



Leader's Guide

25th Anniversary – Order of the Arrow Klondike Invitational Campout 2012

The Ini-To Lodge of the Order of the Arrow is excited to sponsor the 25th annual Klondike. This year's Klondike 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 27, 28 & 29. 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 patch, program, cracker barrels, awards, and operating costs.

Registration

Please complete and use the attached registration form. 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 stoves and dutch ovens.

Water:

Freeze proof water spigots at the metal building behind the Supply Building. Ask the staff to show you. 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.

Each station will be a challenge of their Scout Skills and equipment. The guidelines set forward in the Boy Scout Handbook and Field Book has all the information needed about equipment and skills.

Sled Race: The "Gold Rush Trail" culminates with the annual Sled Race. The sled needs to be similar in construction to the design in this guide. All sleds must pass inspection on Friday night prior to the Crackerbarrel.

BE PREPARED!

Other Events:

Make your own woggle slide & survival bracelet during your "spare time" Saturday.

Awards

There will be first prize for each activity. First and second places will be awarded for the timed sled race.

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 Lodge Adviser Mike Strickland @ 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 members; 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 2012 Schedule

Friday

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

Bring the completed Klondike Registration Form and registration fees.

Bring your sled to the office for inspection after you check in & up until 10:00. All sleds must be approved before races.

10:00p.m. Cracker Barrel – At headquarters/supply building

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. Chili, cheese, crackers, coffee & hot chocolate will be served. Donations are welcomed

11:00 p.m. Lights Out

Saturday

8:00 a.m. Colors

9:00 a.m. Gold Rush Begins (30 minutes per activity)

Report to "Skagway" with your loaded sled.

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

Pickup Iron Chef Ingredients

Afternoon Activities

1:00 – 3:30 Gold Rush Trail, more stations

3:30 – 5:00 Sled Races

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

5:00 p.m. Supper

7:00 p.m. Campfire Each unit is encouraged to prepare a skit or song, 1 per unit.

All skits and songs must be preapproved by both the SM & the Lodge representative. The campfire will close with the singing of Scout Vespers.

11:00 p.m. Lights Out / Taps

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Vespers - A Scout is reverent, let's see 100% participation Sunday AM's service.

If you have Chaplain's aides that can assist, have them see Garrett Jones, VC-Ceremonies Saturday AM.

10:30 am Lodge Executive Committee Meeting (Lodge Executive Committee Meeting)

Check out at "Juneau" Each unit will need to send their OA Representative to the office to have the camp site inspector inspect their campsite so leave your better than you found it! Once your unit is checked off the Official Klondike Participation Ribbon will be presented.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- The Scout Oath and Law will guide all activities and individual behavior.
- Observe the OUTDOOR CODE,
- Minimize Site Impact by Leaving No Trace, and *Tread Lightly!*
- 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! Webelos are encouraged to attend as troop guests as part of their troop visitation/campout requirement. Please follow all Webelos guidelines – Troops are to plan Webelos event/activities, separate from the Klondike events.
- No Boom boxes, radios, or gameboys. Respect quiet time

Need to Bring:

- Sled (design per Leader’s Guide) 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.
- 12 Scout essentials

Survey: Please take a few moments to complete & turn in your Klondike Participant’s survey found in this guide, turn in as you are checked out, and pick your participation ribbon.

Events:

Uber Team Building 101

Uber Team Building 101 will be composed of 4 elements selected from a total of 7 presented here.

Element 1 - Team Trolleys

The team must traverse across an open area using wood trolleys and rope hand lines. Patrols will be timed, points awarded for 1st, 2nd. T

Element 2 - Relay tire race

Scouts race to remove tires one at a time from a 4x4 spindle. The tires will be rolled across the field approximately 50 feet and placed on a second 4x4 spindle. The next tire may not be removed from the first spindle until the current tire is placed on the second spindle. Once all eight tires are on the second spindle the process is repeated to bring them home. Patrols will be timed, points awarded for 1st, 2nd.



Element 3 - Sponge Bucket Relay (with apologies to Sponge Bob)

Required Per team:

- 2 buckets (could have additional buckets and sponges to accommodate up to 4 patrols)
- 1 sponge

Preparation:

Fill one bucket per team with water and put the 2 sponges in it. (I anticipate 2-4 qts of water) Place the other bucket about 30 feet away.

Instructions:

Scouts line up single file at their bucket that contains water. On 'Go' signal, first scout in line takes a sponge full of water and races to the empty bucket. He squeezes the water out and runs back and hands the sponge off to the next scout. Team with the most water in their ending bucket when all have finished receives 5 points. (It will be measured.) It may be too cold for this element and if so we will plug in another.

Element 4 - Two Man Relay

Required:

For each team: rubber ball, chair, pop can, unbiased judge.

Preparation:

Define the starting line for each team. Place the pop can on a chair about 25 feet from the start line.

