

# 2012 Yukon Yearly

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## A Winter Scouting Adventure Awaits

It is time to start planning for the 2012 Klondike Derby to be held on February 17 – 19, 2012, at Camp Chawanakee in Shaver Lake California. This is the 23rd consecutive year that the Sequoia Council has put on this great event.

Troops and Crews from around California are invited to participate in this winter adventure. Camp Chawanakee will be transformed into the Alaskan Yukon where scouts will be traversing the frontier, going from town to town testing their scout skills, competing for gold, and demonstrating the Patrol Method. Start planning now for a great Scouting adventure!



## Mandatory Winter Awareness Training

Success at the Klondike Derby is all about preparation. We will do our best to help you prepare your unit for this Scouting Adventure. The Troop Scoutmaster, Assistant Scout Masters, Senior Patrol Leader, and other interested Scouts need to attend Winter Awareness Training. This event will be put on by trained Scouters so don't miss this opportunity to get important information about how to safely prepare for an overnight snow camping activity. You will also hear from event organizers on important tips to prepare for the activities.

The Training will be held on:

**Time and Date:**

Saturday January 14th, 2012  
9:00am until noon.

**Location:**

Clovis Veterans Memorial District  
808 Fourth Street  
Clovis, CA 93612



## Unit Preparation

Preparing a Troop or Crew for an overnight snow camping adventure is no small task. It takes months of planning to be sure your unit is ready to take on the cold and possibly wet weather. Be prepared by planning in advance, following the Guide to Safe Scouting and checking the type of clothing to be worn by your Scouts.

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# Events

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**The following is a partial list of activities that will be offered at the 2012 Klondike Derby.**

**Spike Drive** – Visit Caribou Crossing and test your skills and strength by driving a stake into a railroad tie.

**The Great Sled Race** – Starting in Anchorage, this event will challenge your Patrol's physical endurance, teamwork and Scout skills. For this event you will need a sled capable of transporting one of your Patrol members plus Patrol supplies.

**Log Saw** – The town of Dawson will host the log saw. Use an eight foot long bow saw to cut tamarack logs. When you're done, brand the stump with the BSA emblem.

**Log Pull and Tug-of-War** – Visit Whitehorse Canada to participate in the Log Pull and Tug of War.

**Log Lift (knots)** – Novoarkhangelsk (known today as Sitka, Alaska) will be the location for the Log Lift. Use the common Scout Knots to hoist a log in the air – timing is everything.

**Snow Sculptures** – At the end of the Dalton Highway, along the North Slope of Alaska, near the Arctic Ocean, lies an unincorporated community known as Deadhorse. This is the name of a new town at Klondike this year. The activity of this town will involve snow sculpturing. We encourage the scouts of the patrols to be thinking about and picturing in your mind a creative snow sculpture and COME PREPARED with all you will need to help you build such. **Snow Melt** – Using only tinder and wood (no special ingredients), build a fire in record time.

**Search and Rescue** – Kodiak, Alaska is a major point of operations for the United States Coast Guard. Test your advanced first aid and navigation skills to locate, assess, and treat.

**Snow Canons** – A Klondike tradition! Load the perfect snow ball into the end of an air cannon and you are ready to hunt for bear.

*Did you know the Klondike offers many opportunities for Scouts to complete Trail to First Class and various Merit Badge requirements? You can download a list at <http://www.seqbsa.org/Klondike.htm>*

*Scouts with disabilities who may need transportation assistance can call the Scout Office, and we will help to provide accommodations.*

For more details check out our website at <http://www.seqbsa.org/Klondike.htm> for up to date information.

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## Registration Deadlines

Conducting an event like this takes many months of planning and preparation. To help the planning committee properly prepare for this event, we ask that you register by February 5, 2012. We will accept late registrations at the higher fee amount. Units who register by the deadline will

- Receive one Fast Pass to an event of their choice!
- Be issued patches at the event
- Get emailed event updates

Register online at <http://www.seqbsa.org/Klondike.htm> or use the form in this packet.



# Mushing into Camp is Part of the Experience

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Scouts and Scouters **must hike two miles** into and out of camp, packing all their personal and pulling troop gear, hopefully on sleds. **A note to the wise, “Don’t overload your sled.”** It makes moving the sled so much more difficult. Scoutmasters, watch your Scouts. Don’t allow your Scouts to overheat by carrying too big a personal load and straining to pull an overloaded sled. Hike together on the trail and always use the buddy system.

