

# 2019 Klondike Winter Camp Indian Waters Council



## Camp Information

### **What is Klondike Winter Camp?**

The Klondike Winter Camp is held 27-30 December annually at Camp Barstow. Scouts have the opportunity to camp outdoors and earn merit badges not normally offered at summer camp. This four-day program is held just after the Christmas holidays. A volunteer camp staff provides the program and supervision for Klondike. Scouts benefit by association with Scouts from other troops, making new friends, learning new methods, sharing ideas, and enjoying the fellowship of camp-wide campfires, games and competition. This camp is slower paced and all voluntary.

### **What will we do:**

- Provide advancement opportunities for Scouts
- Familiarize youth with the Scouting program through the outdoor experience
- Stimulate Troop programming before, during, and after attending camp
- Polar bear plunge
- Patch trading
- Have FUN!

### **How will Camp be run?**

Each troop must provide Adult Leadership as per BSA policy. One leader must be at least 21 years of age, and the remaining leaders must be over 18. These adults will be asked to help with the program and Klondike Competition (similar to OA events). A youth staff will be identified (at least one Scout per Troop attending) prior to camp and will serve as camp leaders.

### **Who can attend?**

All registered Scouts BSA, registered leaders, and any person who has taken the required training. Several troops may pool their resources in order to provide an adequate number of Scouts and adult leaders to form a unit. Any individual Scout whose Troop is unable to attend Winter Camp should sign-up as a maverick camper. Maverick campers should contact the Camp Director before coming to camp to be assigned to a Troop.

### **Maverick Camp:**

Maverick camp is available to any individual Scout whose troop cannot attend Winter Camp. Troops in attendance are asked to "adopt" these Scouts, so they can experience Winter Camp. The Maverick camper will join in with the host troop during the time he is at camp. The Maverick program requires that a boy is a registered Scout, and he must have his parent's and his Scoutmaster's approval.

### **Parents and Visitors:**

Visitors are always welcome in camp. Everyone must check-in at camp headquarters upon arrival and checkout when leaving. Visitor meals will be available for \$7.00 per meal. There are no facilities for overnight visitors other than camping with the troop.

## **Administrative Information**

### **How much does Klondike Winter Camp Cost?**

The camp fee is \$75.00 per scout \$50.00 per adult, and free for merit badge counselors. There is an additional fee for Scouts who sign-up for Cooking (\$10.00) or Shotgun (\$30.00) Merit Badges. Camp fees include all meals, camp activities, and program equipment. Deadline for camp registration is December 20, 2019. Each Scout is responsible for providing the materials needed to complete merit badge requirements (pamphlets, paper, pens or pencils, reports, miscellaneous supplies needed, and any approval from the Scoutmaster).

### **Check In:**

Camp Staff will be in position to conduct Check-in process from 10:00 am to 11:00 am on December 27<sup>th</sup>. Campers will depart on December 30<sup>th</sup> around 11:00 am after clean up.

### **Medical Forms:**

Each Scout attending Klondike Winter Camp MUST HAVE parts A and B of the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record and Part "B" requires a copy of insurance card.

### **Tent Equipment:**

Troops are expected to provide their own tents. Limited space in the campsite Adirondacks are available for Scouts only. Adults are asked to provide tents.

### **Motor Vehicles:**

Cars and trucks will only be allowed to transport equipment only and must be back in the parking lot by 12:00 pm.

### **Klondike Winter Camp Camping:**

Anyone can do fair weather camping. Weather in South Carolina this time of year can be unpredictable. So be prepared! The real test is to be ready so that you will remain comfortable in the event of cold weather or even rain.

- Wear proper clothing, stay dry and bring gloves
- Bring extra blankets; it may get cold.
- Bring extra socks and change them often. Keep your feet dry.
- Wear warm insulated footwear. Bring extra shoes.
- Bring headgear. Remember, you lose 70% of your body heat through the top of your head.
- Dress in layers so you may take off or put on according to the weather.



## **Merit Badge Classes**

### **Merit Badges**

A Scout should not attempt to work on too many merit badges during Klondike Camp. This will result in only partial completion of merit badges; however, some merit badges can be completed. The Scoutmaster should council with each Scouts to determine which merit badges they should work on and what requirements need to be completed prior to winter camp in order to insure a good rate of completion at camp. Scouts should also choose an alternate merit badge. Classes will be limited to 15 scouts per class. Klondike tries to focus on both Eagle Required merit badges and professional merit badges. Since each merit badge requires a counselor from the troops in attendance, we are flexible or may need to “modify” the merit badge schedule.

### **Examples of Eagle Merit Badges**

Citizenship in the Community, Nation and World, Communications, Environmental Science, First Aid, and Personal Management.

### **Merit Badge Counselors**

Merit badge counselors will have materials they may need to help them teach the merit badge. Blue cards/sheets will be given to counselors, then handed out to scouts, to sign-off on completed requirements. It is the Scout’s responsibility to keep up with the Blue card/sheet and to get the requirement signed off.

