

Klondike Derby 2026

Rainbow Scout Reservation

Morris, IL

January 23rd-25th, 2026

Welcome to the theater!

LEADER'S GUIDE

Registration

- The registration fee for Scouts is \$25 and sign up ends 1/19/2026.
- Registration for adults is \$18 and sign up ends 1/19/2026.

• Register at

<https://scoutingevent.com/702-klondike2026>

- The registration fee is for a full weekend of theme-based activities and, of course, a patch!
- Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or older are required for each troop. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or older in every troop serving females. Linked Troops and unlinked Troops sharing campsites must provide two registered adult leaders for each troop unless otherwise authorized in writing by Rainbow Council's Scout Executive.

If you are a linked troop, please make sure to note this on your registration.

Check-in opens on 1/23/2026 at 6:00 and closes at 9:00.

- All units will check in at the main camp office. Please have only a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster and the SPL enter the office to check in.
- Please be prepared to pay for all registration and late fees not yet submitted by check. We will verify the name and number of people in your unit attending the Camporee at the time of check-in.
- Please be sure to bring a current copy of parts A and B of the BSA's Annual Health and Medical Record for all participants and adults to the event.

- These forms can be found online at:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>

- **Medical forms will be collected at check-in. COPIES WILL NOT BE RETURNED.** If there are any medical conditions or considerations for any of your adult volunteers or Scouts, please bring these to the camporee medic's attention at check-in. Part B of the medical form includes the BSA Talent Release Agreement. **If any participant's parent or guardian prefers NOT to have their youth in Council photographs, please bring this to the attention of the camporee staff when you check in as well.**
- **Campsites do not have electricity.** Those needing a CPAP machine or other electric medical devices should bring a battery pack for nighttime usage. We can provide a location to charge these batteries if needed.
- **The camp speed limit is 5 mph and will be strictly enforced. ONE trailer and ONE tow vehicle per troop will be allowed to the campsite for unloading. Only the trailer may remain in the campsite, and the tow vehicle must be returned to the parking lot after unloading.**
- **For troops with no trailer, TWO vehicles will be allowed to the campsite for unloading, and ONE vehicle may remain.**
- Campsites will be assigned and determined by the number of campers in each troop. Space will need to be made to neatly park your troop trailer within your designated campsite boundaries. Parking will be at a premium, so it will be more important than ever to rideshare and economize travel to include as few vehicles as possible.
- Please be kind and courteous to our staff as they do their best to facilitate a fun event for you and our Scouts. They have volunteered their time to make this fun!

Check-Out: Sunday from 8:00-10:00

Sunday morning will consist of your troop's breakfast, interfaith service, campsite clean-up, and finally the check-out with Klondike Staff. Please take ALL trash to the dumpster behind the dining hall before you leave your campsite.

Safety

- **Buddy System:** The buddy system must be used at all times. Follow the Guide to Safe Scouting. Of note, buddy pairs (two youths) must be of the same gender. Co-ed buddy trios/truddies/triples are allowed (mixed gender group of 3) per the Guide to Safe Scouting. Buddy pairs can only be made between youth members. Adult program participants and adult volunteers over the age of 18 cannot buddy with youth members.

- **Engaged Supervision:** Adult volunteers must always follow the Guide to Safe Scouting, enforce the buddy system, and provide two deep, engaged supervision. “Engaged supervision” means being aware of everything going on around you and within earshot/eyesight of your youth. If something doesn’t seem right, take the time to investigate. Never assume that the youth will handle it safely on their own. Notify adult staff immediately of any concerns.
- **Youth Protection:** If you think any of the BSA’s Youth Protection policies have been violated, including those described within Scouting’s Barriers to Abuse, make sure the Scouts are safe, notify local authorities if appropriate, and then you must notify your local council Scout executive, Ted Karns, at 708-471-7335, so appropriate action can be taken for the safety of our Scouts.
- **Weather:** In a severe weather emergency, the brick flush toilets and the dining hall can be used as an emergency shelter.
 - **Siren protocol:** If you hear sirens, proceed to the dining hall.
- **Emergency Medical Service:** Routine Scout-specific medication and other minor first aid issues should be handled within the troop. Each troop should be outfitted with a campsite first-aid kit that is centrally located. Klondike does provide a first aid officer located in the main office for injuries beyond basic troop first aid. Injuries or near-misses should be reported to and recorded by the Klondike first aid officer. In an emergency, call 911, then call Scout executive Ted Karns at 708-471-7335.
- **Campfires:** Campsites must use a pre-made fire area. Do not create a new fire pit. There usually is plenty of pre-cut firewood available in campsites; please protect our forest by not bringing in outside wood. If scavenging for wood in the campsite, please remember the “Four D’s”: Dead, Down, Dinky, and Dispersed. Do not chop down trees or branches. Axes may be used in troop-established axe yards under adult supervision. Per the Guide to Safe Scouting, liquid flame starters are prohibited, and absolutely no flames are allowed in tents. All units should have a fireguard schedule posted on their campsite. A blank copy is attached to this booklet.
- **Leaving Property:** If anyone needs to leave the property for any reason, please sign out and back in at the front office.

