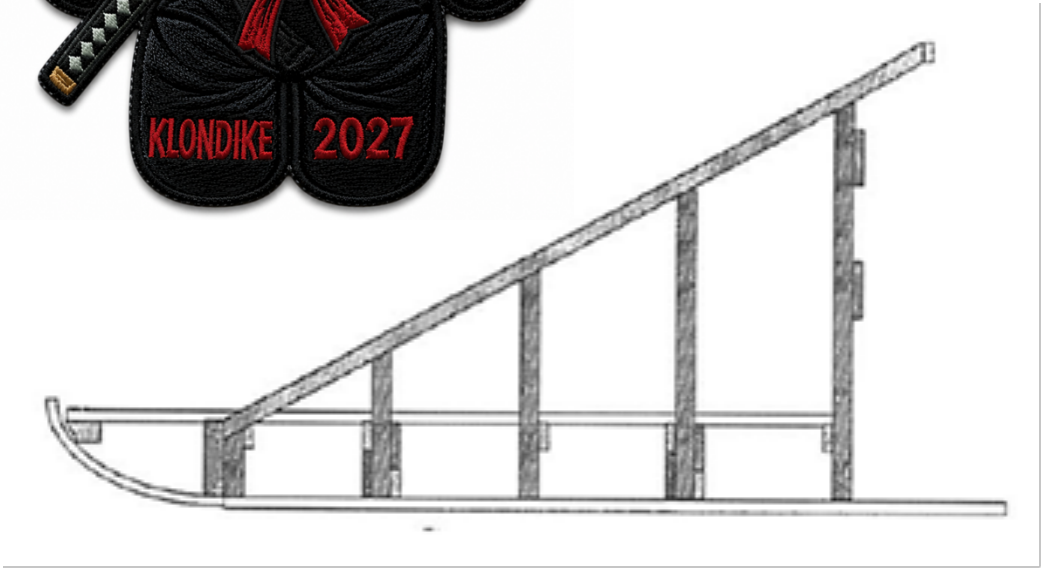
# Camp Michaels

# KLONDIKE DERBY

## Leader's Guide

**January 16th, 2027 (Weekend Camping Optional)**
**Camp Michaels: 3486 Hathaway Road Union, KY 41091**



**What is a Klondike Derby?**
In cold climates, people race across the snow-covered wilderness by means of dogs and sleds. Scouting has embraced this idea in the form of the Klondike Derby. Each patrol builds a sled, collects materials and equipment and prepares to embark on the Klondike adventure and participate as a team in the derby. Camp Michaels has a long tradition of annual Klondikes.

This campout is for Scouts BSA and Venture Scouts. Webelos may attend if registered as part of a Troop. Sorry, no younger Cub Scouts at this event.

**Bear Tradition**
With Klondikes taking place in the winter, scouts can typically earn their Polar Bear Award in honor of spending the night in temperatures below 32 degrees. In honor of the polar bear camping, the bear had become the official mascot of the Camp Michael's Klondikes some years ago.

**General Information**

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| Registration Fee | $15 per person (both youth and adult) |
| Additional Patches | May be purchased for $5 each while supplies are available |

**Adult Leadership**
Per BSA Youth Protection guidelines, each unit must have a minimum of two registered adult leaders in attendance; a responsible (age 21 or older) must be in camp at all times. You are responsible for your Scouts.

**Camping**
Camping Friday and Saturday nights is optional, not required. Units will camp in assigned campsites based on the number of registered youth and adults (Please register in advance. Sooner is better.) Each unit furnishes its own tents, food, equipment, etc. Campsites will be assigned at check-in.

**Health and Safety**
Please be prepared for cold weather and the potential for snow. In case of cold-related injuries such as frostbite, the Eagle's Lodge will be open with heat and additional first aid resources.

**First Aid**
All units are responsible for the health and safety of their scouts. Hence, all units must have their own first aid equipment and have them easily accessible for use. Emergencies and serious first aid incidents must immediately be reported to the Klondike First Aid officer.

**BSA Medical Forms**
All Scouts and adult leaders are required to have health forms on site. Units must have them available at all times.

**Vehicles**
All vehicles must be parked in the main parking lot. We allow each group to drop off trailers or large equipment using ONE vehicle at a time. Your vehicle is to be returned to the parking lot after unloading. Pending weather conditions, vehicles and trailers may need to stay in the lot.

**Fires**
Please use available firewood and gather any tinder/limbs around your campsite. We appreciate your help in preventing the spread of harmful pest insects by NOT bringing your own firewood onto Camp Property. Chainsaw use is not allowed.

