

## BATTLEFIELD DISTRICT

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## KLONDIKE DERBY 2023



MARCH 3 TO MARCH 5, 2023

## PARTICIPANT GUIDE

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#### WELCOME TO THE 2023 KLONDIKE DERBY!



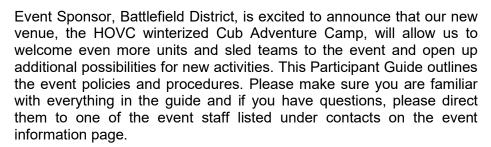
We are proud to announce that after winning first place in the 2022 Klondike Derby, Troop 555 will be hosting the 2023 event. Last year's host, Troop 542, will serve as the mentor troop. Everything from the event theme and patch design to every single activity station is designed and planned by Scouts. The host and mentor troops do not compete, so a new winner is crowned each year.



Troop 555 has decided on *Arctic Mirage* as the theme for this year's derby so teams will be seeing the warmth of the Egyptian Desert while in the cold of the Klondike, a twist on the typical mirage of an oasis in the desert. Teams will need to brace themselves for traps, snakes, locust, dehydration, and mummies and must keep a sharp eye out for opportunities to earn extra gold to help them through the course.



We will continue to offer the *Procrastination Class* for those who want to attend but don't have time to build a sled. Your team can divide up the gear list and backpack it or use a commercially available wheeled cart/wagon to compete. This is awesome for new troops and last-minute signups.



We're looking forward to another great Klondike Derby and hope to see you and your sled at the HOVC Cub Adventure Camp March 3-5, 2023!







#### **EVENT INFORMATION**

When Friday, March 3 – Sunday, March 5, 2023

There is no rain date for this event. All units should prepare for foul weather.

What Team Building, Leadership Development, Scout Skills, Cold-Weather Camping Nights

**Who** The event is open to Scouts BSA Troops, Venture Crews, and Ships. We cannot accommodate

provisional scouts, Webelos, or AOLs.

Where Heart of Virginia Council Scout Reservation, Cub Adventure Camp, 1723 Maidens Road,

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**Register** Units must register and pay online by <u>CLICKING HERE</u>. Registrations require a minimum of

four scouts and two adults. You may not register and pay as an individual. Additions to your registration should be made by going into your existing registration and adding participants. Female units MUST register separately and not be added into male units. Your registration is complete when payment is posted. Payment must be made online with a credit card. Contact Ben Ward at battlefieldscouting602@gmail.com for questions about registering your unit.

#### Online Registration Is Open

Units must register the number of sled teams they are fielding so towns can be prepared with enough gold.

NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER FEBRUARY 24, 2023.

Pre-Registration is required. There will be no on-site registration.

**Cost** \$15 per Scout, \$10 per Adult. Payment is due at the time of registration.

Refunds In the event of the death of an immediate family member, sickness, injury, or military transfer,

we will refund all monies paid. Please email HOVC.CustomerService@Scouting.org to discuss your situation. The Heart of Virginia Council strives to provide the very best programs possible.

We enter into obligations with our staff and vendors several months before the event.

Cancellations during the week of the event undermine our ability to provide a quality program. Reasons such as vacation schedules, school events, and last minute changes of mind are not acceptable reasons for refunds. Participants who leave during the event will not receive a

refund. Requests for refunds received after the event is over will not be honored.

#### **CONCEPT**

In August 1896, prospectors discovered gold in the remote Klondike region of Canada's Yukon Territory. In July 1897, the S.S. Portland arrived in Seattle, Washington with more than a ton of Klondike gold on board. This event touched off the great Klondike Gold Rush as thousands of people who dreamed of becoming wealthy began booking passage on steamers heading north from Seattle and other West Coast ports to the Yukon. Upon arriving at the northern end of the Inside Passage, however, these adventure-bound stampeders found no easy route leading to the still distant Klondike region. Their progress was slow as each prospector made repeated trips over the rugged trail through the bitter cold.

Imagine pulling a sled loaded with three to six hundred pounds of supplies over a stretch of ice up a steep grade, strewn with boulders and logs, then crossing over a riverbed on a couple of trees laid side by side and you get a picture of their labors. Facing 60 mile an hour winds in 65 degree below zero weather, the prospectors had to ascend the Chilkoot Pass – 1,000 feet straight up. With a steady stream of stampeders lining the path each day, it took forty trips to get a ton of supplies up the mountain. Those who survived the mountain then faced a treacherous passage by boat to the town of Dawson near the gold fields.

