

**2026 Winter
Rendezvous
January 16th-18th
Adult Leader and
SPL Meeting -
Comprehensive**

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Welcome to the 2026 Winter Rendezvous! This meeting is an opportunity for you to hear first hand from the Committee members who have organized this event and who have been planning these past several months to provide you with another memorable Hoosier Trails Council event.

This presentation will provide you with a look at this year's activities, give you insightful information and tips, and provide you with a platform to ask questions before you come.

I hope you find this presentation useful in preparing you for attending the Rendezvous and it helps begin to get you excited at what this year has to offer.

While we will cover much of the pertinent information in this presentation, please remember that the most thorough resource you have is going to be the Participant Guide. Make sure you download it and the other available attachments on the registration page.

Register Early for Incentives

Save time slots for the Klondike Derby

Sign up to have guaranteed slots at shotguns but this is offered all day

Sign up for your choice of adult volunteer slots and times

Enter your seating preference for Feast Session 1 or 2

Enter campsite preferences during registration



1. Once you register you will receive an email asking for a Gmail to send the links to access the Google documents.
2. Permissions will then be granted to that user to access the pre-registration documents.
3. Please tell your volunteers they will need to arrive at their designated station 10 minutes early to get instructions and setup before the participants to arrive.



Have your list of scouts and adults ready

Get your campsite assignment and take your trailer back to campsite

Trading post is in the Admin Building and will be open

Adult only flushable toilets located on backside of the building on the deck

Road behind leads to West Ridge camping and Target Ranges

1. Check in at the Administration Building upon arrival. An adult leader and the SPL should check in and confirm the attendees in your unit. They will get a packet of materials, information about the Friday night Leaders Meeting, and any last minute instructions.
2. The Trading Post will be open if you need anything on Saturday.
3. Take your trailer to your campsite and set up. Do not do this before checking in. Ground conditions need to be considered before vehicles are authorized in camp. Only 1 vehicle and the troop trailer are allowed at the campsite. All other vehicles must stay in the parking lot. Snow and ice will make getting up the hills very difficult.

Health Lodge

- Immediately next to Admin Building
- Open 24 hours
- Meant for needs beyond scratches and basic first aid
- OA Basement and Shelter is behind this building



1. A Health Officer will be housed in the Health Lodge so it can be open 24 hours.
2. Meet with the Health Officer to discuss any medical needs of your scouts.
3. Discuss with your unit winter weather ailments and first aid prior to arrival.

Order of the Arrow Basement & Shelter

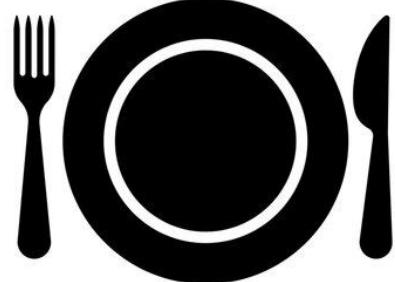
- Water spigot is located on the outside wall to refill water containers
- Two dryers inside the basement if needed for emergency drying needs
- Interfaith service will be here during both seatings of the FEAST
- Bathroom in OA basement is reserved for those housed in those living quarters - not for public use
- Storytelling station will be here both morning and afternoon sessions



1. Located behind the building where you find the health lodge.
2. A brand new station! Storytelling at the Cozy Cabin.

Dining Hall

- Friday Night Leader meeting (Adult Leader & SPL)
- Volunteer Signup
- Saturday Night Feast and cracker barrel
- Open 24 hours for emergencies.
- Closing campfire will be held at campfire arena behind this building



Campmaster Cabin

- At the top of the parking lot
- Two visitor bathrooms available with flushable toilets
- Open to everyone
- Easy for people to find



