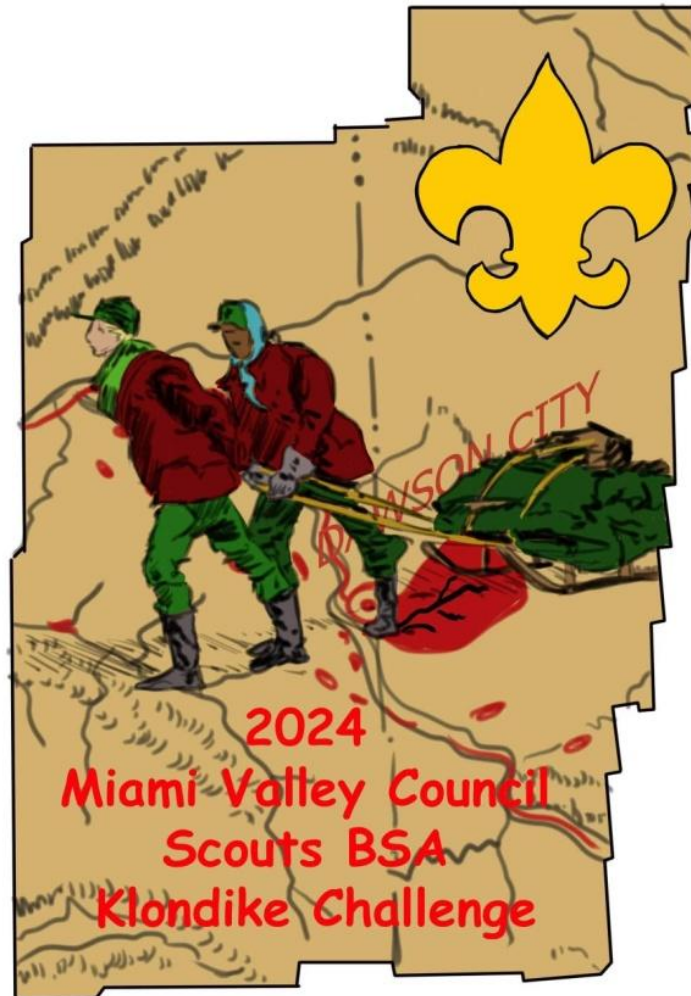


Miami Valley Council Scouts BSA 2024 Klondike Challenge



Leaders Guide

February 3, 2024
Cricket Holler Scout Camp

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Welcome!

Dear Scouts and Scout Leaders,

The Miami Valley Council challenges your unit to compete in this year's Klondike Challenge. The program is designed to give Scout Patrols the chance to compete and work together as a team to solve problems. Patrols will be challenged with leadership, teamwork, and scout skills for points in the event competition. **Patrols should include 4 - 8 scouts per sled.** If you have fewer than 4 scouts, they can join a patrol with members from another troop. We have an exciting array of stations for this year and we need your support.

First, please take time to read this information guide, become familiar with its content, and share it with your youth leaders. If Patrols follow the guidelines that are contained in this booklet, they will have a great experience at this event. This Guide includes a list of items to be included on each sled, a schedule for the day, and a description of each of the stations. More detailed instructions will be given at each station. Patrols will have the ability to complete each activity as designed - or decide to take on an extra challenge. The decision to take the challenge must be made before starting the activity. Successfully completing the optional challenge will result in a 20% benefit to the patrol.

Second, as Scoutmaster, be aware of the limited role that you and the other adults have once the Klondike begins. This is a Scout ONLY event that is conducted using the patrol method. We need to keep it this way. Any assistance from adults or leaders will result in point penalties for the Patrol. This includes checking out various stations and providing information to a patrol before they attempt the activity, or assisting in the activity in any other way. If you would like to help with the event, we could use extra judges and staff members - please let us know if you can help.

Finally, don't be afraid to ask questions prior to the event. The main purpose of this event is to have fun and test the scouts on their knowledge of Scout Skills. Our aim is to help you, as a leader, to find out where your scouts excel, and where they could use some help.

Patrol leaders will receive a map of Cricket Holler, and their starting points at check-in/registration. The station requirements are included in this information guide so that Scouts can work on their skills in advance. All stations will make use of either skills found in the Handbook or the sled team functioning together as a unit.

Lunch will be provided. If anyone in your group has any special needs, please let us know ASAP and be sure to list dietary restrictions and allergies in the online registration.

Please make sure any of your adults in attendance have their YPT up to date.

Thank you and I hope you have a great time. Best wishes for a fun and educational day!

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Scouts BSA Klondike Challenge 2024 Challenge

In the year 1896 there was a gold rush in the Yukon Territory of Canada. Today your troop is traveling to Dawson City to see if there is any remaining gold. Along the way, your SPL decided that it would be “fun” to do the final leg of your trip by sled. As you make your way to Dawson City, you will be faced with nine challenges! Some will challenge you to be prepared, some are to keep you safe and warm and some are to stay on course. All of these challenges are for your survival!

At each station, your troop will be offered an optional challenge for a 20% benefit for your patrol. All activities must be completed in the given time frames.

The troops with the highest points will find the most “Gold” at Dawson City.

Team Specification:

1. Each patrol must submit a roster of patrol members when checking in at camp.
2. Maximum size of each patrol must be eight (8) scouts and a minimum of four (4) scouts.
3. All Scouts are encouraged to be members of the same natural patrol.
4. All Scouts must be clothed for extreme winter conditions; this event will not be canceled.