Since 1949, Boy Scout units have been participating in Klondike Derbies as a way to honor this historic time. Scouts pull a sled loaded with supplies from station to station and compete in various Scout skill based events. Battlefield District is carrying on the tradition and we hope you'll join us!

The Battlefield District Klondike Derby is a race to complete activities in multiple "towns" where teams test their Scout skills and leadership abilities to earn "gold." Each team transports the gear necessary to complete the different stations on a homemade sled pulled by Scouts. Back this year is the Procrastination Class. You want to attend but don't have time to build a sled? No problem as your team can divide up the gear list and backpack it or use a commercially available wheeled cart/wagon to tote your gear and compete in the town activities with all the others. This is awesome for new troops and last-minute signups but please note that you will lose a few points on the sled/gear inspection form if you don't have an actual Klondike-style sled.

The event is open to Scouts BSA Troops, Venture Crews, and Ships. We cannot accommodate provisional scouts, Webelos, or AOLs. Each team of 4 to 8 scouts will have one sled for the trek. Procrastination Class teams may have one backpack per team member. Units may field as many teams as they wish as long as each team has a minimum of four scouts. Units must indicate the number of teams they are fielding on their registration. Scouts not participating on a team are welcome to watch as are adult leaders, but teams will lose points for any assistance from bystanders. Attendance is limited to the first 200 registrants.



### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE & PROGRAM

**FRIDAY** 

5:30 – 7:30 PM Check-in and Campsite Set-up – Required Paperwork, etc.:

BSA Medical Forms Parts A&B with front and back of insurance card

Official BSA Activity Consent Form – youth only

Full Unit Roster

Klondike Sled Team Rosters

Gold Nugget Auction Items - Two (or more) Items per Sled Team

8:30 – 9:00 PM SPL & SM Meeting – Gold Nugget Auction Items Due (if not turned in at Check-in)

10:30 PM All Scouts in Unit Campsites

11:00 PM Lights Out – Fires Out – All Quiet!

**SATURDAY** 

7:00 AM Reveille

7:00 – 8:30 AM Breakfast & Lunch Preparation to Take Bagged Lunches on the Trail

7:30 – 8:00 AM Check-in for Units Attending as Saturday Only Participants (No Camping)

8:30 AM Sled Team Leader Meeting and Sled/Gear Inspection

9:00 AM Opening Ceremony

9:30 AM Klondike Trail Open – Shotgun Start

4:00 PM Klondike Trail Closed

4:15 PM Sled Team Gold Count at the "Gold Room" – Sled Team Leader Only

4:15 – 4:45 PM Sled Team Auction Item Preview

4:50 PM Gold Nugget Auction – Last Chance to Submit a Campfire Song/Skit

5:30 – 7:30 PM Dinner in Campsites
7:45 PM Campfire and Awards

10:30 PM All Scouts in Unit Campsites

11:00 PM Lights Out – Fires Out – All Quiet!

**SUNDAY** 

7:00 AM Reveille

7:00 - 8:30 AM Breakfast

9:00 – 10:30 AM All Units Leave Event – Be Sure to Check the Lost and Found Prior to Departure.

Drive Home Safely and We'll See You Next Year!

Please respect others during Lights Out.

Scouts are not allowed out of their camping area after lights out with the exception of to and from the latrine with a buddy.

#### CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT PROCEEDURES

#### CHECK-IN

Unit check-in will be conducted from 5:30 PM till 7:30 PM on Friday evening at the Welcome Center pavilion adjacent to the gravel parking lot at Cub Adventure Camp. Do not arrive early; there will be no one to check you in; you may NOT enter the event area prior to check-in.

Only the unit leader-in-charge will proceed to the check-in area. All other unit participants will remain outside the pavilion. The unit leader-in-charge will present the following:

- Full unit roster of all youth and adult participants two copies are required
- Klondike Derby sled team roster(s)
- Auction Items (two per sled team) May be turned in at check-in or, at the latest, the SPL/SM meeting
- Current, Official BSA Medical Forms Parts A&B for all youth and adult participants including a copy of the front and back of the insurance card these will be checked but will stay with the unit
- List of individual medical concerns to discuss with the health officer if necessary
- Official <u>BSA Activity Consent Form</u> for each youth participant these will be checked but will stay with the unit

No participant, youth or adult, will be permitted to stay on event property without a current BSA Medical Part A&B Form, a copy of the front and back of the insurance card, and the Official BSA Activity Consent Form signed by the parent/guardian (youth only).

