

Crooked River District **Klondike 2026:** **Tales of Our Past**



**Senior Patrol/Crew Leaders'
& Unit Leaders' Guidebook**

**Camp Manatoc
Saturday, January 24th, 2026**

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Klondike Overview

Klondike is a winter outdoor skills competition. Originally based on real-life struggles encountered by adventurers with their dogs and sleds crossing the frozen Klondike in search of wealth in the gold fields, Scouts will have the opportunity to face challenges in hopes of finding their own treasure. Many of the skills completed during the Klondike are based on requirements found in the Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks. The objective is to have fun and test your outdoor skills along with meeting others that share the same ideals and interests that you have while bonding with the Scouts in your unit.

Theme: Tales of Our Past

2026 marks the United States Semiquincentennial, or 250th anniversary! In this time, many tales have been passed down from generation to generation. This year's Klondike celebrates American Folk stories. Some stories are full of unbelievable tall tales explaining how our great landmarks were formed or used to teach valuable lessons. Other stories are exaggerations of true people or events that were stretched and embellished over time. Yet others are part of our nation's actual history. Join us on an adventure through the stories that helped to shape our culture.

Registration & Dates

Register online:

<https://scoutingevent.com/433-Klondike>

Where:

Camp Manatoc
1075 Truxell Rd
Peninsula, OH 44264

Registration closes:

Thursday, January 22nd, 2026 at 11:59 PM

When:

Saturday, January 24th, 2026
7:30 AM to 9:00 PM

Pricing

	Youth Scout	Adult Scouter	Arrow of Light
In Council (Included in Adventure Fee)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Out of Council	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00

IMPORTANT CHANGE THIS YEAR!

This year's Klondike is a single day event! All overnight accommodations must be made and paid for separately through the Camp Manatoc reservation system. No campsites will be assigned by the Klondike staff.

Camp Manatoc Reservations: <https://campreservation.com/433/Camps/671>

Questions or Concerns

If you need clarification about details regarding this event, feel free to call, text, or e-mail:

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Guidelines

This document is a companion to the *Scouts BSA Handbook for Boys*, *Scouts BSA Handbook for Girls*, and *The Guide to Safe Scouting*. If there is any contradictory information contained in this text with respect to the references, then the references to the aforementioned books and link take precedence over this document. In particular, please take a moment to review policies related to Youth Protection and Adult Supervision to ensure that your unit is following the most recent policies.

Reference Resource: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/>

About this Document

This document is intended for Senior Patrol/Crew Leaders and their adult unit leaders as a guidebook for the Klondike to ensure a fun, safe event. The Klondike Committee has tried to include as much information as needed to prepare for the event. Changes, however, may occur. Updates to the event may be reflected in subsequent revisions to this document. Changes will be conveyed either in person, text, e-mail, or phone. Please be sure to use relevant contact information when registering to avoid delays in notice of important information.

Record of Revisions

12.12.2025	Original version of document.
12.18.2026	Added Sign-up Genius Links and Schedule

Qualified Supervision

Two registered adult leaders aged 21 or over are required for each unit. There must be a female adult leader 21 years of age or older in every unit serving female attendees. While it is not required that an adult accompany patrols during this event, unit leaders must be available in case the need arises.

Buddy System

For the safety of all, the buddy system will be utilized during Klondike. Buddy groups should consist of two or three Scouts of the same gender and similar in age that stay together at Scouting events. Changes to the Guide to Safe Scouting specify that groups of three Scouts of different genders may also be buddies. A group of two boys, two girls, three girls, three boys, two boys + one girl, and two girls + one boy are all now permissible.

Scouting America Medical Forms

Unit leaders must have medical forms for each youth and adult unit member participating in Klondike. For the event, only parts A and B are necessary. Units will retain their forms in their campsite.

Scouting America Medical Form: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr>

Shooting Sports Permission Slips

Range and Target Activity permission forms are required in order to participate in the Paul Bunyan Station. Wrist bands will be given to those who turn in a form and must be worn in order to participate.

GTC RATA Form: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1G6NaxPBqPPrUbORcZTeewxlCnJzapqAP/view>

Scout Oath and Law

Adherence to the Scout Oath and Scout Law is expected during the event.

