



**WHAT IS CAMP ALASKA?** Camp Alaska is a Winter Camporee and Scout skills competition consisting of stations named after Alaskan cities each with its own contest. Camp Alaska is open to Scout BSA Troops, Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, and Webelos Dens. **Adults are allowed to be observers only!** Some of the Scout skills that will be tested throughout the day are: First Aid, Communication, Fire Building, Team Work, and, Pioneering.

In addition to a specific task, at each station the patrols (den/crew/ship) will be asked a question based on their general scouting knowledge that if answered correctly earns the patrol points. At Camp Alaska we abandon modern technology in favor of skill and ingenuity. Patrols will have to use their wits and skills they have learned through scouting.

Veteran Camp Alaska Scouts are invited to take on the challenges of cooking a hot lunch (to be judged by Camp Alaska staff) and advancing to each City by following an orienteering course. The top ranked patrol will receive an award. Please let us know during check in if you want to participate and if you need to partner with another unit.

**BSA REQUIREMENTS:** Youth and adults must be BSA registered to participate. Two unit leaders (adults) are required to be responsible for all youth accompanying a unit. All leaders are required to be trained in youth protection.

**SCOUT SPIRIT:** Camp Alaska staff will be looking for and rewarding "Scout Spirit" throughout the day. Scout spirit applies to how a Scout lives and conducts his or her 'daily' life. Scouts show Scout spirit by being a role model to their peers, being a good leader and living by the Scout Oath and Law. Scout spirit is based on how a scout helps bring out the best in others as a reflection of their own character and attitude in their 'daily' life.

**VISITORS:** Visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend. Guests may attend and observe many of the day's activities at no cost. All visitors please sign in and out at the North Pole.

**HEADQUARTERS and FIRST AID:** Located at the North Pole. This area is manned throughout the day. Also, there is a warming area for your "EMERGENCY" use.

**CAMPING:** Troops may select their campsites as they arrive at Camp. Webelos may camp with a Troop or may camp on their own. Camping is permitted anyway in the park except for marked off program areas. One vehicle & trailer per campsite.

**MEALS:** Meals will be cooked in your troop / patrol campsite. Some patrols choose a Saturday sack lunches to maximize time available for competition. Bring your own cooking gear and food, camp staff will not provide cooking or camping gear to units. Open fires are only allowed in fire rings or other burning vessels that contain the coals and guard against the wind.

**PATROLS:** Camp Alaska is a Scout patrol-based event. Let the patrol succeed or fail on the strength of its members. Scout leaders may accompany their Scouts only as observers and may not lend assistance or offer advice. Patrol members must work together to navigate the course and complete the events. The ideal patrol size is six (6) to eight (8) scouts. The Patrol Leader should ensure that all members of their Patrol participate and contribute throughout the day.

**WEBELOS DENS:** Webelos are encouraged to participate, either integrated into Scout Patrols, or preferably, as individual Webelos Dens. An adult Cub Scout leader should accompany Webelos Dens but should only offer minimal assistance. The adult leader should ensure that each Webelos scout has an opportunity to act as "Patrol Leader" at some point during the day. Webelos Dens will be in a separate competition category.

**BE PREPARED:** It is the responsibility of each scout and adult scouter to be fully prepared for a wide range of winter weather conditions. Each person attending Camp Alaska **MUST** be prepared for extreme cold, high winds, rain, sleet, snow and just about any other weather you can think of. It is the duty and responsibility of each unit leader to see to it that all participants have received adequate cold weather training and are properly equipped including but not limited to proper clothing, shelter, food, water and first aid. Closed toe shoes must be worn at Camp Alaska; crocs don't offer much protection from Polar Bears 😊

**PATCHES:** Registered / paid camp participants will receive a Camp Alaska 2024 patch.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Like Klondike events all over the USA, Camp Alaska is a traditional camporee format. Each unit is asked to provide adults or older scouts who have mastered Camp Alaska to assist with some of the event stations during the competition. Several Units are "sponsoring" a station. All volunteers are very much appreciated.

## **SCHEDULE:**

### **Friday, February 16th**

6:00pm Check-in begins at the North Pole  
9:00pm SPL / Scoutmaster meeting at the North Pole

### **Saturday, February 17th**

7am: rise and shine  
9am-12:00 Camps Open for Competition  
12:00-1pm Lunch  
1pm-4pm Camps Open for Competition  
4-5pm: Patrol Leaders turn in gold nuggets at the North Pole  
5:30pm-7:30pm Dinner  
7:30pm Dutch Oven Dessert Competition. Each Patrol / Den send your contest entry with a representative to the North Pole. After judging, everyone eats!  
8pm Awards Presentation

### **Sunday, February 18th**

8-10:00am Check out at the North Pole. A leader from each Troop / Ship/Crew/Den will need to check out before leaving camp. A staff member will inspect your campsite before you leave. After staff has inspected your site you are free to leave.

**SLEDS:** Each patrol must have a sled or wagon for transporting their Patrol gear from one town to the next.

### **PATROL EQUIPMENT (Must be on your sled throughout the day):**

- Compass
- Patrol First Aid Kit, equipped for Wilderness First Aid
- Scout Handbook or Scout Field Guide
- Passport (will be given at Friday night check-in)
- Sack lunch for each Scout or no-cook Patrol meal
- Fire building material, tinder
- Multiple means to light fire
- Tarp, minimum size 8' x 8'
- 5' –10' length of knot rope for each Scout, need at least 40' total per Patrol
- Handkerchiefs (1 per scout), will be used as blindfold, Scout neckerchiefs work
- Water bottle or canteen for each Scout
- Garbage bag – pack out your own trash
- Raingear for each Scout
- Frying pan; suitable for use on open fire
- Bag for carrying gold nuggets

**SCORING:** Patrols will have the chance to win gold nuggets at each station that will be counted at the end of the day to determine the event winners. Nuggets will be awarded for a variety of activities such as those listed below. There may be additional activities specific to a certain City/station that will also be judged to see if any bonus nuggets may be awarded. Nuggets will be awarded to each patrol at each station and the patrol is responsible for turning them in at the North Pole at the end of the day. Camp Alaska staff will meet to compare notes to determine if any additional nuggets shall be awarded.

- 1 Nugget Patrol completes the station
- 1 Nugget Patrol demonstrates teamwork
- 1 Nugget Patrol showed Scout spirit
- 1 Nugget Patrol answers the question correctly – may use resources

**DUTCH OVEN DESSERT COOKING COMPETITION:** Each Patrol is encouraged to participate. Patrols may prepare whatever dessert they desire but it must be made in a **DUTCH OVEN**. **There will also be an Adult Leader competition.** Entries will be judged separate from the Scouts. Adult entries must also be made in a **DUTCH OVEN**.

**CAMP ALASKA STAFF:** the North Pole will be staffed 24/7. If you have questions in advance, please contact:

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