



LEADERS GUIDE

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Klondike Campout 2010

*It's time to catch "Gold Fever"! and.....
get ready to have a motherlode of FUN!*

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The Ini-To Lodge of the Order of the Arrow is excited to sponsor the 22nd annual Klondike. This year's "Gold Rush Trail" will be better than ever... don't miss it .

WHO: All Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews from the Flint River Council are invited. Webelos are invited as long as they are camping with a sponsoring troop, and follow guidelines.

WHAT: The annual Klondike Campout. Winter camping at its best. Fun events. Show off Scout winter skills. The traditional Sled Race.

WHEN: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; January 29, 30, & 31. Registration begins at 4:00 pm Friday at the Lawhorn Scout Base Flint River Area Supply Building (old Canoe Base Reservation Office).

WHERE: Lawhorn Scout Base Flint River area Wilderness Area, located on the Flint River behind the Supply Building, same place as prior years.

HEADQUARTERS: Supply Building Porch

WHY: Just for FUN! The joy of winter camping, and a great time.

COST: \$8.00 per person, which covers the cost of the patch, program costs, cracker barrels, awards, and operating costs.

Registration

Please use the registration form and bring it with you filled out. You will receive your patches upon checking in. **Troops are requested to pre-register** by filling out the form ahead of time and mailing it to the Flint River Council office in Griffin or using the **Doubleknot web registration form** from the Flint River Council website. <http://www.flintrivercouncil.org/> Generally, registration will be by troop, however individual registrations will be accepted.

Camping:

There is ample camping space available, however, expect your neighbors to be close! Sites are first come first served, you can camp anywhere on reservation property except the central field which will be the event area. This year we plan to have a "hospitality representative" help locate camp sites for you and manage traffic. These youth members have final say!

Campsite Access and Parking:

Troops are limited to one trailer or pickup truck in the campsite. You may drop off gear, but please remove extra vehicles **immediately**. Passenger vehicles will not be allowed, temporary access to the campsites will be for gear drop off only, and you will be allowed only one vehicle at a time into the camp area. A scout is courteous, let others have the space. **Park:** Vehicles will park in the soccer field across from the front of the Reservation Office. The entrance is directly across from the Reservation Office Driveway. DO NOT enter the field any other way...

once someone drove over the water line and we had NO WATER all weekend.

Weather:

This is a rain or shine event. So be prepared! It can also be bitterly cold, so please prepare your scouts.

Fires/Firewood:

Ground fires are permitted only in the permanent fire pits. All other fires must be in a fire barrel that you bring. Also, bring your own firewood and charcoal. Winter camping is also a great time to pull out the coleman and dutch ovens.

Water:

Freeze proof water spigots at the metal building behind the Supply Building. Ask the staff to show you. They will also be marked with "glow sticks". Expect to carry water containers 200 yards. A wagon or cart comes in handy.

Portable Toilets.

Porta-pottis will be on site. The women's toilet is NOT for use by scouts. Based on past experience, it is important that Leaders impress on scouts what "a scout is CLEAN" means, and how it applies to porta potti etiquette.

Health and Safety: Troops will generally be responsible for the health and safety of their own scouts. Staff will assure that events are planned and run in a safe manner. This is a youth run event. All staff members will be wearing their OA sash or OA T-shirt. They all have assigned jobs. Please comply with their requests.

Watch the weather forecast and be sure that your scouts are prepared... and things will be FUN!

Other: The Supply Building will be closed during this event.

Morning Events

Gold Rush Trail: In the morning, each Patrol will drag a sled they have built to various "stations", as they follow the "Gold Rush Trail" simulating the route early miners took to reach the Klondike Gold Fields. All the winter gear they need for the events (no tents, please) must be carried on the sled. Patrols without a sled may complete in everything except the sled race without penalty... they just have to tote their gear in backpacks. Some troops have extra sleds, so don't be afraid to borrow one. Patrols should download the "Klondike Gold Rush Youth Leaders Guide" for details.

Nugget Pouch. Each Patrol will need a sturdy, homemade, leather, canvas or plastic pouch. Mark it with unit number, patrol name or totem. Size should be about 9" X 11" with a draw string.

Each station will be a challenge of their Scout Skills and equipment. Skills will be centered around Cold Weather Camping. The guidelines set forward in the Boy Scout Handbook and Fieldbook has all the information needed about equipment and skills. Patrols will earn gold nuggets along the way, which they will trade later for goodies and prizes.

Sled Race: The “Gold Rush Trail” culminates with the annual Sled Race. The sled may be of any design, and a link to a sample design is on the web site. The only restrictions are that it must be between 6’ and 10’ in length, 1-1/2’ wide, and may not have wheels.

This year’s race will be follow last year’s pattern, where scouts will race from station to station where they will be “tested”. BE PREPARED

Other Events:

Panning for Gold: This year we have secured “gold mine dirt” from a North Georgia Mine. Scouts will be allowed to pan for gold at the leisure all afternoon. Bring your own gold pan, pie pan, or other slope sided pan. They will keep all the gold and gems they find.... And they will find some if they try.

