



2025 MUSKINGUM VIKING KLONDIKE LEADERS GUIDE

Who: All Scouts BSA Troops / Crews

What: 2025 Muskingum VIKING Klondike

Where: MVSR

When: Jan 10th-12th (check-in Friday 6-9pm; sunset 5:23pm)

What to bring: The Klondike Sled (transformed into a Viking Ship), cold weather gear, Viking Apparel, **2 auction items per Patrol**, and ENTHUSIASM

Cost: \$25 per youth, \$20 per adult, \$10 Staff

Event Contacts:

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Get ready for an epic adventure at the Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation this winter! Klondike 2025 is not just any camp—it's a journey back in time to the age of Vikings. Scouts will be divided into fierce Viking clans (patrols) and will work together to complete THE RUNE CHALLENGE sent forth by Odin himself and earn their place among the Viking elite!

Units will need to break up into their Patrols of roughly 6 Scouts for this weekend classic. This year your Patrol will camp in north camp and program will be from Applesseed to Scoutcraft to the Tower!

Units will be responsible for Saturday breakfast, lunch, and any meals on Sunday. Klondike Staff will have Friday evening cracker-barrel (provided) and Saturday night feast (provided). Gluten, nut, and dairy allergy will be available.

Come and enjoy the event, work together, earn Viking Gold and experience the Viking Auction Saturday night, and grow in Scouting. Come prepared for anything!

SCOUTMASTERS

Thank you for giving your unit this opportunity. If you or your SPL has any questions that come up, do not hesitate to reach out to the Klondike Chair ASAP! If you have a question, others may as well!

The coffee will be hot all weekend! We can't wait to see you there!!

PATROL LEADERS

You have accepted the leadership responsibility for a Patrol of Scouts in your Troop and are committed to getting them ready for the Muskingum VIKING Council 2025 Klondike!

It's going to be a lot of work, but we have designed this brochure to give you lots of help. Share this information with members of your Patrol as soon as possible. Get them thinking about **winter camping** and **start planning some activities before the Klondike so that you will be a well-practiced group ready for the Klondike**. Get your Patrol sled out and make any necessary repairs (like turning it into a VIKING SHIP) and/or improvements.

In order to be successful every scout in the Patrol needs to know what is going on! Good **communication** goes a long way toward fostering good Patrol Spirit.

Patrols size should be roughly 6 Scouts. Each Patrol will visit as many of the stations throughout the day. We will have stations at the range, tower, scoutcraft and throughout south camp. Each station will have a task or challenge to complete, once done your Patrol will earn some Cold, Hard, Fake, Viking Gold to spend later in the evening at the Klondike Auction!



VIKING SHIP (SLED)

The Klondike Sled (“Viking Ship”) is a critical piece of equipment for the Klondike. It is used for transporting Patrol gear required for the skill events. Sleds should have the following design features.

- Sturdy construction for carrying gear and/or injured person
- Wide runners for good tracking on hard snow
- Provision for carrying gear for events
- Extra water for the Patrol
- The Sled should be “life-size” and capable of carrying a minimum weight of 60lbs

VIKING SHIP CHECKLIST

(10 Viking Gold each or 150 Viking Gold for all 15)

1. 4 walking staves (6-foot x 3-inch preferred)
2. Large tarp/blanket
3. Patrol first aid kit
4. Drinking water
5. 2 Helmets
6. Scout Book and/or Field guide
7. Displayed Patrol/Viking Clan flag
8. Displayed American Flag
9. Material for fire building
10. 50 ft of rope
11. 100 ft of paracord
12. Bag for Viking Gold
13. Klondike patch from previous year(s)
14. Compass – not electronic
15. Pencil and Sharpie



PATROL/VIKING CLAN FLAG

The unique item that identifies your Patrol is the Patrol Flag.

Your Patrol Flag is your “calling card” to others.

Flags will be judged during cracker barrel Friday Night. Best overall flag and runner-up will earn Viking Gold

EVENT SCORING

Within each station your Patrol will be given a challenge to work through. Viking Gold will be awarded at various places.

Points are also awarded for leadership and teamwork. It’s your job to see that the Patrol runs smoothly, that **everyone participates** and, when necessary, that orders are given. A Patrol that works well together is always a winner!

Patrol scores will be calculated to include Viking gold earned for skill, leadership, and cooperation at stations.

PATROL SPIRIT

When your Patrol enters a station, show your Patrol spirit by YELLING your VIKING YELL and waving your VIKING FLAG proudly.