General Information

Patrol Size: Each patrol competing should be made up of no more than 10 Scouts. *Any patrol that is more than 10 scouts will be split up.* Any patrols less than 10 might have to complete stations differently.

- **Headquarters:** Camporee headquarters will be at the Camp Office
- **Scout Spirit:** Scout Spirit is the core of everything we do as Scouts and Scouters. It is the embodiment of the Scout Oath and Scout Law, and it is the cheerful attitude displayed in all we do.
- **Uniform:** The uniform for the camporee is the BSA field uniform. The field uniform is expected for all Scouts and Scouters during registration, flag ceremonies, and campfires. The activity uniform may be worn during campsite set-up, competitions, and meals. All shoes must be closed-toe. While clothing should be appropriate for the activity, each troop determines what is “appropriate” for their unit following the [Scouts BSA Clothing Policy](#).
- **Campfire Program:** There will be an opportunity for your troop to participate in the campfire program on Saturday evening. Patrols are welcome to perform a skit, song, or story at the campfire. The skit, song, or story must follow the BSA campfire guidelines and is required to be approved by the camporee staff. Those guidelines are attached. A form for skit, song, or story submission is also attached, which must be turned in by closing flags on Saturday!
- **Cooking/Meals:** Each Troop is responsible for providing all meals and snacks for themselves. Each troop is responsible for the cleanliness of their campsite and for packing away their trash after the event. **Empty all trash cans into the dumpster behind the dining hall before check-out.**
- **Water:** Potable water is available [VERIFY WATER IS TURNED ON IN CAMPSITES] in every campsite and via the exterior spigot on the shower house near the dining hall.
- **Food Storage:** Each troop is responsible for supplying their food, cooking equipment, and secure (raccoon-proof) food storage containers.
- **Bathroom Facilities:** Latrines are located throughout RSR. Flush toilets and showers are available in the shower house near the dining hall.
- **Prohibited Items:** The Klondike staff or Scout Camp reserves the right to confiscate any prohibited items or items felt to be unsafe from either campers or adults. Prohibited items include fireworks, firearms, ammunition, alcohol, tobacco products, cannabis products, illicit drugs, knives with fixed blades or blades greater than 3”, laser pointers, or other items determined to be unsafe.

- **Lights Out:** Quiet time in camp is from Taps (10:30 PM) until Reveille (7:00 AM). We ask that you be courteous and respect this time for all and have all Scouts remain in their sites during this time.

Outdoor Ethics

This camp belongs to all of us! We show our appreciation by properly respecting the property during our event. This means staying within our area of operation and keeping it, and all its facilities clean. BSA's Outdoor Ethics should be embraced in full during the Camporee. We clean up after ourselves as well as pick up litter as we come across it.