#### WRISTBANDS

All event participants will be issued a wrist band that must be worn for the duration of the event. Visitors and guests will be given a different color wrist band when they check in.

#### VEHICLES IN CAMP

Once check-in is complete, the unit will be directed to their camping area. You must show your unit parking pass in order to proceed past the parking lot. Only one vehicle per unit at a time may enter the camping area. The speed limit is 5 MPH (the speed of a walking person). Unit trailers must be unhooked and parked in the designated trailer parking area. Please note that some campsites do not have trailer adjacent parking and gear may need to be carried a short distance. No trailers are to be parked blocking roadways.

Units should unload the tow vehicle and immediately move it to the main parking lot **BEFORE** setting up camp so others may enter the grounds. Trailer parking in some areas will be tight. **No vehicles may remain in the camping area during the event.** All parking passes must be turned in at the SPL/SM Leader meeting Friday evening

Scouts and non-drivers should walk to the unit camping area. A limited number of pull carts are available to transport extra gear. These must be unloaded and returned to the Welcome Center promptly. It is recommended that all troop and personal gear be consolidated into the trailer and tow vehicle or in as few vehicles as possible if your unit is not bringing a trailer.

#### CHECK-OUT

Unit check-out will be on Sunday between 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM with an event staff member. Please ensure that your camping area is left better than you found it (Leave No Trace). **ONLY AFTER 9:00 AM** on Sunday will vehicles be allowed into the camping area. This includes the tow vehicle for trailers. Units should pack all gear **BEFORE** bringing vehicles into the camping area to load up. For the safety of all participants, any vehicles entering the camping area must stay on the road with the exception of the trailer tow vehicle if necessary to hook up to the unit trailer. Units wishing to leave Saturday night must notify the staff in advance.

#### **EVENT DETAILS**

#### **CHALLENGES**

There will not be a town description list posted prior to the Klondike Derby. Challenges will focus on Scout skills in fire making, first aid, knots & lashings, navigation, saw & ax use, wilderness survival, and general scouting knowledge.

#### **COMPETITION**

Scouts will compete as a patrol/team of 4 to 8 Scouts. Several activity stations/towns will be set up throughout the event area. The Derby will begin as a shotgun start with teams beginning at different towns along the course. Scouts will compete by participating in a variety of activities which will require them to demonstrate basic Scouting skills, teamwork, and problem solving all while showing Scout spirit.

Scoring will be done by the Scouts running the town according to the scoring rubric for the activity. Teams can earn a maximum of 20 "gold" nuggets in each town: 13 for the task, 4 for teamwork, 3 for Scout spirit. Only the sled team leader should collect the earned nuggets and they should verify that the correct number earned is received. Do not leave the town without your nuggets as teams may not go back to collect forgotten nuggets. Nuggets should be deposited in a secure container as nuggets lost on the trail will not be replaced.

At the end of the Derby, each team will spend their nuggets in the gold nugget auction. The entire team should decide on what item(s) they'd like, but only the sled team leader may actually bid on the item(s). Teams may not pool their nuggets with anyone even those from the same unit. Auction items are entirely dependent on what participants donate to the auction.

#### KLONDIKE DERBY RULES

Listen carefully to the challenges when you get to each town. Each team is responsible for having everything they will need to complete the challenge on their sled. If last minute activity changes occur, the necessary materials will be available at the town. All required materials are listed under Sled Required Cargo and on the Sled/Gear Inspection Sheet.

- Teams consist of a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of eight (8) Scouts.
- Teams must attempt all challenges.
- Teams must follow the designated course.
- Teams must have everything secured on their sled or in their backpacks/cart/wagon.
- Teams are encouraged to wear <u>matching</u> Class Bs to demonstrate team spirit. If teams want to add on matching attire like hats, bandanas, snowshoes or even chicken feet, they are welcome to do so.
- All sleds will be inspected prior to the start of the race for safety.
- All sleds must be propelled only by Scouts.
- No electrically powered sleds are allowed.
- Wheels are optional but discouraged.
- Teams should be prepared to have sleds travel over rough terrain.
- No Scout cell phones are permitted on the course.
- Starting positions will be determined by random drawing. Each team will start in a different town in a shotgun start.