KLONDIKE AUCTION SATURDAY NIGHT

The Saturday night activity will consist of an auction of many different goods. Patrols may bid on items using the Viking Gold they earned during the days activities.

We are asking patrols to bring 2 auction items, if they would like bonus Viking Gold to spend please turn in items directly to The Head Cook, located in the MVSR dining hall. Edible items such as cookies, chips, pop, etc. are preferred.

There will be a limited amount of auction goods so if your Patrol sees something it likes, get busy and start bidding.

Reminder that Viking Gold has no value after the auction. Patrols are encouraged (but not required) to work together during the auction.



CLOTHING

Proper clothing is one of the most important ways to ensure your survival on a winter outing. If you are well prepared you are warm and dry, but if unprepared your feet are wet and freezing and your body loses its heat dangerously fast.

The survival rule: when the poorest equipped Scout becomes too cold or wet to continue, the whole Patrol must stop and care for him and return to base camp. Winter weather is very unpredictable, requiring preparedness for almost any condition. A nice day can turn into a raging blizzard.

Your best protection is your common sense. **Dress in layers. Avoid working up a sweat and keep yourself comfortable by removing or adding layers of clothing.** Waterproof boots are essential. Wear socks of wool or other material that wicks away perspiration. A wool stocking cap or similar head gear with ear coverings is necessary both during the day and at night in the sleeping bag to retain warmth. Scarves are recommended to protect the face from the cold and biting wind. Gloves may be worn, but they are not as warm as mittens.

Before the Klondike every Patrol should conduct a “*shakedown*” inspection to make certain everyone has the proper clothing.

When your Troop meets to leave for the Klondike, check them again.

Scoutmasters and SPL’s need to do a clothing check BEFORE Saturday’s opening, EACH member of the Patrol SHOULD meet the following minimum requirements:

- Wearing insulated and waterproof boots
- Wearing a warm hat that covers the ears
- Wearing warm & waterproof mittens or gloves
- Wearing warm, snow-resistant pants, and
- MINIMAL (if any) COTTON CLOTHING



PROVIDED MEALS - TENTATIVE

Friday Night Cracker Barrel

- Loaded Nachos

Saturday Night Dinner

- Sloppy Joes
- Cornbread
- Beans
- Salad
- Cake

MEALS NOT PROVIDED

Saturday Breakfast

Patrols are responsible for Saturday breakfast. A warm breakfast with a hot drink will help wake your Patrol up in the cold hours of dawn and give them the energy to take on the weekend adventure that lies ahead.

EXAMPLE:

- Hot chocolate
- Oatmeal with an added protein such as chopped nuts or peanut butter stirred in
- Dutch oven breakfast casserole
- THINK HOT FOOD AND HOT DRINKS

Saturday Lunch

A hot meal at lunch will give them the sustained energy to stay warm.

EXAMPLE:

- Soup/Grilled cheese
- THINK HOT FOOD AND HOT DRINKS

Sunday Breakfast

Sunday breakfast will not be provided.



2025 MUSKINGUM VIKING KLONDIKE SCHEDULE

Friday

5:23 pm	SUNSET in Ohio
6:00 - 8:00 pm	Arrival / Check-In: Welcome Center
9:00-9:30 pm	Leaders / SPL Meeting: Dining Hall
9:30 pm	Camp Wide Cracker Barrel: Dining Hall (Provided)
9:30-10:30 pm	Board Games: Dining Hall
11:00 pm	Camp Quiet

Saturday

7:00 am	Reveille
7:00– 8:00 am	Breakfast: In Your Campsite (SHOULD BE A HOT MEAL)
8:15 am	SPL and Leader's Meeting: Dining Hall Leader Table
8:45 am	Opening Flag Raising: Upper Parade Field
9:00am – 12:00 pm	Patrols Navigate the Rune Quest
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Lunch: In Your Campsite (SHOULD BE A HOT MEAL)
1:30 – 4:30 pm	Rune Quest
4:30-6:30	Patrols Navigate the Rune Quest
6:30-7:30 pm	Supper: Dining Hall (Provided)
7:30pm	Viking Auction
8:30 pm	Awards
11:00 pm	Camp Quiet

Sunday

7:00 am	Reveille
7:30-8:30 am	Breakfast: In Your Campsite
9:00 am	Scouts Own Service: In Your Campsite
11:00 am	Camp Clear: Safe Travels Home!

- Please police your sites
- Return fire rings to behind the Kybo
- Return picnic table to the trees, legs against the trees
- Ensure the Kybos are clean
- Either take your trash with you or throw it away at the Hall Dumpsters