Leave No Trace Principles

- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Travel and camp on durable surfaces
 - Dispose of waste properly
 - Leave what you find
- Minimize campfire impacts
 - Respect wildlife
- Be considerate of other visitors

Patrol Equipment Required

1. Klondike Sled
2. Patrol Flag
3. Neckerchief per patrol member
4. Natural tinder for fire building
 - a. For the fire building event, no unnatural or manmade fire starters are allowed
5. Scout Handbook
6. Pocket Knife
7. Rain/Snow Gear per scout
8. 100 ft of rope
 - a. For the pioneering event we ask that patrols supply their own rope so that they may cut it down to size as they wish
9. Totin' Chip
10. Pen or Pencil
11. First Aid kit
12. 1 Full Water Bottle per Patrol Member
13. 2-3 compasses
14. Inspection and Score sheet
(Provided at check in)

Klondike 2026 Schedule

Friday

6:00-8:00pm Registration and Camp Set Up (main camp office)
9:00-9:30pm SPL and Leader Meeting (Webelos Shelter)
10:30pm Taps (Lights Out)

Saturday

9:00am Opening Flags
9:30-11:30am Patrol competitions
11:30-12:30pm Lunch (At your campsite)
12:45-4:00pm Patrol competitions
4:30pm Closing Flags
6:20-6:30pm Scoutmaster Cookoff Dropoff Time (Wilhelm Center)
8:00pm Campfire and Awards (Fire Bowl)
10:30pm Taps (Lights Out)

Sunday

8:00pm Interfaith Service
8:00-10:00am Check Out
10:00am Everyone Off Property

Klondike Scene Events

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| STATION I | Horror Movies |
| Location: | Trading Post |
| Orienteering | Patrols will navigate an orienteering course to locate hidden gold. |
| Search & Rescue | Patrols will navigate an obstacle course while on their sled |
| Sled Race | A race with homemade dog sleds pulled by each patrol. |
| STATION II | Home Alone |
| Location: | Field next to Boating Shed at Waterfront |
| Sled Rescue | Use throw rope to rescue a victim on a saucer sled |
| First Aid | Quickly and accurately diagnose injuries and their required treatment |
| Carries Relay | Carry the victim to safety |
| Sled Inspections | Patrol sleds will be inspected for all of the required materials. |
| STATION III: | Silent Films |
| Location: | Scoutcraft |
| Flagpole Raising | Use lashings to put together a flagpole and raise your patrol Flag. |
| Sled Raise | Secure your sled above the ground a predetermined distance using rope. |
| Build Shelter | Construct a shelter using your knowledge of lashings and various logs and sticks that can cover your sled and half of your patrol |
| STATION IV: | Black & White Films |
| Location: | Parade Field |
| Walking Skis | You and your patrol must walk across a course on large wooden skis, all blind folded, except for one scout to give directions. |
| Snow Blind | Set up a tent in a blizzard (Blindfolded) with one person able to see and provide guidance. |
| Obstacle Course | Traverse an obstacle course one at a time getting your entire patrol across all blindfolded, except for one scout giving guidance. |
| STATION V | Good, Bad, and the Ugly |
| Location: | Whippoorwill |
| 2 Man Log Saw | Patrol will break into 3 different pairs to saw off 3 pieces of a large log. |
| Fire Building | Patrols must build a fire that burns for at least 1 full minute. |
| Timber Drag | Tie a timber hitch and drag a log as fast as possible. |

Scoring

The scoring system will be the same for all events, including sled and campsite inspections, and the Scoutmaster/Patrol Cook Off.

Every event will be placed back to the 10th place. 1st place will be granted 10 points, 2nd place will be granted 9 points, 3rd place will be granted 8 points, etc.

In the likely event of ties, points will be fully awarded. For example, if Patrol A and Patrol B are tied for 4th place, they will both receive 7 points, and the score behind them will be placed at 5th place not 6th.

In the event of a tie for 1st place in any event, a tie breaker will be decided by the youth leader of the event, this will range from creativity, form, teamwork, sportsmanship and yes, the patrol yell. Both teams will receive 10 points, the tie breaker will simply be for the trophy.

Please be respectful to everyone and Directors CAN dock points for unscoutsmanlike behaviors.

Feel free to dress up like a movie character - you may just get some extra points.

Use your Patrol Yell when you get to each station for extra points.

Important Notes about Scenes and Events

Upon entering your 1st scene, the patrol must greet the Director of the scene with their patrol yell. **Sled inspections will be held at the Home Alone station.** The inspection sheet is on the following page and should be printed and brought to the event. It is advised to print an extra copy as a backup.