**Food**
Each unit is responsible for making sure it provides enough food for all of its participants for the entire event. Patrol cooking is encouraged for all Troops, Crews, etc. for this event. Plan to cook on camp stoves or on charcoal at grilling pits.

**Water**
Water for the camping area is at the Eagle's Lodge and near the Yurts and maintenance shed. Shower houses are winterized and closed.

**Volunteer Staffing**
Each unit is asked to provide two volunteers (Parents or leaders) for the day on Saturday. Volunteers will be briefed after cracker barrel Friday night and provided instructions for their tasks. Names need to be turned in Friday night at check-in.

**Klondike Derby Check-In Procedure**
Upon arrival, one adult and the SPL from each unit should report to the camp office. Leaders should be prepared with the following: Troop Rosters, Health forms (remains with unit), Payment if any is due, Names of leaders/parents to run a station on Saturday. Campsite assignments will be made on the basis of Troop size and check-in time.

**Competition and Activities**
Scouts will compete as a Patrol (5-10 Scouts). Activity stations will be set up throughout camp. Scouts will compete by demonstrating basic scouting skills, teamwork, problem solving and by showing Scout Spirit! Patrols/Troops will compete in, and awards will be given for highest scores at the skills stations, sled inspection and most creative design, fastest sled, etc.

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# Tentative Klondike Derby Schedule

January 15-17, 2024

**Friday – January 15**

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| 5:00 – 9:00 PM | Overnight Check-in at Eagle Lodge & Campsite Setup |
| 11:00 PM | Lights Out |

**Saturday – January 16**

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| 7:00 AM | Reveille / Breakfast / Cleanup |
| 7:30 - 8:00 AM | Check in for Saturday Arrivals |
| 8:00 AM | SPL/Leader Meeting (Eagle Lodge) |
| 9:00 AM | Opening Ceremony – Parade Field |
| 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM | Stations/Activities – see map (Assigned Start Location) |
| 12:00 – 1:00 PM | Lunch in campsites or on sleds |
| 1:00 – 4:00 PM | Stations / Activities |
| 4:30 PM | The Great Sled Race—Ends at Parade Field |
| 6:00 PM | Dinner In Campsite |
| 6:30PM | Awards and Campfire (and skits) |
| 11:00 PM | Lights Out if Camping |

**Sunday- January 17**

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| 7:00 AM | Reveille / Breakfast / Cleanup / Police Campsite |
| 10:00 AM | Last Checkout |

*Check out with Klondike Derby Staff at Eagle's Lodge before departing

# Tentative Klondike Activities

Be Prepared! You do not need to complete the stations, however, you need to take your whole patrol and sled with you.

1 – Sled Inspection, Supply Inventory and Design Contest
2 – Shield Design Competition
3 – Throwing Star Throwing
4 – Ninja First Aid
5 – Blind Navigation
6 – Crossing the Chasm
7 – Silent Obstacle Course
8 – Fruit Slice
9 – Sumo Wrestling
10 – Rope Crawl
11 – Paper Crane
13 – Silent Sprint! The Great Race

# What Your Patrol Needs on Its Sled!

Scouts should be able to carry nearly all their equipment both on their sleds and in daypacks. Sleds will be inspected, judged, and inventory of supplies will be taken.

___1 All terrain sled
___ Scouts BSA Handbook
___1 pair of safety glasses
___Patrol or Troop Flag
___Pocket knife
___1 Blanket
___First aid kit
___Leather gloves per scout
___Water bottle per scout
___ 1 -10x10ft Tarp
___50ft of 3/8 inch rope
___1 copy of this leaders guide
___Totin Chip card per scout
___ Analog Orienteering Compass
___Teddy Bear attached to sled (Bonus)

# Klondike Sled Design Guidelines

All patrols competing need to prepare/bring their own sled. There is no "**exact**" sled design that will be required, only a few guidelines. See the leaders guide for some sample designs.