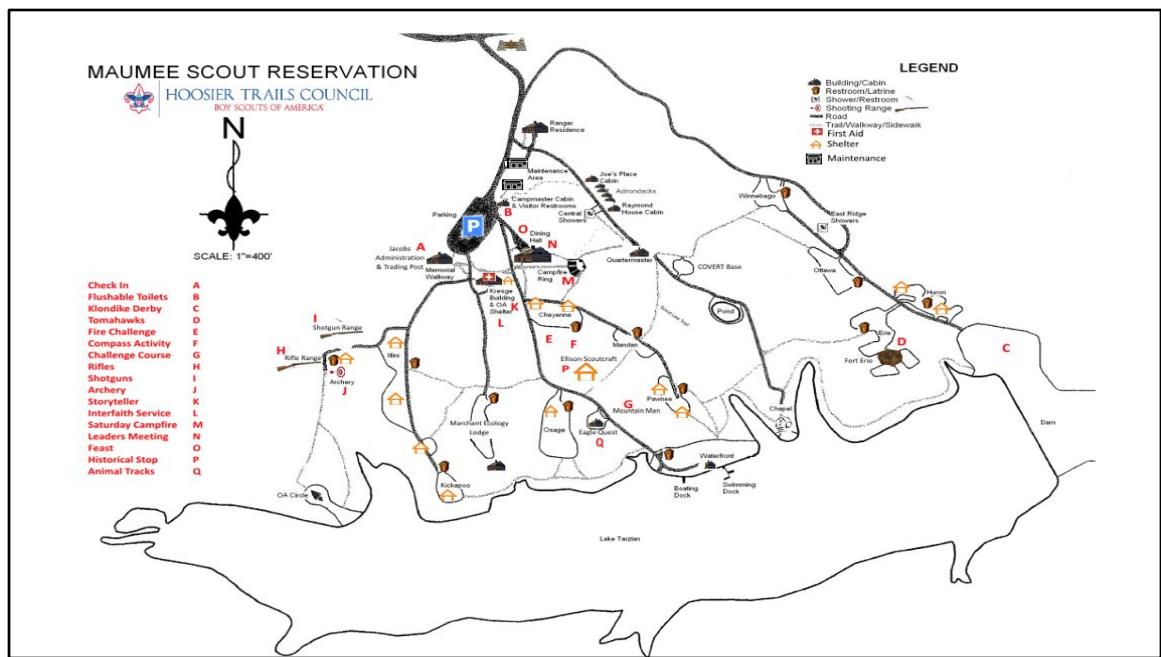
Program

- 3 Main Program Areas
- Leave in time to have FUN
- 11:00 – 1:00 Cooking Competition judging in the Dining Hall
- Modifications will be announced at Leader Meeting

Friday, January 16th	
5:00 PM	Event Check-in Opens @ Admin
9:00 PM	Event Check-in Closes; Unit Leaders, see Camp Staff in Dining Hall
9:00 PM	Leader Meeting & Cracker Barrel for SPL and Scoutmaster @ Dining Hall
	Klondike signup and time confirmation for each patrol
	Volunteer signup for stations (bring names for those who can work)
11:00 PM	Lights out - camp quiet!
Saturday, January 17th	
8:00 AM	Check-in opens @ Admin for units coming just for the day (Units MUST check in first to confirm pre-registration information and receive campsite assignments.)
8:45 AM	Round 1 Klondike sleds report to check-in table at Lower Huron (Phase 1)
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Program Areas are open
10:00 AM	Round 2 Klondike sleds report to check-in table at Lower Huron (Phase 2)
11:15 AM	Round 3 Klondike sleds report to check-in table at Lower Huron (Phase 3)
11:30 AM - 1:30PM	Cooking Competition entries submitted @ Dining Hall
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch break (except Klondike)
1:15 PM	Round 4 Klondike sleds report to check-in table at Lower Huron (Phase 4)
2:45 PM	Round 5 Klondike sleds report to check-in table at Lower Huron (Phase 5)
4:00 PM	All Program Areas, including Klondike, end
4:30 PM	First Seating for FEAST @ Dining Hall BYOM - Bring Your Own Mess Kit-cutlery
4:30 PM	Interfaith Worship Service @ OA Shelter
5:45 PM	Second Seating for FEAST @ Dining Hall BYOM - Bring Your Own Mess Kit-cutlery
5:45 PM	Interfaith Worship Service @ OA Shelter
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Closing Campfire - Awards Presented @ Campfire Ring
8:00 PM	Cracker Barrel @Dining Hall
11:00 PM	Lights Out - Camp Quiet!
Sunday, January 18th	
8:00 AM	Camp Cleanup & Check out begins Clean fire pans and leave in the campsite. If you used straw spread it out. Take all trash to the dumpster @ Dining Hall.
10:00 AM	All Units Have Departed