Discipline

During the event, station volunteers have the final say on matters related to scoring. Please remember to be kind and courteous. Volunteers running stations are exactly that. Volunteers! Please direct concerns regarding a station or matters to consider outside of a station to the event contacts in this document as soon as possible in order to seek guidance. The committee strongly encourages adherence to the chain of command for each unit.

Safe Areas of the Course

Although the camp is open to all participants certain sections of the camp should be avoided. These include areas such as the pool, lake, waterfall, and creek. Participants should also be aware of boundary markers denoting the limits of camp. The area surrounding the camp is Cuyahoga Valley National Park property. Participants should also avoid proximity to roadways such as Truxell Rd. Scouts should use extra precautions in areas where vehicles are permitted.

Parking Policies

Because of the large attendance at Klondike, drivers are asked to park closely together in designated parking areas. Trailers and vehicles must remain in designated parking areas. Driving in camp is prohibited while the event is in progress.

Arrow of Light Scouts

Arrow of Light Scouts may attend as the guest of a Troop for Saturday's activities only as noted in Guide to Safe Scouting. Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over from the Pack are required to attend with their AOL Scouts. They will need to be integrated with an existing troop's patrol and may participate in all stations. Troops should consider inviting AOL Cub Scout dens as these Scouts could be the future of your troop.

Please contact Kim Acomb at 330-760-5580 or kimjacomb@gmail.com if you are a Den Leader for AOL Scouts who needs to be connected with a troop participating in this district event.

Headquarters - Warming Station and First Aid Resources

The Training Lodge will serve as headquarters for the Klondike. It will be open throughout the event as a designated warming station and first aid station. A health officer will be on staff and located at the Training Lodge during the event. In case of emergency, call 9-1-1, then notify the health officer or a member of the committee.

CPR Resource

In the event of a situation requiring CPR:

- Immediately call 9-1-1
- Contact the health officer
- AED is located at the Admin Building.

Wood

Your unit will be responsible for all meals. Limited firewood may be available at admin, however, units are encouraged to bring firewood. No wood will be provided by the Klondike Committee unless otherwise discussed with a station for the purposes of running the station.

Station volunteers may maintain a fire at the station if there is a fire pit. They are responsible for providing materials to maintain and extinguish their fire. Scouts visiting stations should respect the space and resources of the volunteers and should ask before utilizing their fire. If station volunteers leave the area for lunch or other reason, they are responsible for ensuring fires are extinguished and not left unattended.

Water Availability

Cold water will be available from the frost-free water spigots located around camp. Should a unit have difficulty obtaining water from their designated camp spigot, please notify the Manatoc Camp Masters. See any Klondike Staff in the Training Lodge if you need assistance with water.

Cups of hot water for drinking may be obtained in the training lodge. We will have a limited amount of cocoa and tea as well. Leaders should have a conversation in advance of the event on being courteous to others by only taking reasonable amounts of these items so that others may also take advantage of this resource. We do not have unlimited supplies.

Latrines

Latrine facilities are located throughout camp. Bathrooms inside the training lodge will be for the use of the unit(s) staying inside the lodge. Exceptions may be made by permission of Klondike staff inside the warming station but should be kept to a minimum.

Event Communications & Weather

Effective communication will allow staff to contact units prior to camp and while at camp about changes to the schedule, changing weather, and other information. Please provide an e-mail address at registration and at least one on-site mobile phone number the day of the event at check-in.

Units will be notified of any changes using the e-mail address provided at the time of registration AND text notification using the unit leader phone numbers provided on the Patrol/Crew Rosters. **Please be sure that the e-mails and phone numbers provided belong to those who will be attending the Klondike and will be on property to ensure timely notifications.**

Unless otherwise indicated by members of the committee, council, or district, the Klondike will proceed as scheduled. Periods of snow, rain, and cold temperatures should be expected and accommodated accordingly. In case of severe weather, plans may be subject to change.