#### SLED INFORMATION

Every competing team needs an official Klondike sled unless they are participating in the Procrastination Class. The sleds are fashioned to look somewhat like Alaskan dog sleds. Some materials often used include plywood, pine boards, or old fiberglass with used skis for the runners. Sometimes PVC pipes can be used to form the body of the sled. Wheels on sleds are discouraged. Please remember that commercially purchased wheeled carts/wagons are considered part of the Procrastination Class and will lose points on the sled/gear inspection sheet.

There is no absolute requirement for what a Klondike sled must look like and there are many plans available on the internet. Make sure the sled is strong enough to bear the weight of your equipment and will hold together for the duration of the course. Sleds can be held together entirely with lashings. If permanent construction is the goal, it is best to use screws rather than nails as nails can come loose under the stress, strain, and banging of the course. Drill first to avoid splitting the wood. Varnish the bottom of the runners and wax them before using. Paracord lashings, netting, or a canvas snow curtain may be added to prevent items from falling off the sled. Secure a towing rope at the front with handholds and secure a brake rope at the rear.

#### Examples of a Klondike Sleds:

http://scoutdocs.ca/Klondike/Klondike sled plans.php

http://scoutdocs.ca/graphics/sled-bindings-front.jpeg

http://scoutdocs.ca/graphics/sled-bindings-rear.jpeg

http://scoutdocs.ca/Klondike/Klondike sled plans.pdf

http://pack239novi.tripod.com/Klondike/Sled design.pdf

http://www.inquiry.net/images/hunt klondike.gif

http://scoutingmagazine.org/issues/0911/a-klondike.html

#### SLED REQUIRED CARGO

Each team must provide the following equipment for their sled. Sleds/Gear will be inspected at the sled team leader meeting on Saturday morning. Gold nuggets are awarded based on preparation.

#### Core items:

- Sled/Gear Inspection Sheet With the unit/team portion filled out
- Team Campfire Skit Sign up at the team leader meeting
- Patrol Flag Must be attached to the sled and visible.
- Scouts BSA Handbook
- Pencil and Paper
- Secure container to hold gold nuggets
- First Aid Kit
- Water and a packed lunch for each team member to eat on the trail
- Trash Bag

The remining items will be added to the list once the town activities have been finalized. The complete list will be available as a separate document titled Sled/Gear Inspection Form. Once available, you can download it from the HOVC calendar Klondike Derby event page on the right side under "Attachments."

#### GOLD NUGGET AUCTION

<u>Each</u> participating sled team must bring at least <u>two</u> items (more than two are welcome) to donate to the gold nugget auction. Examples of past items include bundles of rope, compasses, flashlights, fire starters, outdoor games, gently used pre-owned items such as tents, sleeping bags, backpacks, axes, etc. This is what sled teams have worked for all day so your generosity is greatly appreciated. Auction items should be dropped off at check-in or at the SPL/SM Friday night meeting at the latest.

#### CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

Show off your various talents and entertain us all with skits, cheers, songs, and Scouting antics! The campfire will be held at the Cub Adventure Camp Amphitheater on Saturday evening. Each team should plan to participate in the campfire. The deadline to sign up is Saturday afternoon before the start of the gold nugget auction, **BUT** to earn gold nuggets for participation, teams must sign up by the Saturday morning team leader meeting. Skits will be "first-come, first-served" in order to avoid duplications. All skits must meet with the approval of the event chair or designee and should be in good taste.

#### ORDER OF THE ARROW

The new short-term-camp standards encourage the OA to have a presence at all events. OA members are invited to wear their sash to the Saturday evening campfire. If your unit wishes to hold an Order of the Arrow call-out, please contact Jennifer Bateman at ScoutsBSATroop542@gmail.com prior to February 24, 2023.

#### SLED TEAM TROPHY

The official Battlefield District Klondike Derby Trophy will be presented to the winning team at the Saturday evening campfire. The trophy will be engraved with the winning team's name and unit number. Plaques will be awarded for First, Second, and Third place for units to keep and display at home.

#### **CAMPING POLICIES**

#### ADULT LEADERS

All units must ensure that they meet the BSA two-deep leadership requirement in camp at all times. BSA policy requires at least two adult registered leaders be in camp at all times; both must be 21 years of age or older. Units serving female youth must have at least one registered female adult, age 21 or older, in camp at all times. See the Guide to Safe Scouting for clarification.