Sled Specifications:

1. Your sled must display your patrol flag.
2. All sleds must be able to transport one scout and all required equipment (prefer at least 6 feet long and 18 inches wide).
3. Your sled may have wheels to move around the Yukon Territory, but may not have wheels to participate in the Sled Race.

2024 Klondike Challenge Schedule

7:00 am - 8:30 am	Registration @ K-Lodge. Bring roster and medical forms. Check sleds, review schedule, prepare for the day! Present sleds for judging.
8:00 am - 8:30 am	Meeting for all event staff (except medical) @ K-Lodge
8:40 am	Opening Ceremony @ K-Lodge Lawn Flags (Pledge, Oath, Promise) and Prayer
9:00 am	Events begin at various locations around camp
11:40 am - 1:40 pm	Lunch @ K-Lodge during assigned session
4:30 pm	The Great Klondike Sled Race @ K-Lodge Lawn
4:45 pm	Awards @ K-Lodge
5:00 pm	Klondike ends

2024 Klondike Challenge Patrol Gear List

Each Scout Patrol Should Bring the Following:

- Sturdy Sled Capable of Carrying One Scout (commercial sled may be used except for race)
- Patrol Flag and Roster
- Clipboard With Paper and Pencil
- Scout Ten Essentials
- Watch
- Whistle
- (3) Six Foot Poles (minimum)
- Blanket
- Splints for Broken Limbs (2 Long and 2 Short - minimum)
- Enough Bandages/Neckerchiefs for Splints and Dressings
- First Aid Kit
- Scout Handbook
- Trash Bag
- Ropes for Lashings (8-15 Feet long - 6 minimum)
- Tarps to build a shelter large enough for at least one scout
- Matches or alternate methods of lighting a fire. Traditional scout fire starters (wax-based) may be used. Wood will be supplied.
- Hand ax w/sheath
- Saw with guard or sheath
- Any Other Equipment Deemed Necessary
- *Webelos/AOL Scouts! (optional)*

2024 Klondike Challenge Scoring and Awards

Sled Races: First, Second, and Third Place awards for “homemade” sleds and also “commercial” sleds

Stations: First, Second, and Third Place awards per station

Overall: First, Second, and Third Place based on points from all stations (not including the sled races)

Sled and Flag Judging:

- Beauty and the Beast
- Most Prepared
- This Sled’s for the Dogs - Teamwork
- Built for Speed
- Mayor’s Award - Best Scout Spirit
- Best Patrol Flag

Sled Race

Description: All patrol members with their sleds will follow a staked course. This is a separate event from the Klondike events and will have recognition for first, second, and third place. (All members of the patrol and the sled must cross the finish line together to be counted as completed.) No wheels will be permitted on the sleds for the race only. All equipment except for the patrol flag may be removed for the race.

2024 Klondike Challenge Stations

1. Build Your Own Shelter!

Description: It is getting late and your patrol needs a place to shelter for the night. Patrols will be required to build a shelter at least 3.5 feet tall and big enough to protect one scout with gear and room for sleeping. Shelter must include a flap or door.

2. Build a Fire and Purify Water!

Description: Patrols will be required to make a sustainable fire while following the outdoor code. Matches and fire starters (wax based) may be used to start the fire. No other flammables allowed. Wood will be supplied.

3. Don't Break the Ice!

Description: Scouts will rescue victims (half of the patrol) who have been trapped on an icy lake.

4. First Aid Accidents and Action!

Description: A scout has an immobilizing leg injury. The patrol will treat the injury and move the scout out of a dangerous situation on a stretcher to a safe place (25 yards).

5. Cutting Wood!

Description: Each Scout in the patrol will cut one piece of wood, then the patrol will cut more pieces of wood alternating the sawyer.

6. Know Your Knots and Prove It!

Description: Patrols will be required to tie five specific knots. All scouts must tie one knot. No scouts may tie two knots, unless all others have tied a knot. A specific knot can only be tied twice. Twenty second time penalty if a knot is not tied correctly.

Sled Inspection!

Description: Having everything that is necessary is extremely important in the Yukon Territory. Patrol sleds will be inspected for required equipment and safe storage of their equipment.

7. Making Camp!

Description: Patrols will be required to tie three of the following five lashings to make any camp gadget that will aid in shelter, first aid or cooking - tripod, square, round, sheer, and diagonal. Each scout can only tie one lashing.

8. All For One Relay Race!

Description: Patrols will perform a variety of tasks in a relay format, including tying knots, reading a map, and performing first aid. Each scout will perform one task. Completion of the task will release the next scout to go to the next station to perform their task. Time ends when all scouts have crossed the finish line.

9. Staying on Course!

Description: Navigating across the Yukon Territory requires good compass and map skills. Given a map of the area, scouts will orient the map with a compass, shoot bearings, and calculate the degrees. All scouts must use the compass and map at least once. Scouts will run the course in pairs.

Camp Rules and Policies

Scouts BSA registration and event registration is required for all participants.

Medical forms are required for all participants (Parts A and B) and will be required at check-in.

Vehicles will remain in the parking lot.

Visitors must check-in at the K-Lodge.

Early or temporary release of participants will be handled by unit leaders.

Prohibited Items:

- Alcohol
- Smoking, vaping, dipping, or other nicotine usage
- Illegal Drugs, Narcotics, or unregistered prescription medicines
- Fireworks
- Sheath knives
- Personal firearms, bows, arrows, ammunition
- Animals and service animals

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