Patrols

Scouts are organized in Patrols/Crews. Each patrol appoints a leader. The ideal Patrol/Crew size is 6 to 8 scouts each, but should not exceed 10 scouts. Multiple Patrols/Crews per unit are encouraged. Adults are welcome to accompany their patrols throughout their trek but are not permitted to participate in the station activities to assist their Scouts.

A Patrol/Crew Roster (included in this document) must be turned in at check-in for each patrol as part of the check-in process. **This is a separate document from the roster each unit will submit to the camp administration for the purposes of camping if the unit chooses to camp during the event's weekend.**

Sleds

Each Patrol/Crew should have a Klondike sled that uses Scout power to pull or push it. They will load the sled with their Patrol/Crew equipment (see supply list) used to overcome challenges at as many stations as time permits.

Patrols/Crews are encouraged to decorate their sleds to tell a Scouting appropriate tale from our past. Points and prizes will be awarded in this category in addition to the stations and will earn Patrols/Crews bonus gold. Any Patrol/Crew wishing to have their sled scored for this category should have their sled and full Patrol/Crew at the flag pole by 8:15 AM on the morning of the event.

Schedule

The schedule may change as circumstances warrant. The most current schedule and map will be made available on the day of the event during check-in.

Patrol/Crew Leader Meeting

Patrol/Crew Leaders may choose one of two options for attending the Leader Meeting in advance of the Klondike for last minute details, instructions, changes, and questions. Patrols/Crews should expect to send two representatives to one of the following. Adults are welcome to attend as well, but the meetings will be geared towards the Patrol/Crew Leaders.

Option 1: Friday, January 16th @ 8 - 9 PM - **Virtual Google Meet**
meet.google.com/ixu-avfs-paf

Option 2: Friday, January 23rd @ 8 - 9 PM - **In Person**
Training Lodge, Camp Manatoc

Event Check-In

*****Troops tent or cabin camping over the weekend must make arrangements for camping separately through the Camp Manatoc Reservation System. Klondike will not be assigning any campsites.

Friday Early Check-in: Units who are camping over the weekend may choose to check-in early on Friday between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM at the Training Lodge.

Saturday Event Check-in: Units who have not already checked-in on Friday evening will check-in between 7:00 AM and 8:00 AM at the Training Lodge.

Check-In Check List: Please bring the following with you to check-in. (Details on each item may be found in other sections of the leader guide.)

- Patrol/Crew Roster(s)
- Health and Medical Forms (Units will keep their own forms but must be shown at check-in.)
- Scouting For Food Donations (optional)
- Auction Item(s)

Day of Event Schedule

Please see the separate schedule page included in this document.

Check Out

Patrol/Crew Leaders will be given a packet with their patches at the end of the auction. There will be no other check-out process. Troops renting adirondacks or cabins must check-out with the Campmasters as usual. Arrange your check-out time with the Campmasters in the Admin Office.

Volunteer Opportunities

Based on positive feedback last year, we are again asking that each unit volunteer to run a station in order to make this year's Klondike a success. We are asking that each unit provide a minimum of two registered adult scouters (18+) adults and/or two or more responsible scout volunteers ranked Star, Life, or Eagle (Pathfinder or Summit in a Crew) to help run a station.

A Sign Up Genius has been created. Stations are first come first serve and subject to elimination if no unit(s) are available to run them. Once your unit has committed to run a station, details of that station will be provided using the e-mail provided in the Sign-up Genius. Please keep these details private from your Klondike participants so that all Patrols/Crews have the same element of surprise when they visit a station and to ensure no unit has an unfair advantage.

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If you already know where your unit will be camping, please indicate this information with your unit number. We will do our best to either have the station at your campsite or nearby if your unit is staying within a reasonable distance for the event activities. Please note that some station locations have already been determined or may be chosen elsewhere based on specific needs of that station's activities.

Sign-Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094BAAAE28ABFF2-61129790-klondike>

Units visiting your station will be expected to provide some of their own materials listed in a checklist in the leader guide. The Klondike Committee will work with your unit on the details of the rest of the materials that will be provided by either your unit or the Klondike Committee to facilitate the running of that station. Scoring criteria and score sheets will be provided to your unit to help have a scoring consistency across all of the stations.

