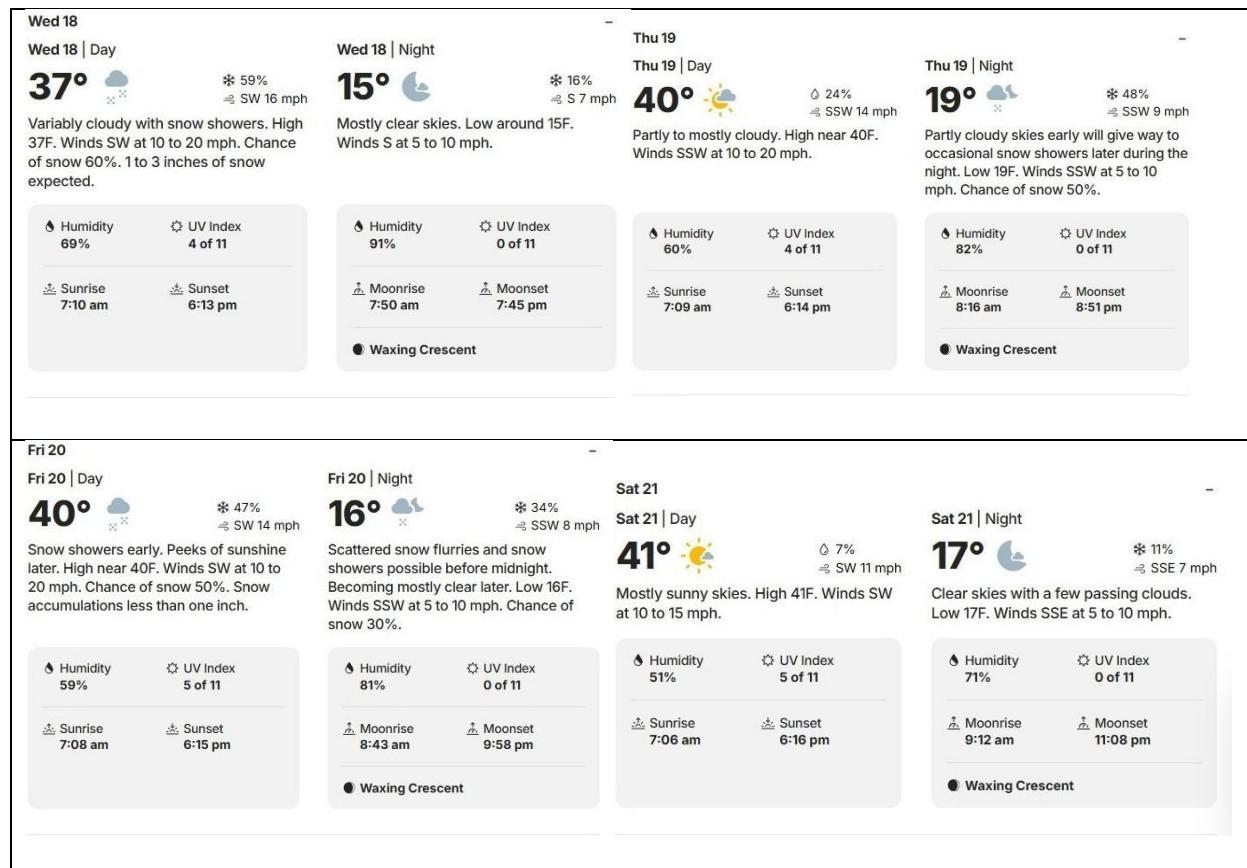
**Provides updated event information and additional details for Klondike 2026.**

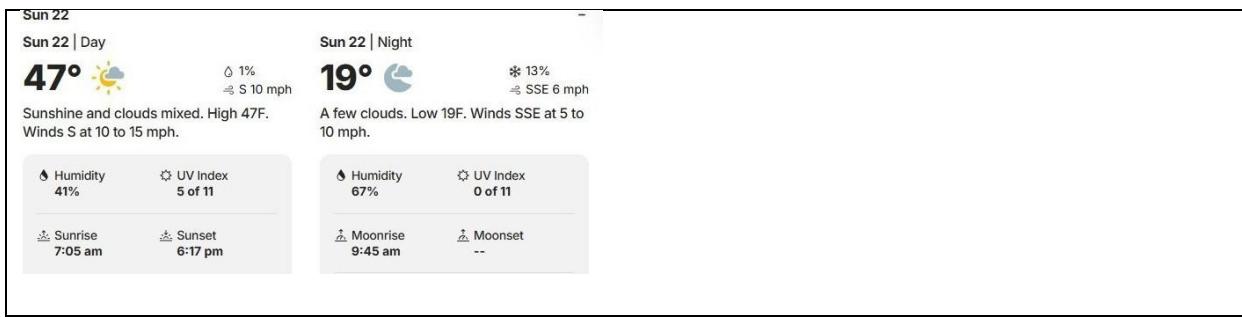
## Important Clarifications

- There is only one theme for Klondike: Mystery Mania based around the boardgame Clue
  - A mention of a Gold Rush theme had been accidentally left in the 2026 Leader's Guide, please disregard.
- Depending on the weather and state of camp roads it may or may not be possible to drive into camp sites to deposit unit gear. Please be prepared to haul gear in with your Klondike sleds from parking lot area if necessary.

## Weather Forecast Update

Current weather for Parks, AZ from the Weather Channel 10-Day forecast as of 2/12/2026 is:





Please be aware this is a long-range forecast and weather can change. Be weather aware and be sure and check the weather regularly up until arrival.

