

**“The Canal District”  
Presents  
“250 Years of Legends and Lore”  
2026 Klondike**



**Camp Manatoc  
January 16-18, 2026  
Senior Patrol/Crew Leaders  
and Unit Leaders Guidebook**

## **Overview**

Klondike is a winter camping event with outdoor skills competition. Each competing Patrol/Crew needs a Klondike sled that uses scout power to pull it. Patrol/Crews will load the sleds with their Patrol/Crew equipment and pull them through the competition course stopping at as many stations as time permits. Events will be both competitive and instructional. Each event will test and score Patrol/Crews on their teamwork, scout spirit, winter camping skills, scouting knowledge and problem-solving ability. The ideal Patrol/Crew size is 6 to 8 scouts each. Not more than 10 Scouts in a patrol. Multiple Patrol/Crews per unit are encouraged. 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.

Patrol/Crews can visit each event station in order. They are not required to participate in each station, however they are encouraged to take part in as many as possible. At each station the Patrol/Crew will be awarded points. Remember, the more points the better. These points will be used to assign awards and used to bid on auction items.

## **Theme - “250 Years of Legends and Lore”**

Since the very start of this country 250 years ago, our history has been mixed with incredible legends and wonderful folklore. In the early days there were stories of a Headless Horseman who haunted the woods of Connecticut after the days of the American Revolution. As the country expanded Westward, tales of Paul Bunyan and his blue ox Babe started to spread. When days of steam engines and railroads took the US by storm, John Henry’s legend grew. In the Wild West, you had Davy Crockett, Annie Oakley, Pecos Bill, and Geronimo. With all the forests and wilds in this great country, you can’t help but have stories like Bigfoot, the Jersey Devil, and Chupacabra. Not to mention closer to home, legend of the Fresh Water Dolphins in Lake Lichfield. Will you add your patrol’s name to the local legend here at Camp Manatoc?

# Program Explanation

Each Patrol/Crew will guide their Klondike sled from one challenge to another during the Saturday event stations. At each station the team will have a problem to solve or a task to complete. Each problem will have a point value, and some may be timed. The winner is the Patrol/Crew that has the most points. Each station will challenge the team to use Scout skills and teamwork to solve the problem. There will be one or more adult leaders in charge; that will be handing out points. They will be judging everything, including Patrol/Crew spirit, or lack of it, and if the Patrol/Crew listens to and follows instructions.

We are encouraging each Patrol/Crew to adjust the appearance of their sled to fit the theme. Points will be awarded for creativity and effort. Each Patrol/Crew is encouraged to visit as many stations as possible. Each station will be limited to no more than 20 minutes each to keep things moving and allow for the most Patrol/Crews to visit as many stations as possible.

## Information for Patrol/Crew Leaders — Please share with your Patrol/Crew

- You are Scouts and are bound by the Scout Law, especially the first point to be trustworthy.
- You may not accept or offer help to any other Patrol/Crew during the day on any problem or information concerning the Klondike stations. Of course, in a true emergency, you will give any help that is needed and notify staff immediately. As the Sea Scouts say, “Be prepared to render aid to those in need.”
- As Patrol/Crew leader you need to make sure that your sled is properly equipped; you may not receive the max amount of points if it is not.
- Patrol/Crews must compete as a Patrol/Crew with all members present at each station. The Patrol/Crew may not be split into two or more parts to compete at more than one station at the same time.
- Each Patrol/Crew Leader will be given a map (or a list of events) provided at the Senior Patrol/Crew Leaders Meeting.
- Patrol/Crews should attempt as many stations as possible in any order they wish. They are not required to try all stations.
- Your Patrol/Crew flag and equipment must be securely fastened to your sled.
- The total event will not be timed. Pace yourself, as the course covers a vast area. When you are at a station work swiftly and efficiently.
- The decision of each judge is final. There is no system of appeals.
- As you arrive at each event, Patrol/Crews should demonstrate their scout spirit by giving their Patrol/Crew yell. It could cost you points if they show Scout Spirit.

