



GAMEHAVEN GOLD RUSH

2024 Winter Camporee and Klondike

January 26th – 28th

Gamehaven Scout Camp



Summary

WELCOME! The Gamehaven Council Camporee Staff are excited to host the 2024 Klondike Derby. We welcome you to Gamhaven Scout Camp as your units embark on the "Gamehaven Gold Rush", a test of Scout skills, knowledge, and teamwork. The staff have worked hard at putting together a fun program and hope that we live up to the successes of previous years. Enjoy your journey and have some fun! **Please carefully read through this Guide to be sure that we have covered all the details for this year's event;** and if there any questions, please contact one of the District Camporee Contacts listed below. We also ask that you be sure to cover as much of both the Gold Rush and Campout details with your scouts and adult leaders before arriving.

New this year – open all day – the **Gold Nugget Trading post**. Gold nuggets that the Patrols earn at each town can be redeemed for various items. The more towns you visit and nuggets you earn the more your Patrol will have to spend at the Gold Nugget Trading Post.

The derby will begin with the patrol-size teams racing their sledges from the flagpole up to the activity field in heats of seven or eight. The first-place team in each heat earns 5 nuggets; others receive fewer (1-4) nuggets. After their race, each team will be given a map of the area. Numbers indicate the locations of towns "settlements" where Scout skills will be tested.

To spread out the competitors, teams will be to different towns for their first test. After that they can go to any other town for more tests - although they won't know what the tests will be until they arrive. The tests will be based on Scoutcraft skills through First Class rank. Map-reading skill will be tested right away, as teams must find their first town by using the provided camp map. If they arrive at the correct station to start, they are awarded 5 nuggets. The Scouts should have a good idea of which skills they will need based upon the list of equipment to carry on their sledges, including a compass, dry wood supply, flint and steel, first-aid kit, poles, ropes, pocketknife, and sheathed axe.

Adult leaders are discouraged from accompanying their patrols around the course on the theory that Scouters should "train 'em, trust 'em, let 'em lead." (Exceptions allowed for any Webelos dens in the derby.)

Camporee Staff Contacts:

SUGAR LOAF

Tom Demarais

tom.demarais.bsa@gmail.com

HIAWATHA

Tim Tofil

tjtofil@us.ibm.com

WAKPAOTA

Ray Goranson

foozie101@hotmail.com

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Johann Medcraft

johannmedcraft@hotmail.com

REGISTRATIONS

Gamehaven Council
(507) 287-1410

CAMP DIRECTOR

Brady Geary

brady.geary@scouting.org

GAMEHAVEN SCOUT CAMP

Registration

Registration should be completed by Troops when possible. For camporee staff or Webelos, individual registrations are also allowed. Complete your registration by visiting scoutingevent.com/299-wintercamporee24.

Online registration is due by January 24 so we can get an accurate number of planned attendees to ensure we have enough lunch and dinner supplies for all attendees.

YOUTH REGISTRATIONS

Scouts BSA Youth (Ages 11-17) | \$0

Webelos Youth (Day Only) | \$0

ADULT REGISTRATIONS*

Adult | \$10

Webelos Adult (Day Only) | \$10

*All adults spending the night at camp MUST have a current overnight-approved registration and position in the Boy Scouts of America. If you are unsure if your position is overnight-approved, contact Brady Geary at brady.geary@scouting.org or call (507) 361-5345.

Upon arrival at camp, all units must check in with a Camporee Staff member and provide a hard-copy roster of all attending youth and adults. This does not replace the need to register online.

Overnight Options

Troops may camp either one or two nights, or just come out for the fun Klondike program on Saturday. Webelos may only attend the Saturday program and may not camp overnight.

If your unit wishes to come out to camp to create Quincie-type snow shelters prior to Friday January 26th, please e-mail Tim Tofil (tjtofil@us.ibm.com) to arrange a troop campsite camping location. Troop campsite locations will be assigned on a first come, first served basis, so register soon on the website.