The staff will do their best to run and judge the events, but weather may be a factor for some. While this is a competition, the main goal is a fun experience for all. Please remember to always follow the scout law as you take part in the Klondike. While the youth will be running the events, adult leaders will be available at each Scene. Directors can dock points for unscoutinglike behaviors at their station. Please also treat your Patrols and all of the station equipment with respect. Most of all- Be Prepared.

If you have any questions regarding sleds, please contact Troop 19's Scoutmaster- Mr. Frantik. You can contact him via email at pfrantik29@gmail.com

Patrol Sled Inspection Sheet

Troop ____ Patrol _____

| Category | Max Points | Points Awarded |
|---|------------|----------------|
| 1. Is the Patrol Flag Flying? | 2 | _____ |
| 2. Does the patrol leader have a WORKABLE COMPASS and can the patrol leader use it to orient the RSR Map? | 4 | _____ |
| 3. The patrol has a patrol FIRST AID KIT or individual kits? | 3 | _____ |
| 4. Are all scouts properly clothed? (i.e. Mittens, Hats, Ear Protection, Winter Jacket, and Long Johns?) | 5 | _____ |
| 5. Are all scouts properly SHOD? (Insulated & Waterproof- NO SNEAKERS) | 2 | _____ |
| 6. Do all scouts have RAIN GEAR properly stored? | 2 | _____ |
| 7. Are all packs neat, properly loaded and content protected from the weather? | 4 | _____ |
| Maximum | | 22 |

Campsite Inspection

Troop ____ Campsite _____

| Inspection Category | Max Points | Points Awarded |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 1. Campfire out or watched | 2 | _____ |
| 2. Campfire safe distance from tents | 2 | _____ |
| 3. Campfire properly marked | 3 | _____ |
| 4. Properly fire safety tools out | 2 | _____ |
| 5. General Cleanliness | 5 | _____ |
| 6. Duty roster posted | 2 | _____ |
| 7. Tents properly set up | 3 | _____ |
| 8. Tents uniformly set up | 3 | _____ |
| 9. All personal gear stowed | 5 | _____ |
| 10. First-Aid kit visible and marked | 2 | _____ |
| 11. Food Properly stored | 2 | _____ |
| 12. Trash Properly stored | 2 | _____ |
| 13. Troop Flag Displayed | 2 | _____ |
| Maximum | 35 | _____ |

For Troops with more than 1 patrol, the score for campsite inspection will apply to all patrols.

Inspections will be done randomly whilst patrols are participating in activities

Scoutmaster/Patrol Cook Off Score Sheet

Must be a Dish from a Movie or Show

Note: 1 Dish per patrol must be served

| Category | Max Points | Points Awards |
|---|------------|---------------|
| - Food protected from weather, insects, spoiling, and animals | 4 | _____ |
| - Dishes served in a timely matter (No later than 6:30, no earlier than 6:20) | 5 | _____ |
| - Creative presentation | 2 | _____ |
| - Dish is appropriate temperature | 2 | _____ |
| - Meal appetizing and edible | 12 | _____ |
| - Food is from a Movie or Show | 15 | _____ |
| Total | 40 | _____ |

Notes:

The dishes will be judged by a combined undetermined panel of adults and youth.
Dish should be something you have seen in a movie (i.e Hot Chocolate from Polar Express) You can not use this example, it must be an edible item.