Instructions:

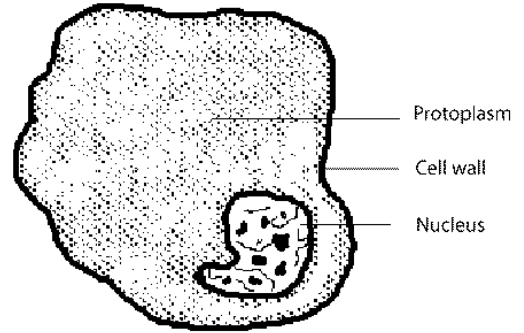
Teams line up in single file lines. The first scout is given the ball. On 'GO', the first two scouts carry the ball to the chair and place it on the pop can. When the judge says it is good enough, one scout picks up the ball and they both run back to their team. The ball is given to the next two scouts who repeat the relay.

Score a point for each successful ball placement and play to a specific score. Element could be timed as well and points awarded.

Element 5 - Amoeba Race

A simple group cooperation activity. The group forms the three parts of an Amoeba: protoplasm, cell wall and nucleus. Then the group races. An alternative for large patrols is to "split" two amoebas at the first race destination and then race other patrols back as "divided amoeba."

- Explain how to create an amoeba. There are 3 parts:
 - a lot of protoplasm (gather the patrol together)
 - a cell wall (enough patrol members to surround the protoplasm, facing outward, linking elbows)
 - a nucleus (someone with good eyesight and the ability to keep on top of things should be the nucleus, seated on the shoulders of some of the protoplasm)
- Once the amoeba is formed, race to a single destination. 2 or more patrols scored in order of arrival. An alternative for large groups is to have the amoeba “split” at 1 destination and then race back to the point of origination.
- A rhythmic chant might be helpful for coordinating movements. (What sort of sound does a one-celled creature make?)



Element 6 - Relay Lock Race

Each person selects a partner. They stand back to back and lock arms by the elbows while holding their own stomach with their hands. The coach gives the instruction to get from one side of the course to the other.

Element 7 - Toxic River

Required:

Boots big enough for most of the team members. It's OK if they are oversized.

Preparation:

Divide competing patrols. Competing patrols must have an equal number of participants.

Instructions:

Everyone is on one side. Measure a space about 5 feet and call it a toxic river. The whole patrol should cross as fast as they can. They aren't allowed to cross the toxic river without special pair of boots and there is only one pair of boots. Each person can use the boots only once. The boots cannot be tossed over the river. Each person has to personally give the boots to the next person and if they touch the toxic waste without the boots, the patrol must start over.

Scored in place order of completion. This Element may also be timed as well and points awarded for completion within a reasonable time.

Activity 2 Slingshot Sharpshooter

Test your skill & score a bull's eye at the sling shot range!

Activity 3 Geocaching Land Navigation

Scouts will use a Global Positioning System (GPS) to find a series of grid coordinates in this modern version of a land navigation course.

Scouts can either bring their own GPS or one will be provided at the start. They will be given the coordinates of the starting point and a color code. This color code will determine the route and order they take to complete the course. There will be a total of five different legs on each course. No two color courses will be the same. Scouts will not know the next leg of the course until they arrive at the next control marker (orange & white international orienteering triangles). At the marker, scouts will record the marker number on their score sheet and punch the appropriate spot to further prove they were at the correct marker. A sheet at each marker will tell the next set of coordinates for each color code.

The course will be self-correcting so that arriving at the wrong marker does not invalidate all course legs after that point. The winner will be the patrol that correctly completes the course in the fastest time. Properly trained scouts should be able to complete the course in less than 30 minutes.

KEY POINT: It is imperative that troops and crews ensure the Scouts know how to read grid coordinates and use a GPS prior to starting this course. Instruction will not be provided on site.

This course will be laid out using the World Geodetic System (WGS) 1984 map datum and the Military Grid Reference System (MGRS) coordinate system. All GPSs must be set to these standards prior to starting the course. Each troop and Crew is responsible for setting their own GPSs. Course officials will not set GPSs for the scouts.

Other planned events (more details at the SPL meeting Friday night) :

- **White out compass course (bring your compasses!)**
- **Shelter building**
- **Dodge ball**
- **Knot relay**
- **Magnet game**
- **Corn cob darts**
- **Radio isotope**
- **Emergency seat**

Klondike 2012 Registration

Troop / Crew #: _____

Scoutmaster: _____

Patrol: _____

Patrol Leader: _____

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Patrol: _____

Patrol Leader: _____

Patrol: _____

Patrol Leader: _____

Patrol: _____

Patrol Leader: _____

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>

2012 Klondike Participant Survey

Unit#: _____

Please have your Scouts rank each of the following from 0 – 5, 5 being the highest.

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| _____ Camp site | _____ Parking |
| _____ Events | _____ Registration |
| _____ Campfire program | _____ Communication |
| _____ Creativity | _____ Facilities |
| _____ Prizes | _____ Weather |

The best activity (one or more) you participated in was: _____.

Please provide any additional comments, areas we could improve upon, what you liked the best, like least worst, etc.

Thank you for your participation & support of this year's Klondike.