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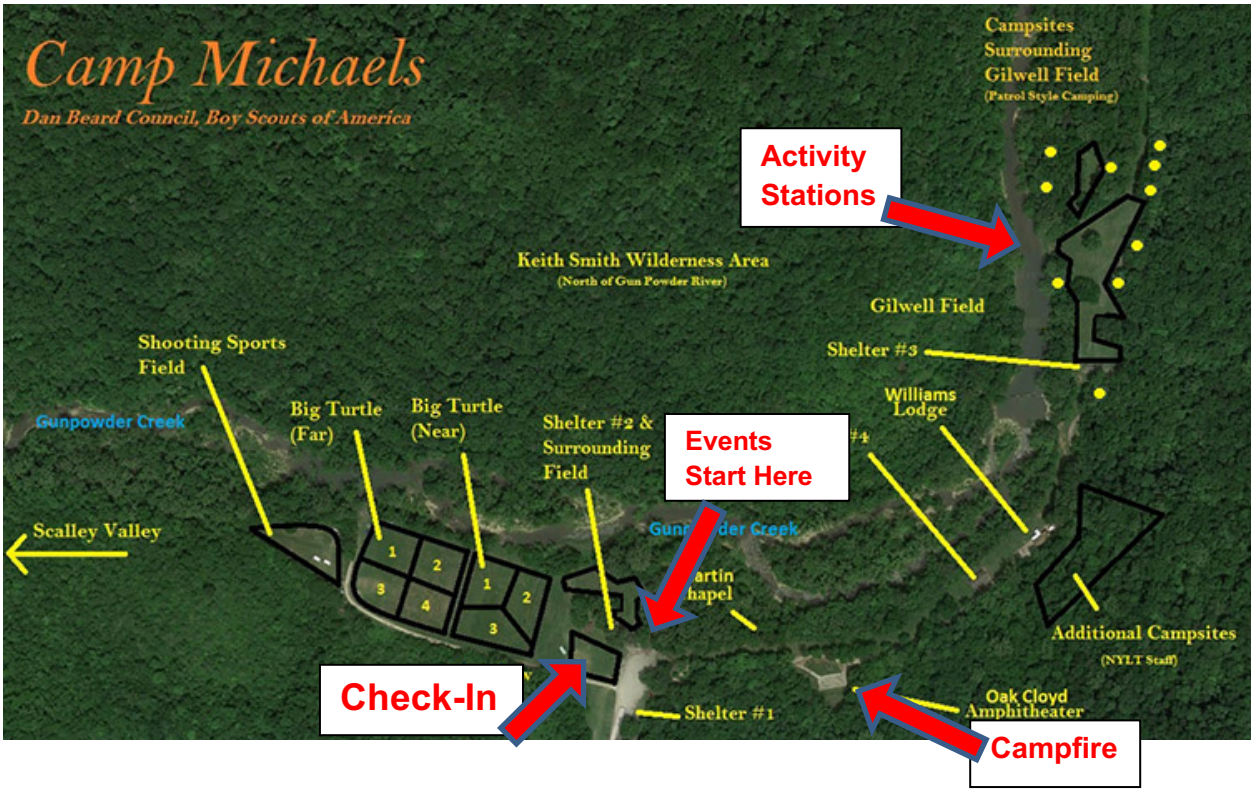
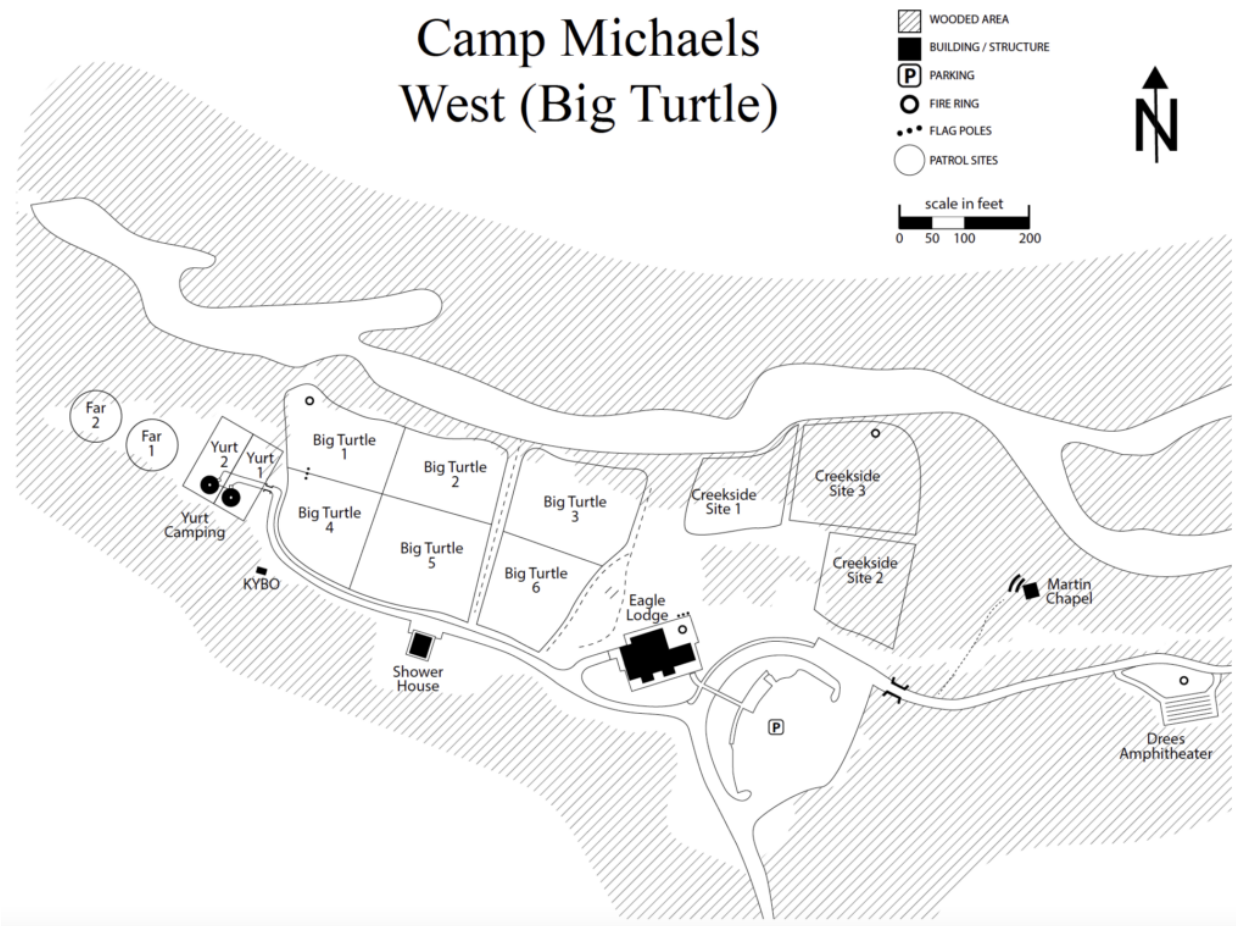
| **Length** | 5' to 6.5' |
| **Width** | 1.5' to 2' |
| **Frame Construction** | Wood (not PVC or metal) |
| **Support Materials** | Screws, Nails, Rope, Twine, Glue, Skis are all allowed. No wheels. |
| ***Patrols without sleds will still be able to participate, but will miss points in inspection and race.*** | |