#### **CAMPFIRES**

Campfires are allowed in all <u>established</u> campfire rings. **Portable above ground fire rings are NOT ALLOWED at Cub Adventure Camp**. You may NOT build any new campfire rings in camp. Please note that some units will be camping in areas without a fire ring. Take this as an opportunity to make new friends and welcome scouts to your fire. Fires in established campfire rings will be authorized depending on the status of state/local fire prohibitions in effect for the weekend of the event.

#### CAMP PROPERTY

The HOVC Scout Reservation exists as a service to you and to your unit. Please do not destroy or deface any equipment, facilities, or trees. Units will be charged for equipment that is damaged, destroyed, or lost.

#### **CAMPSITES**

Units are encouraged to set up their campsite with their unit number, an American Flag, unit flag, and patrol flags. Units are welcome to bring temporary canopies as long as they are staked and/or weighted to secure them to the ground. Camping locations will be assigned based on registration date and unit size. Please note that trailer parking may not be campsite adjacent.

#### FIREWOOD

No firewood should be brought with you to the Heart of Virginia Scout Reservation. The risk of bringing in invasive pests is too high; wood is plentiful at camp. Plenty of dead wood is available throughout camp.

#### **MEALS**

No meals are provided by the event. Units must bring all food, appropriate food storage, cooking equipment, clean-up supplies, and waste removal bags. Units are encouraged to use biodegradable soap like Campsuds brand. All meals except for lunch on Saturday will be prepared and consumed within the designated unit camping area.

#### TAPS/LIGHTS OUT

A Scout is courteous. All Scouts should be in their designated camping areas at 10:30 PM to wind-down the day's activities. Lights out is at 11:00 PM sharp. Unit leaders must ensure that fires and lanterns are out and that all their youth have retreated to their tents and are quiet. We ask unit leaders to set the example and remain quiet after 11:00 PM.

#### TOILETS & SHOWERS

- Welcome Center Pavilion Male and Female Bathrooms with Flush Toilets and Sinks
- Western Fort Individual Flush Toilets, Sinks, and Showers
- Navas Lodge Dining Hall (back side) Male and Female Bathrooms with Flush Toilets and Sinks
- Primitive latrines are located in the following areas: Baloo, Yurts, Mountain Cabins, and Mowgli. Please note that the handwashing sinks in those areas are shut off for the winter.

Units are encouraged to have hand sanitizer and hand-washing stations at their campsite. A hands-free hand washing station ideal for cold weather can be found here: <a href="https://youtu.be/hbbbpEk2E-8">https://youtu.be/hbbbpEk2E-8</a>
A commercially available version by Igloo is also available: <a href="https://www.igloocoolers.com">https://www.igloocoolers.com</a>

#### TRAILERS

Trailers must be unhooked from the vehicle and properly secured with wheel blocks. No vehicles may remain in the camping area. Depending on your assigned camping area, trailers might not be allowed to be parked directly at the unit camp site.

#### TRASH DISPOSAL

Participants should practice outdoor ethics principles to the maximum extent possible. If you packed it in – you pack it out. All units are expected to police their camping area and remove all trash. Dumpsters are located on the side of the Navas Lodge Dining Hall. Trash not taken to the dumpsters must be stored in the unit trailer. No trash should be left out overnight as you do not want to attract animals to your camping area.

#### UNIFORM

Units are encouraged to wear the official field uniform, often referred to as a "Class A" uniform, during check-in, check-out, and campfire programs. At all other times, participants may wear an activity uniform, referred to as "Class B", consisting of a troop or camp t-shirt/sweatshirt with Scout pants or shorts.

#### VEHICLES IN CAMP

Safety is our number one priority and drivers must exercise EXTREME caution when operating motor vehicles on camp property. The speed limit is 5 MPH (the speed of a walking person). All roads must remain open for emergency vehicles at all times.

Vehicles are only allowed in camp to drop off and pick up gear during check-in and check-out and must be immediately moved to the gravel lot at the Welcome Center Pavilion. No cars may be parked in a campsite overnight. The parking lot outside the Navas Lodge Dining Hall is for event staff and emergency vehicles We encourage the consolidation of camp gear to cut down on traffic in camp. Pull-carts are available for transportation of gear to camping areas if needed. Vehicles must stay on roads or on gravel parking areas. Absolutely no one is allowed to ride in the bed of a truck or in a trailer.