*All Times and Locations Subject to Change

1. Three main program areas will be East Ridge at the dam and Fort Erie; Center Ridge at Cheyenne Meadow, Scoutcraft, Mountain Man, and Eagle Quest; and the Range & Target Activities on West Ridge.
2. Program lists 5 rounds of Klondike Derby. Patrols MUST arrive 15 minutes early so the times listed here are 15 minutes prior to the actual start times. We want to ensure the patrols have the full amount of time to do all the stations so being on time is essential. Remind your patrols to factor in the walking time it will take from your campsite to the dam area where the Klondike Derby is being held. If they arrive late they won't be able to go during that time slot and will need to sign up for another available slot.
3. Leaders Meeting will be the time for discussing any final changes & adjustments to the schedule and for last minute sign ups for Klondike times and volunteer slots; ends with a cracker barrel for those who attend.
4. Lights out time Friday night is 11pm so everyone can get plenty of rest for the big eventful Saturday.
5. Programming times are from 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm. The Cooking Competition will be judged between 11:00-1:00 allowing for some extra time to get the entries in to the judges.
6. Volunteers who work the AM shifts will have lunch delivered to them at those stations so stick around for a hot meal.
7. Feast seating begins a 4:30pm for first session and 5:45 pm for second session. Your assigned time will be included in your welcome packet upon check in.
8. Interfaith services are held in the OA Shelter at the same times as both Feast sessions.
9. The evening campfire program will be held at the campfire arena behind the dining hall. Awards and recognitions area part of the program followed by a final cracker barrel.
10. Sunday morning all units cleanup and pack up and should checkout at Admin no later than 10am.



This map has the identifying locations for the Winter Rendezvous.
An additional station has been added: Animal Tracks @ Eagle Quest.
Extra maps and schedules will be available at the Admin building if needed.

Klondike Derby

- Check in Station is near Lower Huron at the end of East Ridge as you walk towards the dam
- 4 Stations – 1 hour to complete, 2 patrols per station, rotation, shotgun start
- Must arrive early. No patrol will be allowed to go on course if they are late.
- At given time, patrols must leave the current area and move to the next phase
- Patrol makeup is 4-8 scouts. Events designs for smaller patrols. Troop Guides may accompany the patrol but may not assist
- Lake is off limits



Stations:

* Sled Race Time Trial	* Bear Bag
* Estimation Station	* Split the Match

1. Patrols should be 4-8 scouts as the events are designed for smaller patrols.
2. 2 Patrols per unit are allowed to preregister. Friday night there may be a possibility to add more once all units have had a chance to sign up
3. If a unit doesn't have a sled and needs to borrow one or if a unit has one they would be willing to share during the event, please email Terri. Only 2 patrols will be allowed to use any one sled.

Klondike Derby Item List

Equipment needed by each patrol on the sled before checking in:

1. Firewood (1 per patrol member) to leave at least one piece of wood at each station's warming fire
2. Additional items:
 - Bag/tarp suitable for a bear bag
 - Hatchet

Each individual Scout will need:

1. The 10 Essentials
2. Totin' Chip card
3. Appropriate winter gear
4. A dry pair of socks (in a Ziplock bag)

1. Each sled should have the same number of pieces of wood as there are patrol members (or maybe a few extra). The patrol will leave at least one piece of wood at each station they visit to help keep the fires burning for the volunteers.

Klondike Sleds

- Sleds of all kinds and shapes
- Best to have wheels
- Must support all gear needed for stations and 1 patrol member
- Can be shared with 1 other patrol
- Camp carts are not allowed



Sleds should be equipped with both skids and wheels that are easily removable. This allows them to be prepared whether there is snow on the ground or not. Larger, wider wheels are recommended as they are easier to maneuver over the ground at camp.

Center Ridge Programs

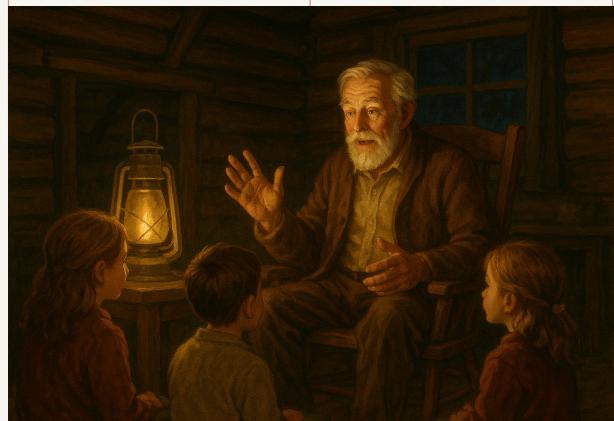
- MOUNTAIN MAN
 - Challenge Course
- CHEYENNE MEADOW
 - Fire Height Challenge
- SCOUTCRAFT SHELTER
 - Compass to Cache
- EAGLE QUEST
 - Animal Tracks