Camp Michaels
Dan Beard Council, Boy Scouts of America
Campsites Surrounding Gilwell Field
(Patrol Style Camping)
Activity Stations
Keith Smith Wilderness Area
(North of Gun Powder River)
Gilwell Field
Shelter #3
Shooting Sports Field
Gunpowder Creek
Big Turtle (Far)
Big Turtle (Near)
Shelter #2 & Surrounding Field
Events Start Here
Williams Lodge
Scalley Valley
Additional Campsites
(NYLT Staff)
Check-In
Shelter #1
Oak Cloyd Amphitheater
Campfire


Camp Michaels
West (Big Turtle)
WOODED AREA
BUILDING / STRUCTURE
PARKING
FIRE RING
FLAG POLES
PATROL SITES
scale in feet
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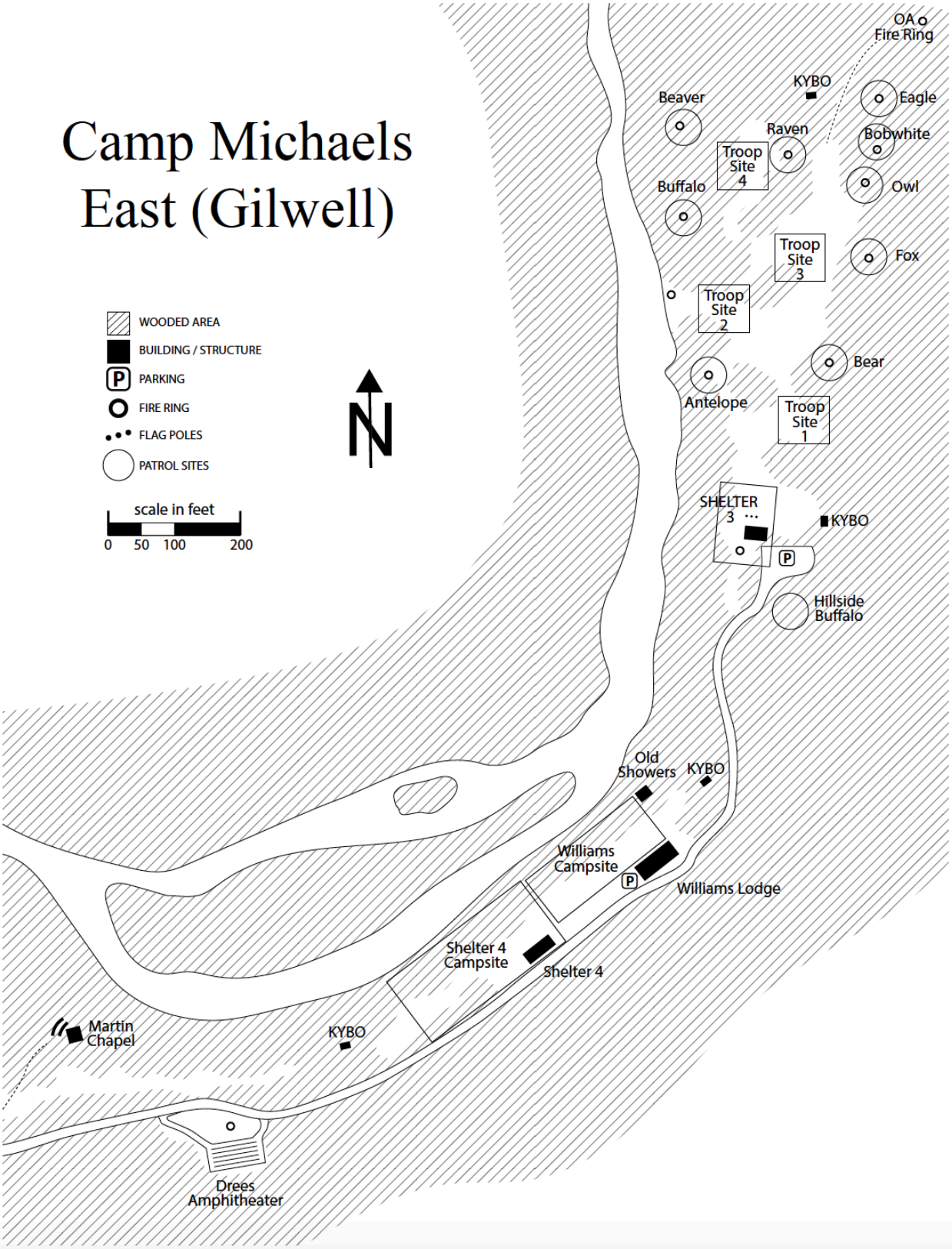
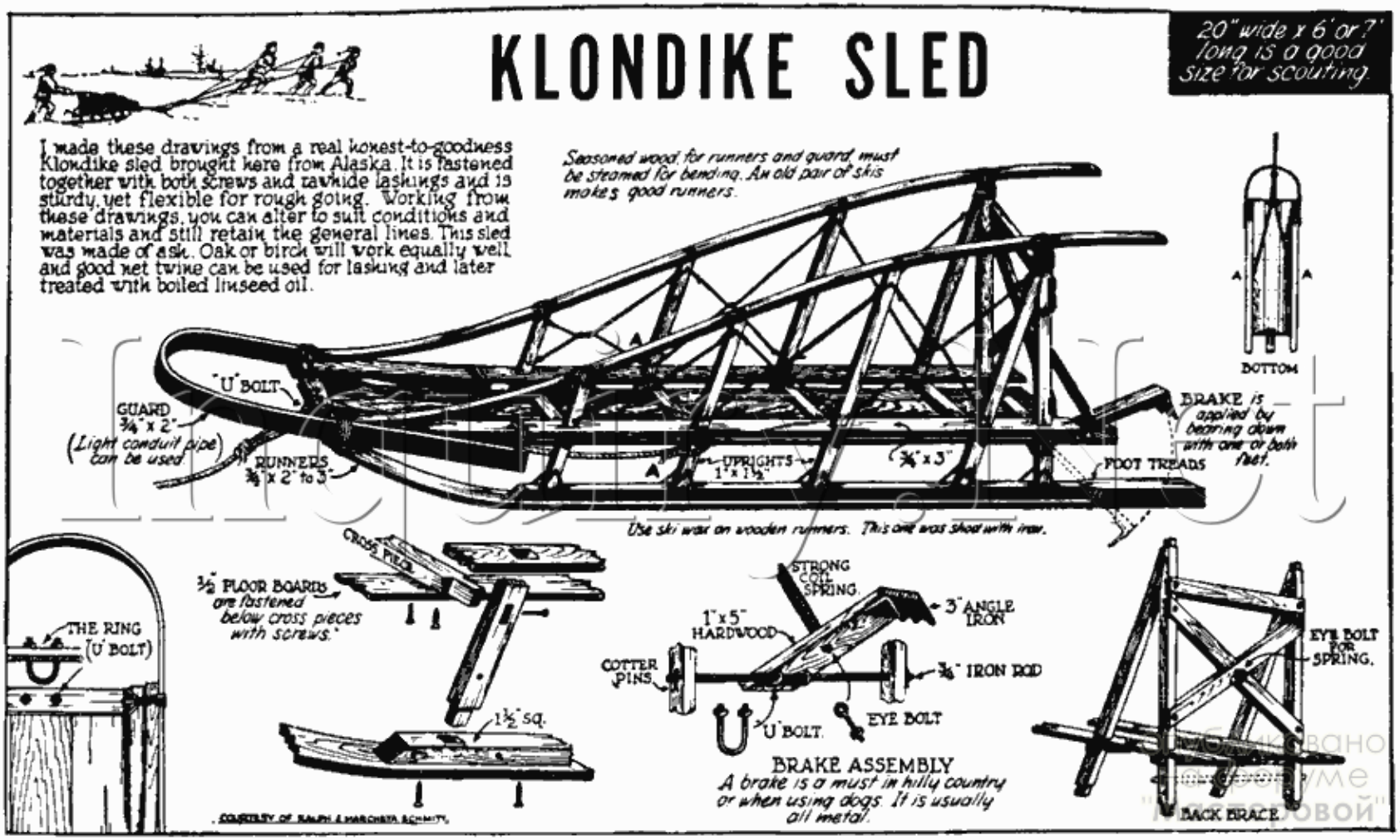
Far 2
Far 1
Yurt 2
Yurt 1
Yurt Camping
KYBO
Big Turtle 1
Big Turtle 2
Big Turtle 3
Big Turtle 4
Big Turtle 5
Big Turtle 6
Shower House
Eagle Lodge
Creekside Site 1
Creekside Site 2
Creekside Site 3
Martin Chapel
Drees Amphitheater