After check-in, the only cars that should be seen in camp during the event are Ranger trucks (white pickups). If the need arises for a vehicle to be in camp, approval MUST first be obtained from the event chair or designee. Special arrangements will be available for special needs visitors, Scouts, and Scouters as requested.

At check-out, units should pack all gear **BEFORE** bringing any vehicles into the camping area to load up.

#### WATER

Drinking water is available at the Navas Lodge Dining Hall and the Western Fort. Units are encouraged to bring 2 to 5 gallon containers for transporting water to their camping area. Units may use the pull carts at the Welcome Center to transport water. Please be sure to return them. Units are also welcome to bring their own water.

#### MEDICAL MATTERS

#### COVID-19 SCREENING & OTHER PROCEDURES

The Heart of Virginia Scout Reservation will follow recommendations from the CDC, the Governor's Office of Virginia, the Council Risk Management Committee, and our Council Physician to determine the COVID-19 policies for the event. If screening is necessary, participating units will be contacted prior to the event.

#### MEDICAL FORMS & INSURANCE CARDS

According to BSA policy, all Scouts and leaders must complete an <u>Annual Heath and Medical Record Form</u> (Parts A&B only) for all Scouting activities and have a copy of the front and back of their current insurance card on file with the unit. Part A&B is just the health history form (excluding the physician's portion). It is the responsibility of the unit to obtain and maintain copies of these forms for members of their unit for all activities they conduct. Medical forms and insurance cards will be checked but NOT collected at check-in. Units must keep all medical records in a secure location, and they must be available to the event health and safety officer.

#### MEDICAL NEEDS

As part of the check-in process for short-term camps, the unit leader-in-charge must inform the camp health officer or designee of campers with limitations, special needs, or life-threatening circumstances.

#### MEDICAL TREATMENT

All units should bring a unit first aid kit and treat injuries within their capabilities. Units must report any injury beyond Scout-rendered basic first aid. Qualified medical personnel will be on duty in the Health Lodge. St. Mary's Hospital, Richmond, VA, will treat emergency patients from camp. Goochland County Fire and Rescue Association provides emergency transport if needed. Non-emergency transportation is provided by the unit leaders to either Goochland Medical Center or St. Mary's Hospital (as determined by the Health Officer).

#### **MEDICATIONS**

All prescription drugs are to be kept and administered by the unit. They must be kept in a secured location out of the reach of youth. Refrigeration for medicine is available in the Health Lodge. Provide a list of medication, dosage (Medical Part B) and to whom you are administering medication when you check in with the health officer. By law, medications must be in a container with a typed label from the pharmacy. Medications shall be given only in accordance with the label. Handwritten changes will not be accepted.

Over the counter medications should be administered in accordance with the original label, except as otherwise provided by the council's health supervisor, or a prescribing health care provider's direction, or a parent/guardian's signed summary thereof.

In addition, the Scouter Code of Conduct specifies that if you, as an adult, are taking prescription medications with the potential of impairing any functioning or judgment, you will not engage in activities that would put Scouts at risk, including driving or operating equipment.

#### SLEEP DISORDERS

Visitors with sleeping disorders requiring a CPAP machine are encouraged to bring it with them to maintain proper health. Please be advised that electricity is not guaranteed so you should have a battery powered machine. Used batteries must be taken home with you; they may not be placed in camp dumpsters. <u>Portable gas-powered generators are not permitted on camp property</u>.

#### **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

The Heart of Virginia Council maintains emergency procedures to meet, and in some cases, exceed the standards set by the Boy Scouts of America. It is essential for everyone's safety that every member of your unit fully understands that these procedures exist – their life, your life, or someone else's life could depend on it. Please be sure to follow only instructions delivered by the staff chain of command. Likewise, if an emergency arises, or is brought to your attention, please notify the nearest staff member immediately so that we may launch the appropriate procedures. Do not attempt to resolve an emergency situation alone. Notify the nearest staff member. In the event that an emergency arises, an alarm will sound. When this alarm is heard, all units and participants are required to assemble at the opening ceremony area and await further instruction.