Currently Camp Raymond is projected to receive rain and snow the week before Klondike and the week of Klondike. Accumulations are not anticipated to be more than 1 to 3 inches. Even though the projected highs are 40°F to 47°F which will melt most of the snow, there will be snow and/or mud in shaded areas of the camp.

**Do not take this forecast as an indication that proper footwear and clothing for cold weather camping is not needed. Camp Ranger wants to emphasize that tennis shoes are not proper for Camp Raymond under these weather conditions.**

Please pay attention to overnight lows which will be in the mid-teens. These lows mean adequate sleeping arrangements will need to be made. Of note is the rating on most sleeping bags are for survival only to be comfortable you want a rating that is 10°F to 20°F lower than your expected overnight temperature. Your bag may have a comfort rating that takes this into account.

## FOOD & WATER *Meals, Dietary Needs, Water*

**Is water provided at camp?** All campsites will have water available at the hydrants at each campsite. The hand washing stations near the latrines in the campsite will not have water as they have been winterized. Please do not turn water on to these stations while in camp as they are not freeze-proof and can lead to damage of water lines supplying them.

### Menu:

#### Saturday Lunch

- Alibi Alfredo – Grilled Chicken with Pasta in Alfredo Sauce
- Ms. Scarlet's Suspicious Salad – Garden style salad served with Dressing
- Mr. Green's Guilty Garlic Toast – Garlic Toast
- Con Artist Cobbler – Fruit Cobbler Dessert
- Drinks – Lemonade or Koolaid, Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Water

### Sunday Breakfast

- Secrets & Gravy – Biscuits with Sausage Gravy
- Elusive Eggs – scrambled eggs
- Fraudulent Fruit Cocktail – Fruit cocktail
- Drinks – Lemonade or Koolaid, Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Water

If you registered a special dietary need you will be accommodated during the meals.

# Additional Items to Bring

## *Packing List for Everyone*

- Work Gloves for Service Project
- Ranger has suggested units bring a suitable shovel to remove snow from around the camp pit toilet doors if necessary.
- Proper footwear for cold, snowy, and muddy camp.
  - **NO TENNIS SHOES PLEASE – you will be cold, wet and miserable if you do.**
- At least two complete changes of clothing in case what you wear gets wet. It's important to stay dry in cold weather to stay warm.

## *Competition Event Additions*

- Fire Making & Cooking
  - In case of fire restrictions please bring a small camp stove to cook your flapjack on.
  - Don't forget the equipment need to cook a flapjack
- First Aid
  - Each sled should have a patrol first aid kit.
    - Do not forget that you may be required to transport your event victim. Plan accordingly.
- Service Project
  - Please bring work gloves for everyone in the patrol.

## *Golden Spork Youth Cooking Competition*

- This is optional Saturday evening activity.
- Cook your best in camp patrol Mystery Dinner. Winner will take home the coveted Golden Spork.
- Submit at Dining Hall for Judgement
- Patrols interested in competing will be issued a single compartment Styrofoam meal container at Check-in.
  - Place your entry in the container and mark clearly on the outside your unit and patrol name.
  - Submit Entries at Dining Hall at 5:45 PM.
- Each sled should have a patrol first aid kit.

## ***Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge Requirements Met***

- The Emergency Preparedness Competition Event is designed to meet Requirement 8d of the Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge requirements list.
  - **8. Emergency Service. Do the following:**
    - (d) Take part in an emergency service project, either a real one or a practice exercise, with a Scouting troop or a community agency or at Scout camp or at a school. Review what you learned and practiced with your counselor.
  - Note that this is the take part in an emergency service practice exercise. A Scout would still need to review what they learned and practiced with their merit badge counselor.

## **Sleds**

Don't forget to make provisions in your sled to add wheels in case there is not enough snow to slide the sled around the Klondike Competition course.

## **Campsite Campfires**

Units can have fires in their campsite during Klondike. Remember to bring kindling, tinder, and fuel for your campfire. Ranger has stated that there is a limited amount of firewood available but it is wet and will be difficult to start. It would be best to bring your own supply of firewood. Tinder and kindling will not be provided at all.

Propane campfire rings are acceptable as well.

## **Driving to and in Camp**

Ranger has asked that all participants traveling to, in, and from camp observe the posted speed limits. This is for your safety and to prevent damaging roads.

Remember that part of the drive into Camp Raymond is open range and there is a strong possibility for animals to be on the road including deer, elk, and cattle.

## **Adult Program Details**

The Klondike competition is designed for youth patrols to compete against other youth in a setting where they provide leadership and solve the problems not their adult leaders. To that end please do not follow your unit patrols around the competition course. Due to nature of Cub

Scout Arrow of Light program their will be an exception made for 2 of the pack leaders to accompany their AOL patrol.

There will be a separate Adult Track program running while the Klondike Competition is active. Below is the Klondike Adult Programs Schedule:

Saturday

- 9 AM – 10:30 AM Fortress Hike (Weather Permitting)
  - Meet at Dining Hall
- 10:30 AM-12PM Compression Only CPR
  - Volunteers from local Fire Department will be doing training.
  - Held in the Dining Hall
- 12PM to 1PM Lunch
  - Dining Hall with entire Camp
- 1 PM to 4 PM Adult Dutch Oven Cook-Off
  - Meet at Front Porch of Dining Hall
  - For Details on the Cook-off see 2026 Klondike Leader's Guide