Demonstrations on “how to pan” will be going on as well as other demonstrations to help scouts learn about the history of gold mining.

Iron Chef: Both youth and adult teams may participate. See the Youth Guide and “Iron Chef Rules” on web site for details. Register Friday night at and pickup your “secret ingredients” at NOON (place will be designated Friday night). You have all afternoon to cook. This is intended to also serve as part of your evening meal, but set aside one serving to be judged. Turn it in at retreat (flags).

Awards

Patrols will be given nuggets at each town along the “Gold Rush Trail” based on performance. Overall first, second, and third place winners will be given to patrols with the most nuggets. Patrols may only submit nuggets that THEIR PATROL earns. No sharing among troop members. Scouts Honor prevails and troops leaders are asked to help monitor this.

There will be 3 Sled Race awards, as well as best sled, and of course the “Iron Chef” Awards.

Troop Awards will consist of a participation award.

Contact

This event is sponsored by the Ini-To lodge. Your email will be forwarded to the youth in charge, so send your questions to jkominsky@bellsouth.net or Strick54@bellsouth.net.

Ini-To 324, your sponsor

The Ini-To Lodge of the Order of the Arrow sponsors this event in order to promote camping and teach camping skills. Having fun is highly important.. and having fun on a cold weather campout depends a lot on learning to be safe and warm in cold weather.

There will be opportunities to meet your lodge officers, get to know them and get to know more about what the OA lodge does. Lodge flaps and other items will also be available, and it’s a great time to pay your \$10 annual dues if you haven’t done so already.

Klondike 2010 Schedule

Friday

Arrive 4:00 p. m. - 9:30 p.m. Check In / Registration

Bring the completed Klondike Registration Form and registration fees.

10:00p.m. Cracker Barrel

At this gathering the final information and program details will be presented.

Please have the Senior Patrol Leader or designee, one OA member [if SPL is OA member that will be fine], one Adult Leader attend Location of this activity will be posted at Juneau where you checkin.

11:00 p.m. Lights Out

Saturday

8:30 a.m. Colors

9:00 a.m. Gold Rush Begins

Report to "Skagway" with your loaded sled.

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

Pickup Iron Chef Ingredients

Afternoon Activities

12:30 – 3:30 Gold Rush Trail, more stations

3:30 – 5:00 Sled Races

1:30-2:30 Adult Iron Chef

2:30 – 3:30 Youth Iron Chef

1:00 – 3:30 Panning for Gold

5:00 p.m. Afternoon Activities End /Colors

Iron Chef Judging

5:00 p.m. Supper

7:00 p.m. Campfire

11:00 p.m. Lights Out / Taps

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Vespers

Check out at "Juneau"

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- The Scout Oath and Law will Guide all activities and individual behavior.
- Observe the OUTDOOR CODE
- Minimize Site Impact
- Clean up after yourself, especially the porta potti
- Observe the “Guide to Safe Scouting”
- Scouts are not allowed in the Parking Area unless accompanied by an adult or an OA staff member. Violators will be asked to leave the Klondike.
- The Scout Uniform is appropriate attire for all activities. Class A uniform should be worn for the Crackerbarrel, Flag ceremony, Campfire Program, and Worship Service. Class B uniform may be worn at all other activities.
- Senior Patrol Leaders and your Troop OA Representative will be responsible for communications between the OA staff and your troop. The SPL and his assistants are responsible for getting patrols to activities on schedule.
- At least one adult leader per 10 scouts camping (minimum of 2 per troop)
- Remove your own trash and leave your site better than you found it.
- Troop OA Reps may ask your troop to perform some service function, such as flag ceremonies etc. We encourage troop OA members to step forward and assist the troop OA rep with these assignments.
- No provision is made for cub scouts... this is a Boy Scout event! Weblos are encouraged to attend as troop guests as part of their troop visitation/campout requirement. Please follow all Weblos guidelines.
- No Boom boxes, radios, or gameboys. Respect quiet time

Need to Bring:

- A nugget pouch
- Sled with gear needed to perform skills along the Gold Rush Trail. For example, fire building means bring everything you need to start and build a real fire... skills will be demonstrated, not discussed.
- At least one Aluminum pie pan for gold panning . Bring other pans if you have them.
- Other items for the “Gold Rush Trail” as detailed on the “Youth Leader’s Guide”

Klondike 2010 Registration

Troop #: _____

Scoutmaster: _____

Patrol: _____
Patrol Leader: _____

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Patrol: _____
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Adults: _____

Total Scouts: _____

Total Adults: _____

Total Attending: _____

x \$ 8.00_each = _____

Paid: _____

Advance Reservations Requested

MAIL TO:
FLINT RIVER COUNCIL
1361 Zebulon Rd
P.O. Box 173
Griffin, GA 30224

OR use the Doubleknot Online Registration at <http://www.flintrivercouncil.org>