## Information for Adult Leaders — Please share with your other leaders

- Adult Leaders and visitors are welcome to observe the operation of the Klondike stations, but we do ask that they not assist the Patrol/Crews with ideas or instruction throughout the day. No coaching of Patrol/Crews, or delivering of items to any Patrol/Crew, will be permitted once the event once it starts. One of the objects of this event is to encourage the scouts to use their own resources and make their own decisions.

## Equipment requirements

For the purposes of fairness when you reach any event each Patrol/Crew will need to have the items listed below. You must have a Sled! There is not a sled design requirement. Sleds must be at least 4 feet in length, and wide enough to sit a passenger. In addition, the sled must be capable of transporting an injured individual in the seated position without assistance (i.e. some type of attached backrest). It must conform to a Klondike sled look (Toboggans and store-bought metal runner or inflatable sleds are not recommended).

For sled designs go to: <http://www.inquiry.net/outdoor/winter/gear/sleds/>.

## Equipment list

Or...what your sled needs to have on it at a minimum!

- ✓ Patrol/Crew Flag
- ✓ 9 x 10 tarp or larger
- ✓ First Aid Kit *including at least 4 Cravats*
- ✓ 4 six-foot-long staves
- ✓ 1 Gallon Drinking Water
- ✓ Compass
- ✓ Metal pot
- ✓ 20 feet of  $\frac{1}{4}$ " rope
- ✓ Scout Handbook (recommended it is in a plastic bag)
- ✓ Empty 1 Gallon Zip-Lock style Bag
- ✓ Your Sled
- ✓ Paper & Pen (or Pencil)
- ✓ Watch
- ✓ All natural kindling & fire starting items

## General Information

- In Case of Emergency! - First Aid is available in your Campsite, and District Headquarters at the Training Lodge. In case of an injury that can't be treated by basic first aid, please call 911 and also alert event staff.
- The Award Ceremony will take place at the Training Lodge Pavilion. Units are expected to be there by 7:30 PM for the awards. Social distancing must be maintained at all times.
- Leader Coffee - Coffee is available for ADULT leaders in the Dining Hall all weekend. Please bring your own cup (no sucking out of the spigot permitted).
- Hot chocolate will be available at the Training Lodge throughout the day on Saturday.

## Safety Considerations

- As always, the lakes are closed - stay off the lakes, even if the ice seems thick!
- Ensure that all your Scouts are outfitted correctly for the weather. Sneakers, un-waterproofed hiking boots, etc. are unacceptable. January is no time to be experimenting with footwear.
- Adequate sleeping gear is necessary. Recall what it is like to sleep on the snow! Your sleeping equipment, both what is above you as well as what is below you is you.
- Keep your (and of course your Scouts) equipment as dry as possible. This is probably the single most important challenge of the weekend.
- This weekend is designed to challenge the winter tent camper. Scouts learn best how to handle the tasks of camping and staying warm when confronted with the rigors of tent camping.
- This event will go on regardless of the weather conditions. Be Prepared.
- ***There will be NO vehicles permitted beyond the parking lots for any purpose.***
- To the maximum extent possible units should arrive at camp with the minimum number of vehicles.
- When you arrive on Friday, please keep your unit in the camping area. As we have events for Saturday set up.

# The Agenda!

## Friday January 16th

5:30pm - 8:00pm - Check-in at the Training Lodge. Campsites, cabins and adirondack sites are available for rent through the council office. **If a unit rents a site, you must check in with the Camp Master first and provide them with the standard facility roster that is required any other time.**

The following information is needed to complete the Klondike Check-in:

1. Two copies of the unit roster.
2. Patrol/Crew Names.
3. The location your unit is staying at.

All Scouts on the roster must be registered at the Council Office by close of business on Friday January 24, 2020. Two-deep leadership is required throughout the weekend.