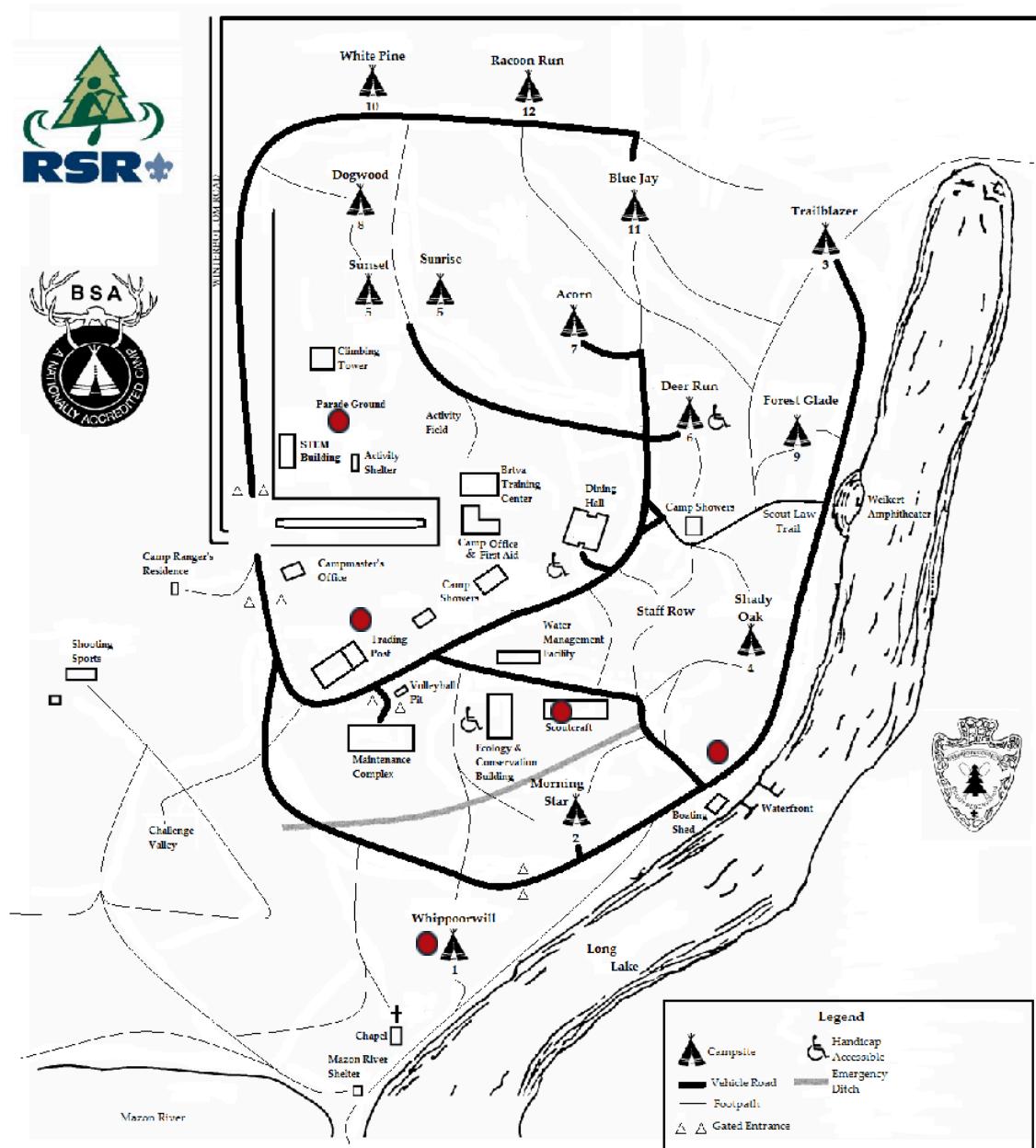
The Scoutmaster/patrol cook off will count towards your final score, so make sure to submit something

Campfire Skit Submission Form

| Unit and Patrol Name | Skit/Song Name | Approximate Time |
|----------------------|----------------|------------------|
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Please write a brief description of each skit (feel free to use the back):

Note: We ask that each patrol perform at least one skit or song, more than one is acceptable. Remember to keep skits scouting appropriate



 1. Event Area
 2. Sled race check point

2026 Klondike Derby Score Sheet

Patrols can get points docked or disqualified for unscoutsmanlike behavior towards our staff and other campers.

Troop ____ Patrol _____

| Scene | Event | Score | Patrol Yell Y/N | Mayoral Signature |
|--|-----------------|-------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Horror Movies Trading Post | Orienteering | | | |
| | Search & Rescue | | | |
| | Sled race | | | |
| Home Alone Field at Waterfront | Ice Rescue | | | |
| | First Aid | | | |
| | Carries Relay | | | |
| | Sled Inspection | | | |
| Silent Films Scoutcraft | Flag Rasing | | | |
| | Sled Raise | | | |
| | Pioneering | | | |
| Black & White Films Parade Field | Walking ski's | | | |
| | Snow Blind | | | |
| | Obstacle Course | | | |
| Good, Bad, Ugly Whippoorwill | Two Man Saw | | | |
| | Fire Building | | | |
| | Timber Drag | | | |