# Camp Michaels East (Gilwell)

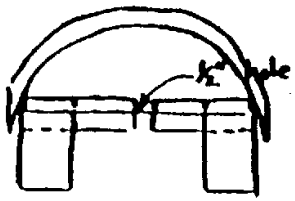



KLONDIKE SLED
20" wide x 6' or 7' long is a good size for scouting.
I made these drawings from a real honest-to-goodness Klondike sled brought here from Alaska. It is fastened together with both screws and rawhide lashings and is sturdy, yet flexible for rough going. Working from these drawings, you can alter to suit conditions and materials and still retain the general lines. This sled was made of ash. Oak or birch will work equally well and good net twine can be used for lashing and later treated with boiled linseed oil.
Seasoned wood for runners and guard must be steamed for bending. An old pair of skis makes good runners.
"U" BOLT
GUARD ¾" x 2" (Light conduit pipe can be used)
RUNNERS ¾" x 2" to 3"
UPRIGHTS 1" x 1½"
¾" x 3"
FOOT TREADS
BRAKE is applied by bearing down with one or both feet.
BOTTOM
Use ski wax on wooden runners. This one was shod with iron.
THE RING ("U" BOLT)
CROSS PIECE
½" FLOOR BOARDS are fastened below cross pieces with screws.
1½" sq.
STRONG COIL SPRING
3" ANGLE IRON
1" x 5" HARDWOOD
COTTER PINS
¾" IRON ROD
"U" BOLT
EYE BOLT
BRAKE ASSEMBLY
A brake is a must in hilly country or when using dogs. It is usually all metal.
EYE BOLT FOR SPRING.
BACK BRACE
COURTESY OF RALPH & MARCHETA SCHMITT.