Meals

A hot lunch will be supplied by the Camporee on Saturday. It will consist of hot soup and hot dogs. Hot and cold drinks, cookies, and disposable bowls/cups/spoons will also be provided (mess kits not needed for lunch).

A hot dinner will be supplied by the staff on Saturday to those that sign up for this option during registration.

All Participants are being asked to bring 2 canned or dry food items for donation to the food shelf. Please turn these items and time of arrival.

Lunch garbage will be disposed by the staff. Troops camping overnight are responsible for their own garbage disposal.

GAMEHAVEN SCOUT CAMP

Equipment Needed

Each patrol should bring a well-equipped Klondike sled to the morning stations. Plans for many styles of Boy Scout Klondike Sleds can be found on the internet. Although a patrol built sled is preferred, a plastic toboggan can serve as a Klondike sled for an easier alternative. The sled should be capable of holding 200lbs. of weight. Provisions should be made so the entire patrol can assist in pulling and/or pushing their sled. Each sled should carry the following gear contained in a tub and /or bags securely attached to the sled: 2 tarps (one that is ~5'x7' and one that is at least 8'x10'), 50' paracord or twine, six 8-15' long lashing ropes, snow shovel, foam pad, four 5-6' scout staffs or walking sticks, covered pot to boil water, 2 gallons of water, enough hot chocolate packages to make 2 drinks per patrol member, cups for each patrol member to use along the trail, a waterproof bag with spare dry socks, gloves, hat, and blanket or sleeping bag, a patrol first aid kit, trash bag, scout handbook, compass, patrol flag, and water bottles for all participants. Supplies to make a small campfire . Some of these sled supplies may be used at the afternoon patrol challenges and will allow the patrols to make some hot chocolate using the stoves and/or fires provided at several morning stations to warm up the scouts.

Various internet sites have plans for scout sleds, and here is one typical scout Klondike sled plan:

http://www.inquiry.net/outdoor/winter/gear/sleds/ben_hunts_klondike.html

Although we encourage unit overnight camping at the camporees, there are many units that choose not to winter camp and only participate in the Klondike stations and activities on Saturday, which is perfectly acceptable.

Scoutmasters/SPLs: Please make sure that your scouts are properly dressed for the weather and have adequate gear if camping overnight. This would include good winter boots, warm (not cotton) socks, layered clothing, hat, face protection, and gloves or mittens. Extra socks and gloves/mittens for each scout to exchange for wet ones is recommended. All scouts should bring the BSA 10 Essentials. (A listing of these and recommended winter outing clothing and gear can be found here: <http://boyslife.org/outdoors/outdoorarticles/6976/scout-outdoor-essentials-checklist/> . Scouts who are not properly dressed for the weather will not be allowed to participate for their own safety. We will be outside the entire day (except for lunch) and there will be limited opportunity to warm up during morning stations and afternoon patrol challenges.

Only troops camping Friday night will be eligible for judging for the District Camporee traveling Trophies. Inspection/scoring forms will be available at the SPL/SM meeting and/or at some district events.



Other Information

Klondike base of operations will be the Cub Scout Pavilion at Gamehaven Scout Camp.

There will be a limited amount of firewood available for troops camping overnight. Not all troop camping sites will have an established fire rings so troops should be prepared to make a leave-no-trace fire if needed. Water will be available at the Admin Building. Water for bottles will also be available at the Cub Scout Pavilion.

Depending on weather, Troops camping overnight may have up to one vehicle pulling trailer drive to assigned campsite. Only staff vehicles will be permitted to drive inside camp during Klondike Program times. All other vehicles must remain in the camp main parking lot. Accessibility exceptions can be made given prior notice – please call Brady at (507) 361-5345 or email brady.geary@scouting.org.

Troops are encouraged to invite the Webelos and Arrow-of-Light Cubs and adults from their associated packs to participate in the Saturday Klondike events. This is a great way to generate excitement prior to cross-over of the Cubs.