8:00pm (promptly) - Senior Patrol/Crew Leaders Meeting, Training Lodge Day Room. This meeting will cover most questions they have relating to the rest of the weekend. SPL's need to have the names of each of the units' Patrol/Crews along with the number of scouts in each Patrol/Crew. (Please no Adult Leaders at this meeting. Help your junior leaders by supervising campsites during this time.)

9:00pm - Unit Leaders Meeting, TBD. This is a short meeting to cover any last-minute information, and issues from check-in. Bring your coffee cup.

## Saturday January 17th

8:30am - Assemble at the Parade Grounds. Flag Raising. Announcements.

9:00am - Event begins with a shotgun start.

12:00pm - Event stations will close. You should eat at your campsite.

12:00pm to 1:00pm - Lunch Break

1:00pm - Event stations will reopen.

4:00pm - Event stations will close. All score cards must be turned in at this time.

5:00pm to 7:45pm - Dinner Break.

8:00pm - Award Ceremony at the TL Pavilion.

9:00pm - Auction at the Dining Hall

11:00pm - Get to bed!

## Sunday January 18th

Units may check-out any time after 8:00am but no later than 10:30am

# Saturday Event Stations

This year the event list provides many opportunities for the Patrol/Crews to challenge their skills. We will be utilizing a shotgun start this year. You will be designated a station to start at and an order of stations to rotate too. This is being done to keep units safe and meet COVID restrictions. While this is the current breakdown of the events, the exact event activity is not completely defined. We are providing the event list below, so everyone can prepare, and will provide more detailed scoring procedures at the Friday Night Senior Patrol/Crew Leaders Meeting at Camp. We may offer a couple of Friday night events as well.

NOTE: A more complete list of stations will be sent with this manual as new stations have been added.

During the Senior Patrol/Crew Leader meeting on Friday Night the locations for all events will be provided. Your Patrol/Crew will work the stations in a specified sequence. Please do not skip ahead to different stations.

Score Sheets from each station should be turned in as soon as possible after the stations have closed at 4:00pm. The score sheets should be turned in at the event headquarters.

Below is the current list of events to assist in your preparation. More stations to come.

Fire Building
First Aid
Lashings & Knots
Compass Course
Mechanical Bull
Fishing
Heaving Line

Team Building
Orienteering
Kim's Game
Sled Race
Baked Potato Challenge
Scavenger Hunt
Crane Game

## Webelos/Arrow of Light

WEBELOS may participate as follows:

1. Webelos may camp for the weekend with a Scout Troop under the following conditions:  
(1) Must camp one-on-one with an adult partner (their parent); (2) Must be the guest of a Scout Troop and (3) May be integrated with existing Scout Patrol/Crews or Webelos may go from station to station and see the activities first hand and be instructed and permitted to demonstrate their knowledge at that activity. Scoutmasters, please call your Webelos den leader and extend an invitation. Remember, these are your future Scouts. This year we

will have the “WEBELOS PATROL” Award. If a WEBELOS/AOL patrol comes to a station they will be given points on Scout Spirit, willingness to try things, and overall “scoutingness”. Total of 100 max. Top three places will be awarded.

## **Check-Out Procedure**

Senior Patrol/Crew Leaders: After your unit has cleaned its campsite, fire pit and returned unused wood inside the tree line. Return any items such as picnic tables, or other equipment you may have moved to its original location. Deposit trash in the dumpster or haul home.

Unit Leader: Following the completion of the SPL’s project, stop at the Training Lodge and get your units patches if you didn’t get them at the cracker barrel and let us know you are leaving. Remember that patches will be issued to Units who pre-register first. Ensure your units get their patches at the Klondike! PRE-REGISTER!

Any unit renting a cabin must check out with the camp-master before leaving.

After you have checked out we consider that your unit has departed. Do not leave any Scouts at camp awaiting a ride.

Thank you for attending the 2026 Canal District Klondike!

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