BSA Ceremonies and Campfire Guidance

(National Camping School)

Ceremonies and campfires are fun and exciting parts of any camping experience! They give youth the ability to perform, but runons, stories, skits and songs must also fit within the program guidelines of the BSA. There are numerous things that are inappropriate and unacceptable. While the following is not an exhaustive list, it will help you begin the discussion about ensuring only appropriate material is portrayed:

- No name Calling, put-downs, Hazing
- No references to undergarments, nudity or bodily functions
- No cross-gender impersonation at any point in the skit
- No derogatory references to or stereotyping of ethnic or cultural backgrounds, economic situations, or disabilities
- No portrayal of sensitive social issues such as alcohol, drugs, gangs, guns, suicide, etc. – *be mindful of this in song lyrics as well.*
- Wasteful, ill-mannered, or improper use of food or water including wasting food in ANY way for comedic purpose is not allowed. *You may not know the current situation of youth and adults who are in the audience. Many may not have adequate food at home and the wasting of food in any way would further point out this disparity. Additionally there are parts of the world where water is not potable therefore the wasting of water is not appropriate.*
- No inside jokes that exclude some of those present
- Do not change lyrics to patriotic songs (“America”, “America the Beautiful”, “God Bless America”, “The Star-Spangled Banner”) or hymns and other spiritual songs
- Do not embarrass anyone – including staff or audience members (even if they are “in on it”) - *just because the staff member is in on it, everyone in the audience is not aware of that fact and the appearance is that you are making fun of someone.*
- Do not portray violent behavior or any behavior not in line with the Guide to Safe Scouting (ex. pointing “guns” at each other)
- No bathroom humor or skits/songs where a toilet is the punchline or a part of the skit or song.
- No water skits – NO ONE gets wet in any way (includes staff, and even if they are “in on it”)
- No material with sexual overtones
- **Do not include anything that is not in keeping with the ideals of the Boy Scouts of America.**

Best motto to have is, “If in doubt, take it out!”

All material should be vetted by the camp leadership team. Be sure you understand all aspects of the performance and what will happen. For example, a unit may have the same name for a skit and have a different interpretation of it than you expected.

Each of us has a role to help ensure our ceremonies and campfires represent the BSA ideals and brand. Thank you for communicating this material to your short-term camps so that they can help us all represent the best in Scouting.

UNIT FIREGUARD CHART

Fill out and post this chart on your campsite bulletin board.

| | |
|-------|-------------------|
| Troop | Troop fire warden |
| Camp | Troop campsite |
| | Dates |



FLAMMABILITY WARNING
CANISTER SAFETY GUIDE

NO TENT MATERIAL IS FIREPROOF, AND IT CAN BURN WHEN EXPOSED TO HEAT OR FIRE. FOLLOW THE SAFETY RULES.

- LOW THESE RULES:
 - Only flashlights and battery-powered lanterns are permitted in tents. **NO FLAMES IN TENTS** is a rule which must be enforced.
 - Chemical-powered stoves, heaters, lanterns, lighted candles, matches, or other flame sources should never be used in or near tents.
 - Do not pitch tents near open fire.
 - Do not use flammable chemicals near tents: charcoal lighter, spray cans of paint, or bug killer and repellent.
 - Be careful when using electricity and lighting in tents.
 - Always extinguish cooking and campfires properly.
 - Obey all fire laws, ordinances, and regulations.



We will prevent fires by breaking matches in two after using.



| Unit Campsite | | Fire Prevention Assignments | |
|---------------|------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| First Day | Date _____ | Patrol _____ | Equipment Checked _____ |
| Fire Warden | | | |
| Second Day | Date _____ | Patrol _____ | Equipment Checked _____ |
| Fire Warden | | | |
| Third Day | Date _____ | Patrol _____ | Equipment Checked _____ |
| Fire Warden | | | |
| Fourth Day | Date _____ | Patrol _____ | Equipment Checked _____ |
| Fire Warden | | | |
| Fifth Day | Date _____ | Patrol _____ | Equipment Checked _____ |
| Fire Warden | | | |
| Sixth Day | Date _____ | Patrol _____ | Equipment Checked _____ |
| Fire Warden | | | |
| Seventh Day | Date _____ | Patrol _____ | Equipment Checked _____ |
| Fire Warden | | | |



DROP TENTS (CANVAS ONLY) IF NECESSARY
AND SAFE TO DO SO

IN CASE OF FIRE

At some camps local changes are made in these suggested procedures. All exceptions, however, should be made on the recommendation and with the approval of local fire authorities.