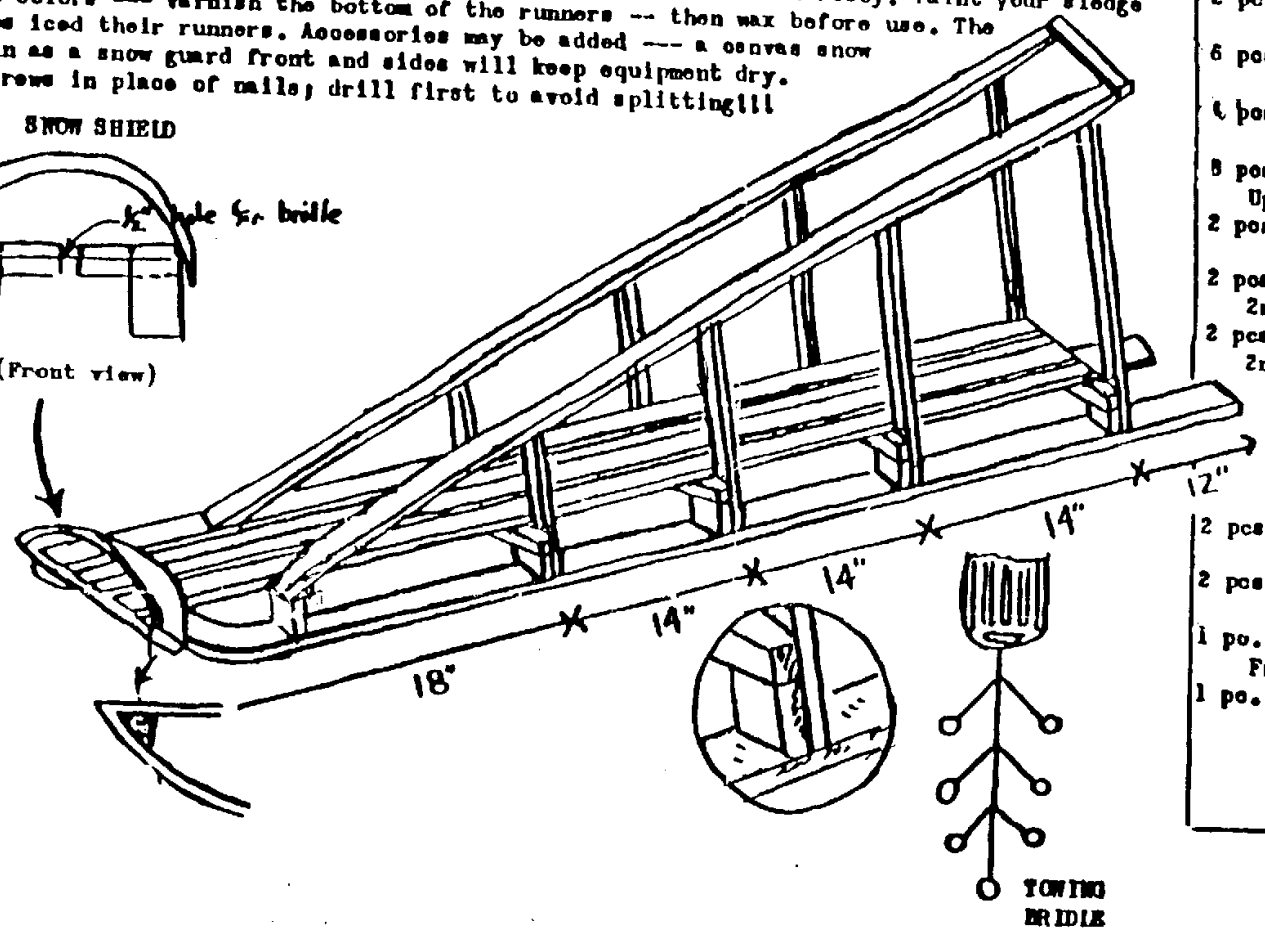
# [illegible] SLEDS [illegible]

Use your imagination!! However, after researches in our Public Libraries, the accompanying sketch is authentic and we ought to be the "real McCoy". Paint your sledge bright colors --- varnish the bottom of the runners -- then wax before use. The Eskimos iced their runners. Accessories may be added --- a canvas snow curtain as a snow guard front and sides will keep equipment dry. Use screws in place of nails; drill first to avoid splitting!!!

A SNOW SHIELD




(Front view)




**BILL OF MATERIAL**

- 2 pcs. 4" x ½" x 6'6" - Runner
- 6 pcs. 1" x 1" x 19" - Cross Support
- 4 pcs. ½" x 4" x 5' - Floor Cover
- 8 pcs. 1" x 4" x 4" - Upright Support
- 2 pcs. 1" x 2" x 40" - Rear Upright
- 2 pcs. 1" x 2" x 38" - 2nd Rear Upright
- 2 pcs. 1" x 2" x 26" - 2nd Front Upright
- 2 pcs. 1" x 2" x 12" - Front Upright
- 2 pcs. ¾" x 2" x 6' - Hand Rail
- 1 pc. ½" x 2" x 30" - Front Curved Guard
- 1 pc. 2" x 2" x 18" - Tow Bar