Troops which are not planning to attend the Klondike, but which may have individual scouts who wish to attend the Saturday activities, should have those scouts contact Tim Tofil, who will facilitate the creation of 1-3 “all-star” patrols for the Klondike. Any leader wishing to help with this endeavor can also contact Tim at tjtofil@us.ibm.com.

About the Klondike

In August 1896, prospectors discovered gold in the remote Klondike region of Canada's Yukon Territory. In July 1897, the S.S. Portland arrived in Seattle, Washington, with more than a ton of Klondike gold on board. This event touched off the great Klondike Gold Rush as thousands of people who dreamed of becoming wealthy began booking passage on steamers heading north from Seattle and other West Coast ports to the Yukon. Upon arriving at the northern end of the Inside Passage, however, these adventure-bound stampedeers found no easy route leading to the still distant Klondike region. Their progress was slow as each prospector made repeated trips over the rugged trail through the bitter cold. Imagine pulling a sled loaded with three to six hundred pounds of supplies over a stretch of ice up a steep grade, strewn with boulders and logs, then crossing over a river bed on a couple of trees laid side by side and you get a picture of their labors. Facing 60-mile-an-hour winds in 65-degree-below-zero weather, the prospectors had to ascend the Chilkoot Pass – 1,000 feet straight up. With a steady stream of stampedeers lining the path each day, it took forty trips to get a ton of supplies up the mountain. Those who survived the mountain then faced a treacherous passage by boat to the town of Dawson near the gold fields. Since 1949, Boy Scout units have been participating in Klondike Derbies as a way to honor this historic time. Scouts pull a sled loaded with supplies from station to station and compete in various Scout skill based events. Gamehaven Scout Camp is proud to be carrying on the tradition!

GAMEHAVEN SCOUT CAMP

Schedule

This draft schedule is liable to change without notice, and is provided for reference and planning purposes only. Up-to-date schedules and information will be provided to leaders at the Adult Leaders Social and SPL Cracker Barrel.

Friday, January 26th

| | | |
|-----------------|---|---|
| 5:30pm – 7:30pm | Check in PRIOR to going to troop site. Hard copy roster required <u>in addition</u> to online registration. | Admin Building |
| 5:30pm – 7:30pm | Set up camp | Troop Sites |
| 8:15pm | Adult Leaders Social | Camporee Headquarters (Cub Scout Pavilion) |
| 9:00pm | SPL and SM Cracker-Barrel | Camporee Headquarters |
| 11:00pm | Lights Out | Troop Sites |

Saturday, January 27th

| | | |
|-----------------|---|-----------------------|
| 6:30am | Breakfast / Clean up as troops | Troop Sites |
| 7:30am - 8:15am | Saturday Registration open | Camporee Headquarters |
| 8:30am | Morning Assembly | Assembly Field |
| 8:45 am | Travel to assigned towns | Towns |
| 11:30 am | Towns close | Towns |
| 11:45 am | Lunch (As large group) | Camporee Headquarters |
| 1:15 pm | Patrols Continue | Towns |
| 4:15 pm | Towns Close | Towns |
| 4:30 pm | Evening Assembly | Assembly Field |
| 5:00 pm | Supper (As large group) | Camporee Headquarters |
| 6:30 pm | Interfaith Service | Camporee Headquarters |
| 7:00 pm | Campfire Program / Trophy Presentations | Camporee Headquarters |
| 8:00 pm | Free Time (Sledding hill and tubes available) | Various |
| 8:00 pm | Day Program check-out | Camporee Headquarters |
| 11:00 pm | Lights Out | Troop Sites |

Sunday, January 28th

| | | |
|---------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 6:30 am | Breakfast / Clean Up as troops | Troop sites |
| 7:30 am | Check-out opens | Camporee Headquarters |

All units must check out by 9:30 AM