1. Challenge Course has new activities again this year and is scored based on the fastest patrol time.
2. The fire building will be based on the height of the string that they burn. The higher the string you burn the more points. Scouts are given these resources: 5 matches, tinder, kindling, and three small pieces of fuel.
3. The compass activity “Compass to Cache” will challenge scouts to use their environmental and orienteering skills to locate a cache for a reward. Participation points given for this activity.
4. Animal tracks is a fun matching game that challenges scouts to match the picture of the animal to the picture of the track. Participation points given for this activity.

The Cozy Cabin Storytelling

- OA Shelter
- Stop by to warm up and listen to a great storyteller
- Warm drinks provided - bring your own mug!



1. The OA Shelter will be transformed into a cozy retreat from the cold.
2. Extra points for stopping in to warm up under a blanket and drink some hot cocoa or hot cider, and listen to a story by one of our talented storytellers. Bring your own mug!

Range and Target Activities

- 22 Rifle
 - Interactive Targets
- Shotgun (buy tokens)
- Archery



1. Pre-register for a guaranteed slot for shotgun shooting. Walkups will be available but preregistering gives you the guaranteed slot.
2. Shotgun participants must purchase “tokens” at the Trading Post which they then turn in to get the ammo for their shoot. Prices are \$3 for five or \$5 for ten.
3. Archery returns this year to the delight of our participants.

Cooking Competition

- Judging will occur between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM at the Dining Hall



1. This year's competition is for "old-time cabin cooking". The dish may be sweet or savory and needs to include ingredients like those listed in the Participant Handbook. It must be made completely while at camp.
2. Bring your finished dish to the dining hall between 11:30am - 1:00pm for judging by the kitchen staff. Be ready to tell them what makes your dish an old-time cabin favorite.
3. There will Best Dish Awards for both youth and adults, plus honorable mentions.

THE FEAST!

(All menu items are subject to last-minute change.)

The Entrees

- Pulled Pork, roasted low and slow with a special spice rub; served with Art's Scotch Barbecue Sauce on the side
- Steak Tips with onions and mushrooms; kosher-friendly
- General Tso's Chicken, chicken thighs in sauce; gluten-free
- Lo Down Mein, spicy noodle stir fry; Vegan/Vegetarian
- Crawfish Etouffee, Cajun classic; contains shellfish

Sides

- Potato Salad, mustard-based dressing; Vegan/Vegetarian
- Deconstructed BLT, salad of lettuce, cherry tomatoes, bacon crumbles, and croutons; dressed with Ranch dressing
- Collard Greens, Southern classic; contains bacon
- Soda Bread, traditional Irish bread; contains gluten

Desserts

- Cheesecake Two Ways
 - Turtle cheesecake(fudge, caramel, pecan topping); contains dairy, nuts, gluten
 - White chocolate raspberry cheesecake (white chocolate, raspberry topping); contains dairy, gluten
- Baklava, flaky pastry drenched in honey; contains nuts, gluten
- Tiramisu, class Italian cream cake flavored with a hint of coffee; dairy-free is available; contains gluten
- Almond cookies, gluten-free; contains nuts



- 4:30 is First Seating
- 5:45 is Second Seating
- BYOM (Bring Your Own Mess Kit)

Campfire Program

- 7:00 PM Saturday
- Campfire Arena behind the Dining Hall
- Awards and Recognitions handed out from all programming and work done at the weekend event
- Cracker barrel at Dining Hall afterwards



When the Rendezvous is Over



Now go Register!

<https://scoutingevent.com/145-95756>

Registration attachments:

- * Participant Guide
- * Annual Health & Medical Record
- * Camp Map with Program Areas
- * Cold-Weather Camping Checklist
- * Directions to Camp
- * Klondike Sled Item List
- * Schedule of Events



1. You will find all the necessary documents needed to help you prepare to attend this event on the registration page. The Participant Guide is the most thorough source of information.
2. To register use the link listed here in your browser or go to our HTC website at hoosiertrails.org and find the event on our calendar. Clicking on the event will take you straight to the registration page.