IN A UNIT CAMP SITE

then report to a camp officer or the camp fire warden.

2. Extinguish a fire only if it can be done quickly and easily.
3. When the central alarm is sounded to warn the quickly mobilize in your unit. Move to your preassigned point immediately and await directions.
4. A runner reports to the camp office for instructions from the camp fire warden.
5. In the event of a tent fire, you can douse it with water or sand, or similarly stand back and let professionals fight the fire.

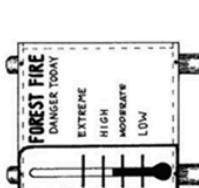
OUTSIDE UNIT CAMP SITE

1. If you discover a fire anywhere in camp, report immediately to the camp office so the alarm may be sounded and fire warden notified.
2. Camp fire warden sounds the central alarm, and your unit follows steps 3 and 4 above.
3. Remember: Campers should not be directly involved in the fire fighting process except for fires that can be quickly and easily extinguished.

In case of a fire in our campsite, we will notify _____ and follow the instructions of our unit fire warden. _____ Camp the warden



VARIOUS TYPES OF FIRE DANGER SIGNS IN CAMP



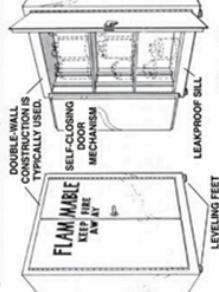
Control of Flammable/Combustible Liquids and Gases in Camp

Because serious accidents can happen in connection with the use of liquid fuel, propane, butane, etc., in lanterns and stoves and as a result of grilling fires with liquid starters, adult supervision is required when chemical fuels are being used for lighting and cooking. Local councils have the option of restricting the use of chemical-fueled stoves, lanterns, and heaters in campsites under their jurisdiction.

- Knowledgeable adult supervision must be provided when Scouts are involved in the storing, handling, and filling of stoves or lanterns or the lighting of chemical fuels.
- **Battery-operated lanterns and flashlights** should be used by Scouts in camping activities, particularly in and around all tents. No chemical-fueled lantern, stove, or heater is to be used inside a tent.
- **Kerosene, gasoline, or liquefied petroleum-fuel lanterns** may, when permitted, be used inside permanent buildings or for outdoor lighting. When used indoors, there must be adequate ventilation. Strict adherence to the safety standards and the instructions of the manufacturers in fueling and lighting such stoves and lanterns must be carried out under the direct supervision of a responsible and knowledgeable adult.
- **Empty liquid-petroleum cylinders for portable stoves and lanterns** should be returned home or to base camp. They can explode when heated; therefore, they must never be put in fireplaces or with burnable trash.
- **The use of liquid fuels for starting any type of fire is prohibited.** This includes damp wood, charcoal, and charcoal briquettes. Solid-type starters are just as effective, are easier to store and carry, and are much safer to use for this purpose.

Space heaters that use chemical fuels consume oxygen and must be used only in well-ventilated areas. Using space heaters in poorly ventilated cabins, camper trailers, and recreation vehicles can cause fires and asphyxiation. The use of charcoal burners indoors can be lethal in causing carbon monoxide poisoning.

Bulk Storage and Practices
Storage of liquid fuel and other flammables is a camp maintenance function. Filling tanks for motors, vehicles, and motorboats should always be handled by someone qualified by age and training for the responsibility. Similar responsibility for handling and control are prescribed for the limited use of kerosene. Use kerosene only for outside night lights and stationary heating stoves (not portable). Both gasoline and kerosene should be kept in well-marked safety cans and stored in ventilated iced boxes located away from buildings and tents. Large quantities of gasoline should be stored in a properly installed fuel tank with pump. Keys to pumps and storage boxes or sheds should be given to one adult (primarily the camp angel), who distributes these fuels. Propane or butane storage tanks and permanent tanks should be installed by experienced and knowledgeable individuals and changed only by gas distributors. These installations must conform to local regulations and must be inspected regularly.