#### INCLEMENT WEATHER

In case of inclement weather, activities may be interrupted by dangerous lightning. If this occurs, take shelter in the nearest large wooden structure and avoid being out in the open. The Fishing Ship and Castle Pool Complex are not safe options. The Navas Lodge Dining Hall, Administration Building, and Welcome Center Pavilion feature lightning protection. The camp is equipped with an Emergency/Tornado Siren.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### ALCOHOL, DRUGS, & TOBACCO

- No alcoholic beverages or harmful/illegal drugs are allowed in camp. All prescription drugs are to be kept and administered by an adult within the unit. (See the Medications section above.) Failure to comply with this policy will be grounds for removal from camp and possible banning from future camp events.
- Per BSA policy, smoking and the use of any tobacco products (including the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking) is prohibited in tents, buildings throughout the camp, and in the presence of Scouts. In accordance with Virginia Commonwealth Law, anyone under 21 years old is prohibited from using tobacco in any form while at the event. Those over 21 who smoke must do so out of sight in the designated adult smoking area: the Welcome Center Pavilion parking lot. Cigarette butts must be field stripped and placed in a trash receptacle.

#### BUDDY SYSTEM

Scouts are expected to use the buddy system at all times and especially for night-time bathroom use.

#### CELL PHONE POLICY

Scouts may **NOT** take cell phones on the Klondike course.

#### ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Radios, cell phones, CD players, video games, and other personal electronic devices detract from the camping experience and provide an inviting target for theft. Do not bring them to the event. If you permit them during travel to and from camp, please leave them in the car during your stay at the event. Youth campers are not permitted to have two-way radios, pagers, laser pointers, or drones.

#### EXPECTED BEHAVIOR

- The Scout Oath and Law
- The Guide to Safe Scouting
- Outdoor Ethics
- NO fireworks, pets, firearms, electronic games, radios, walkie-talkies, TV's or CD/DVD/MP3/IPod players
- Scouts are not permitted to roam through another unit's camping area
- Scouts are not permitted to leave the boundaries of the event location

#### FIREARMS, FIREWORKS, & KNIVES

- Personal firearms, ammunition, bows and arrows, large sheath knives and large folding knives are not permitted at the event. Additionally, no water guns or Nerf style guns are permitted at the event.
- Fireworks of any kind are prohibited on Camp property.
- Pocketknives may be carried by adult leaders and any Scout who has earned Totin' Chip.

#### LIQUID FUELS

Adult leaders only may use stoves and lanterns requiring liquid fuel. Extra fuel must be turned over to the Quartermaster for safekeeping in locked storage.

#### MONEY & VALUABLES

The trading post will not be open, so scouts only need money if the unit plans to stop on the way to or from the event. Each Scout is responsible for the safeguarding of his/her money and personal property. It is recommended that expensive cameras, watches, and personal entertainment devices be left at home. All items regardless of value should be clearly marked with the youth's name and unit number.

#### **OPEN FLAMES**

For safety reasons, there are to be no open flames in tents. This ban on open flames in tents includes a ban on the use of matches, candles, kerosene, propane, or liquid lanterns in tents. Lighting in tents is to be provided by battery-powered lanterns or flashlights only. It is, however, acceptable to use a lantern under a dining fly. All cooking fires, campfires and stoves are to be attended while they are burning. Fires must be extinguished so that they are cold to the touch.

#### **PETS**

No pets are allowed at the event. Please ensure that anyone planning to visit your troop during the weekend is also aware of this rule. Service animals must wear identifying insignia.

#### VISITORS & GUESTS

Visitors and guests MUST check-in with the event staff upon arrival and receive a visitor/guest wrist band which must be worn for the duration of their stay. They are welcomed and encouraged to attend and watch the daytime activities and campfire. The individual unit leaders-in-charge at the event are responsible for the behavior of all guests visiting their unit or its members. The unit leader-in-charge is also responsible for ensuring that his/her unit's visitors and guests are aware of the camp's health and safety rules and procedures, and that they are followed. Visitors and guests are NOT permitted to spend the night. All must wear closed toe shoes at all times.

#### WILDLIFE AND ANIMALS

Cub Adventure Camp is located in a heavily wooded area of Goochland County in Central Virginia. We do have wild animals and snakes that roam freely through the area. Our skunks are very used to having humans in their home for several months of the year and food will attract them. We ask that food (including candy) be kept out of tents and placed in coolers on top of picnic tables. Please do not interact with or feed wildlife. If we leave them alone, they will leave us alone. All campsite trash should be placed nightly in the dumpster behind the Navas Lodge Dining Hall.

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