Station volunteers should check in with the Station Quarter Master during one of the two Check-in times at The Training Lodge before reporting to their station on the morning of Klondike. The Stations will be open from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM. Volunteers are permitted to leave their station during lunch from 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM, however, all unattended fires must be properly extinguished. Stations will close promptly at 4:30 PM regardless of if a Patrol/Crew is in the process of working on the station. This will allow ample time for clean-up, scoring and dinner prior to the evening activities.

Stations

Stations are subject to elimination based on volunteer availability.

Station	Description	Unit
1. Johnny Appleseed	Orienteering Sled Race	Troop 273
2. Paul Bunyan	Ax throwing (Note: RATA form must be signed in order to participate!)	
3. Follow the Bison	Lashing	
4. Crossing the Delaware	Teamwork	
5. Great Chicago Fire	Teamwork	
6. Father of the National Parks	Woods Tools	
7. Hardtack & Coffee	Cooking	
8. Peter Safar	First Aid	
9. To Build a Fire	Fire starting	
10. Call of the Wild	Shelter building	

Skill Level Limits

This event will review skills commonly referenced in the Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class rank requirements. If a scout is unable to complete the requirements because of an impairment, please inform the station master prior to the start of the activity.

Map

A map of the stations will be provided at check-in.

Scoring

Stations will be competitive and/or instructional. Scoring will be based on teamwork, Scout spirit, Scouting skills, Scouting knowledge, and problem solving. Starting stations will be drawn at random by the Patrol/Crew Leader at the time of check-in to ensure an even distribution of participants across the stations at the start of the Klondike. From there, Patrols/Crews will plan their own route using the map provided at check-in. It is not required that a Patrol/Crew participate in each station, however points earned at stations will be used for rewards and "gold."

Station volunteers are responsible for fair scoring of all the Patrols/Crews and are considered to be the "experts" at that station. Arguing of scoring will not be permitted with the volunteers. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the Klondike Chair.

Gold

"Gold" is our auction currency that will be awarded to each patrol based on their scored performance at each station. Basic bags will be provided for collecting gold. It will be the responsibility of each patrol to keep track of their gold, remembering that although this is a competition, a scout is trustworthy. Stealing gold or other items from other patrols is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. At the conclusion of the event, Patrols/Crews are invited to participate in an auction at the end of the evening where they can spend their "gold" on prizes.

Aside from station scoring, there are four opportunities to earn bonus gold.

Bonus Gold	Description
1. Dust Bowl - Scouting for Food	Klondike Staff will be collecting nonperishable food items during check-in for Scouting For Food this year. This is an optional part of Klondike. Bonus gold and rewards will be awarded for participation.
2. Gold Rush - Auction Items	Turn in your auction item per patrol during check-in to receive bonus gold for your patrol. (See section on Auction for more details.)
3. The House Float Phenomenon - Sled Decorating	Decorate your patrol's sled in the theme of any scouting appropriate United States folklore. Scoring for this will take place before the opening flag ceremony.
4. The Legend of Bigfoot - Folklore & Scouting Trivia	Be on the lookout for the legendary Bigfoot. Correctly answering trivia questions can score your Patrol/Crew bonus gold.

Vespers

There will be a short vespers service offered before the reward ceremony. While it is not required, it is strongly encouraged. Unit's whose Chaplain's Aid wish to help during Vespers should provide their name(s) during the Leader Meeting or Check-In to the event Chaplains Aide.

Rewards

Rewards will be given in each station category and for overall Klondike performance.

Auction

The auction is the culmination of our Klondike. The auction will be held Saturday evening inside The Training Lodge following the awards ceremony. Each Patrols/Crew should bring an item for the auction that will take place at the end of the event. Each patrol should have a minimum of one item per Patrol/Crew valued at approximately \$20. These should be items that a patrol could use for campouts or meetings. Non-perishable food items are permitted but should not require refrigeration. All items should keep the intended size of a patrol in mind such that items can be distributed to all members of a maximum sized Patrol/Crew of 10 if it is not an item the entire Patrol/Crew can use. These items should be turned in during Check-in.