Troops are required to practice “Leave No Trace” and to pack only that which is necessary for the trip. Instead of packing in bulky and heavy ice chests, we suggest putting food in food bags to save space and weight. While campfires are great, they do not provide as much warmth as a well-fed scout. So instead of bonfire wood, bring plenty of food to keep your personal internal heaters burning warm.

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## Stake Your Claim at the Claim Jumpers Camp

Camping will be in the Camp Chawanakee summer assembly-activity area, which is between the waterfront, the flagpoles and the Trading Post. For safety reasons no troop can camp in or near camp buildings. Units will have to cross the bridge to get to the Events Area. The towns will be located along the trail from the dining hall to the point lodge (the territorial capitol). Toilets will be at the camping area and along the events trail. Garbage cans and a dumpster will be located in the camping area. Please be sure to use them. Two water points will be available near the camping area also.

Remember a scout leaves his campground cleaner than when he left it. Do not bury your trash in the snow, instead put it in the dumpsters by the dining hall or hike it out.

## Safety First Guideline

On Friday night, a check-in post will be at the registration trailer in camp. Units, please stay together when sledding to camp; the SPL and an adult must check your unit into camp. This is a safety control point to prevent lost scouts or groups.

Adjustments to your registration must be made at the council office prior to February 14th. We will not handle money or process adjustments at the Klondike. We will report numbers to the council accounting office the following week.

## Unit Preparation Checklist

### November

- ✓ Work on the Patrol Method
- ✓ Add the Klondike to your Annual Planning Calendar
- ✓ Build your sled (or tune up your old one).

### December

- ✓ Promote the event at Troop meetings
- ✓ Practice skills for events – Develop your Patrol Yell
- ✓ Have a Troop meeting focusing on snow camping – show pictures from prior Klondike's

### January

- ✓ Register for the 2012 Klondike Derby
- ✓ Attend the Winter Awareness Training January 14, 2012
- ✓ Plan Troop Meetings around snow camping
- ✓ Take a practice trip (Day trip or overnight)
- ✓ Perfect your event skills
- ✓ Obtain your Tour Permit if needed
- ✓ Review the Guide to Safe Scouting – Section XIII Winter Activities
- ✓ Conduct an equipment and clothing “shakedown”

### February

- ✓ Final preparation
- ✓ Attend the 2012 Klondike Derby February 17-19
- ✓ Meet with the Troop after the event and do Start, Stop and Continue

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We are on the web! <http://www.seqbsa.org/Klondike.htm>

## Typical Sled Packing List

The following is a suggested list of items to pack on your sled. This list does not include personal gear, mess kits, compass, etc. which should be carried on each persons backpack.

1-Firepan and firewood (this will be used for the fire building event and for a campfire at your campsite).

1- Waterproof matches for fire building competition.

1- Blanket used for emergencies and for the sled race.

1-Gold nugget poke bag for your gold winnings.

2- Garbage bags for use in camp.

Tents for your Troop.

2-Large tarps for ground and overhead protection.

1-Unit First Aid Kit.

1-Equipment repair kit for use on packs and sled.

Camp stoves and fuel for cooking.

Food for your unit in animal proof containers.

## Participant Packing List

### Camping Gear

Sleeping Bag

Bed Roll or Pad

Pad to kneel or sit on

Tent

Poncho (rain gear)

### Clothing to Pack

Loose flannel pajamas

Extra clothes

Extra Gloves

Wool hat

Underwear

2 -3 Extra socks (hiking)

### Clothing to wear

Warm waterproof jacket

Layered Clothing

Snow Boots

Snow pants

Gloves

Whistle (on person)

Sunglasses and Hat

Hiking socks

### Personal Items

Compass

1 Quart Water Bottle full

Knife

Mess Kit and utensils

First Aid Kit

Map

Lip Balm and Sunscreen

The papers (Toilet Paper)

2 Small Flashlights

Large trash bags to keep stuff dry

Notebook and pencil

Toiletries Kit

### Cooking Gear for the Patrol

Stove

Water containers

Utensils

Matches

Pots and pans as needed