Year-Round Prevention Plan

Will your camp be there next season? This is a good question to ask at the close of each camping season as you pack away equipment and leave. In fairness to next year's campers, do everything that can be done to ensure the safety of camp equipment and camp timber.

Fall, with its dry, dead leaves that often bank high around camp buildings, is in many sections of the country, the most dangerous fire season of the entire year. Spring is another bad time.

Here is a checklist of things to do at all times to be sure that your camp is fireproof year-round:

1. Destroy all combustible refuse and trash safely.
2. Be sure that doors and shutters are strong enough to keep out trespassers, vandals, or thieves.

4. Slow away firewood and loose equipment that might be used by trespassers.

5. Clear away dead grass or trees, ferns, leaves, bushes, straw piles, and trash from buildings.

6. Clean grease traps and dispose of the grease by burning it at a safe place or burying it in mineral earth.

7. Be sure the camp is ready for winter use. Check fuels, wall and floor protection around heaters, and protecting screens for fireplaces. Inspect location of fire pails, fire extinguishers, and mobile fire-fighting equipment.

8. Develop a fire prevention plan in accordance with OSHA standard 29 CFR 1910.139.

HOW YOUR UNIT FIREGUARD PLAN WORKS

DUTIES

When you arrived at camp, you were oriented and trained in the use of the unit fireguard plan. It is your responsibility as a unit leader to train your Scouts in fire prevention, fire detection, reporting, and fire control. Only implement fire control techniques that can be done quickly and easily. Study the procedures outlined on this chart and then train your staff and youth members. Post the chart for all to see and follow. At some camps local changes are made in these suggested procedures. All exceptions, however, should be made on the written recommendation and with the approval of local fire authorities.

Organize to make the fireguard plan work by appointing capable fire wardens and deputies.

FIRE WARDENS AND DEPUTIES

As responsible Scouts appointed by their adult leader, the unit fire warden and his deputy are in charge of training, know where fire equipment is located, and are familiar with the unit fireguard plan. They instruct all unit fire wardens and Scouts in the operation of the camp fireguard plan. They conduct annual inspections of fire extinguishers and check to be sure all cooking fires, heating fires, and campfires are out at night or when no one is attending or monitoring the fire during the day. Unit fire wardens and deputies conduct fire drills at least once a week and follow the direction of the camp fire warden. They receive reports related to fire hazards daily from the unit fire warden.

Every boy in the unit should feel responsible for fire prevention, but the unit fire patrol for each day must be alert and ready to evacuate and account for everyone in case of fire emergency or drill.

If a small fire breaks out, the person discovering it should take immediate action, whether or not he is on the fire patrol for the day. **Time is the most important element in the suppression of a fire.** Some examples of fire control techniques are:

- Immediately send someone to seek assistance, send a runner for help, and/or dial the camp office or 911.
- Douse fire with water or sand.
- Smother fire with a lid.
- In the event of a tent fire (canvas only), simply kick out the end tent poles if it can be done safely.

Remember: Campers should not be involved in the fire fighting process except for fires that can be quickly and easily extinguished.

PATROL FIRE WARDEN

In making daily inspections of the unit campsite, the unit fire warden should follow the fire-prevention suggestions and use the fire-fighting equipment illustrations found throughout this chart as a guide. Campsite equipment will vary according to your camp. Results of the daily inspection should be posted on the chart in the space provided.

THE PATROL FIRE WARDEN

The patrol leader is responsible for training his patrol in the unit fireguard plan and leading the unit in practice evacuation and fire prevention.

He checks daily to be sure all members are preventing fires and are prepared in case a fire breaks out. He makes sure and double-checks that fires are built only on nonburnable soil in areas where they will not spread. He verifies to see that all fires are put COLD OUT and that open flames are not permitted in or near tents. He shows patrol members how to drop tents (canvases only) in case of fire. In the event of a tent fire (canvas only), you can simply kick out the end tent poles if it can be done safely and let professionals fight the fire.



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