Patrols/crews may send two representatives for their patrol to an auction where they are invited to take the "gold" tokens earned during the event and bid on items auction style. Patrols/Units will have a chance to walk through prior to the auction to see the items they would like their representatives to place their bids on. There is no maximum number of "gold" that can be bid on any one item. Each Patrol/Crew will only be allowed to bid on items with the "gold" they earned while completing stations at the day's event. Patrols MAY NOT pool their available game tokens, regardless if they are from the same troop or not.

*****Unit leaders/adults will not be permitted to attend the auction.*****

Klondike Patrol/Crew Packing List

- Patrol Roster** - To be handed in at check-in.
- Klondike Sled**
- Scouting for Food** - Non perishables to be handed in during check-in
- Auction Item**
- Scout Handbook Paper / Pencil**
- Compass**
- Fire Building Supplies**
 - Tinder**
 - Kindling**
 - Only matches, ferro rod, flint & steel or other non-fueled fire starting methods will be permitted. Points will be tiered based on the method chosen. Volunteers running the station reserve the right to deny a fire starting method.**
- Three (or more) staves approximately 5 ft in length for lashing**
- Natural rope for lashing**
- Materials for an ax yard**
- Knife/woods tools**
- 6x8 ft or 8x10 ft tarp (approximately) for shelter**
- Guideline (parachord or similar) for shelter**
- Stakes for shelter**
- 2 cups flour (any kind, but white all-purpose flour works best)**
- 1 cup water**
- Small pot to boil water over a fire**
- First aid kit - see Scout handbook for contents**

Equipment Selection

Equipment for the Klondike is based on the requirements of each station. Note that the quantities recommended for equipment are a minimum number.

Certain equipment is prohibited from use during the Klondike. Items such as fireworks, firearms, and ammunition are not to be in camp. The committee reserves the right to exclude other items from patrol equipment as deemed appropriate.

Personal Safety Equipment

Dress for the weather! Field Uniforms (Class A) are not required at any point during the event. All clothing must be Scout appropriate. Improper dress could result in serious health injuries or safety problems. Unit leaders should plan to do gear checks with their Scouts in advance of the event to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience by everyone.

Troop/Patrol Event Roster

This is a roster for the Klondike staff. Please bring 1 copy with you to check-in.

Each Patrol/Crew participating in Klondike must provide a roster with the name of each member of the Patrol, the Troop Number and Patrol Name. Please also indicate which Scout is the Patrol Leader, and if possible a contact number for someone in the Patrol. This number will only be used for event changes and/or weather alerts. Additionally, each unit must provide the cell phone number of at least 2 Adults.

Note: This is different and separate from the roster you will turn in to the Campmasters if you are weekend camping. This is separate from the roster from my.scouting.org turned in at check in.

Unit:	Campsite:
Leader 1:	Phone:
Leader 2:	Phone:

Patrol Name:

Patrol Contact:	Phone Number:
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2. APL/ACL:	
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Schedule - Klondike 2026: Tales of Our Past - Crooked River District

Friday, January 16th, 2026

8:00 PM	9:00 PM	Patrol/Crew Leader Meeting - Option 1: Virtual	
Google Meet: meet.google.com/ixu-avfs-paf			

Friday, January 23rd, 2026

6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Optional Pre Check-in for Friday Campers	
8:00 PM	9:00 PM	Patrol/Crew Leader Meeting - Option 2: In-Person	

Saturday, January 24th, 2026

7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Event Check-in for Saturday Arrivals	
8:15 AM	8:30 AM	Sled Scoring	
8:30 AM	8:45 AM	Opening Flag Ceremony and Prayer	
9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Stations Open	
12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch - All Stations Closed	
1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Stations Open	
4:30 PM	6:30 PM	Dinner - All Stations Closed	
6:30 PM	7:00 PM	Vespers	
7:00 PM	7:45 PM	Awards	
7:45 PM	8:00 PM	Viewing of Auction Items	
8:00 PM	9:00 PM	Auction	
9:00 PM		Check-Out/Packet Pick-Up	

Sunday, January 25th, 2026

*****Any Unit Staying Overnight Must Check-Out With the Manatoc Campmasters.*****