# KLONDIKE SLED "SLEDGE"

DESIGNED & CONSTRUCTED
BY TROOP 22
NIAGARA FRONTIER COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.
COPIED FROM ACTUAL SLED 12-7-63
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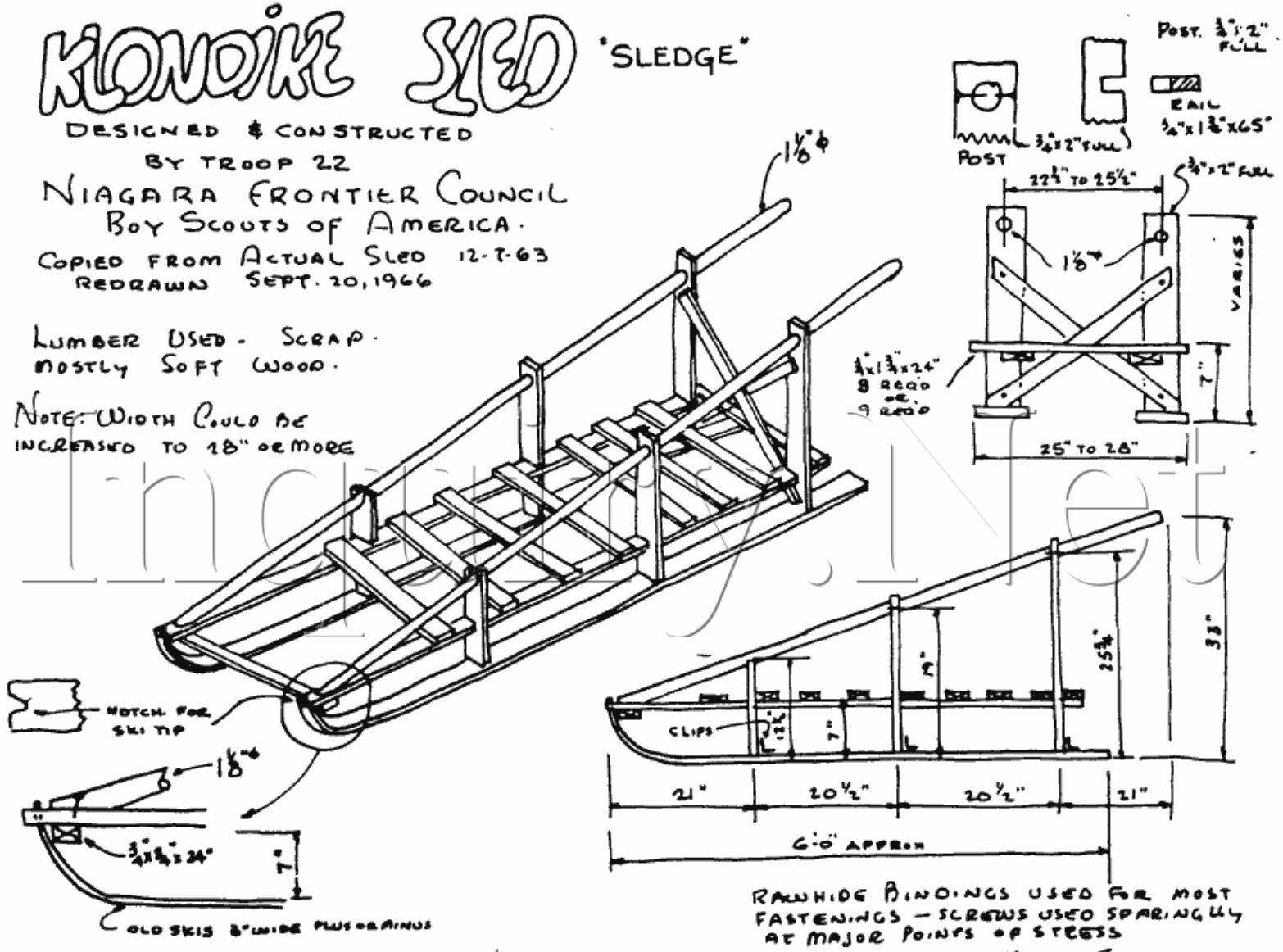
LUMBER USED - SCRAP.
MOSTLY SOFT WOOD.

NOTE: WIDTH COULD BE INCREASED TO 28" OR MORE




RAWHIDE BINDINGS USED FOR MOST FASTENINGS — SCREWS USED SPARINGLY AT MAJOR POINTS OF STRESS

THIS DRAWING REISSUED FOR KLONDIKE DERBY IN CONJUNCTION WITH WINTER FESTIVAL 1967