

# Western Trails District Klondike!



Saturday, January 16, 2021  
Watertown Conservation Club  
N8898 Cty Tk E, Watertown

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Start time: Registration at 8:00, Trek begins at 9:00 AM  
Fee: \$10.00 for Scouts and Webelos due by January 8, 2021  
(Leaders attend free)

**No registrations will be allowed after January 8th!**

Awards and patch included in cost!

Each participant will need to bring a bag lunch.

(If Troops would like to make alternate lunch plans you may do so,  
just keep in mind that we will allot about an hour for lunch.)

Drinks and snacks will be provided.

**All Troops are welcome to attend!**

# Covid-19 Protocols

First a personal note. My wife is in a very high risk category when it comes to Covid-19. For that reason we have been maintaining social distancing even from our own family members. I want very much to provide a quality event again this year but not at the risk of my family or your family. For this reason we will be following strict guidelines per the CDC, BSA, state and county governments. Many of you know the conditions at the club especially when it comes to the restroom situation. We will not be allowing a large group indoors at any time. There will be limits on how many are allowed in the clubhouse at a time that is yet to be determined. Wearing masks while indoors and following posted instructions will be paramount to keeping everyone safe.

Friday night sleepover is cancelled for this year unless we have another Scout Leader that would like to take responsibility for the clubhouse overnight on Friday. Contact me if you would like to do that.

Registration: **We are being limited to 100 people total for the Klondike.** In a typical year we have 120-140 people attending. ALL registrations must be done online this year. Please refrain from signing up kids that haven't committed so we can get the maximum number within our limits. You must register the adults coming including their email and phone number so I can send any necessary updates prior to the event. Keep the number of adults to no more than 3 unless you have special circumstances, like a couple of large patrols. Contact me before you register if that's the case. We will cut off the registrations when we reach our limit so some Troops may be turned away. If you are the last to register and have a big group that takes us over the limit we will have a discussion with Council staff on if you will be able to bring your full group.

Masks will be required anytime anyone enters the clubhouse. No exceptions. Hand sanitizer will be provided just inside the clubhouse door. Please sanitize hands as soon as you enter.

One person from each Troop will be allowed in the clubhouse in the morning to register the patrol(s).

Each Troop will need to run an event in order to keep outside volunteers to a minimum and allow more participants. Depending on how many troops register we may have a reduced number of events this year.

For lunch this year I'm asking that each Scout and Leader provide their own bagged lunch to prevent cross contamination. I will have the usual drinks and snacks available, this time served outside where we normally would cook the dutch oven meals. The lunch lady (my wife) will not be in attendance this year.

Hot chocolate will be a challenge this year if the weather is extremely cold. Set expectations with the Scouts that it will be served outdoors and may be barely warm chocolate. I have a restaurant quality thermal container but that will only do so much in the winter. On top of that I will be the only one heating up water and filling the container so we'll see how well I'm able to keep up!

Coffee will be available in the clubhouse for the leaders as usual just inside the door.

All patrol members must come with masks. These will need to be worn while working with the leader of the event unless the leader says otherwise. Remember that pulling sleds and running around the grounds will cause heavy breathing. They need to keep all of our adult volunteers safe too. Leaders of events should also wear masks while the patrols are with them if they will not be maintaining a minimum 6 foot distance from the youth. If all instructions can be given from a distance then masks will be at the discretion of the leader. Safety first always!

PLEASE RECOGNIZE THAT THINGS COULD CHANGE FOR THE BETTER OR WORSE DEPENDING ON WHAT HAPPENS IN THE NEXT 4 MONTHS! That is the reason I'm asking for email addresses and phone numbers and cutting off registrations on January 8th. If we need to we will modify the event to relax or tighten restrictions. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

**ATTENTION BOY SCOUTS AND WEBELOS CUB SCOUTS:**

***Each patrol must have the following equipment to participate:***

**A sled with a rope harness** to transport equipment. Klondike style sleds are preferred, but if you can't manage a Klondike sled, you can still compete by using a toboggan or rudder sled

**Pack(s)** to put equipment in

Rope to tie equipment to sled

**One 10' long by 1/4 inch diameter rope per each patrol member.**

**First Aid equipment**

Four (4) 6 foot long staves, also used for lashing

Stretcher blanket.

Splint

Additional blanket or sleeping bag to keep victim warm.

Basic first aid kit

Triangle bandages.

**Compass**

**Back packing stove**

**Fire starter / matches**

**Kindling**

**Tinder**

**Several less than 2" diameter logs to burn**

**Bow saw**

**Pocket knife**

**Boy Scout Manual**

**Cooking pot**

**Spoon, bowl and cup for each participant**

**One Tarp at least 8' x 8'**

***Skills that your patrol will need to make it in the Klondike!***

Knots and lashings

First Aid

Ice rescue

Orienteering

Basic nature / tree identification

Determining heights and distances

Fire building

Winter survival skills

Log sawing and tote 'n chip

Emergency snow shoeing

Basic winter cooking

Time management

And most importantly, Teamwork!

Klondike sled plans may be found at <http://media.scouting.org/boyslife/workshop/sledplans.pdf> or for a really portable light weight sled: [http://scoutdocs.ca/Klondike/Klondike\\_sled\\_plans.php](http://scoutdocs.ca/Klondike/Klondike_sled_plans.php)

# *Klondike Agenda*

We are replacing our normal dutch oven meals with individual bagged lunches this year. Each Scout and Leader should pack and bring their own lunch. This is to avoid cross contamination. Hopefully we will see the return of dutch oven cooking again next year.

Registration	8:00-9:00
Events	9:00-11:30
Lunch	11:30-12:30
Events	12:30-3:00
Sled Judging and Sled Race	3:00-3:30
Awards	3:30-4:00

Turn in Nuggets after the last event, then take place in Sled Judging and the Sled Race while final awards are calculated.

Because some events take longer than others, the Scouts will need to practice good time management to get through all of the events. If an event is backed up it would be wise to go to a different event.

Please set expectations that this is a Klondike, therefore travel to and from towns is part of the experience. They should dress for cold weather so they can be out in the elements for hours.

The clubhouse will be open for warming up if you get a cold Scout during the day. We need to keep numbers at a minimum and practice our social distancing while indoors..

Chuck Gallagher: 262-719-9447 or email [charlieg@wi.rr.com](mailto:charlieg@wi.rr.com)

## Klondike Event Sign-up

Leaders, We need your help to staff the 14 events below, or any other event you would like to recommend! New ideas are always welcome!

*If we have good snow, we will have a snow snake event!*

Location	Event	Troop	Mayor
Knottington	Knots		
Winter Park	Survival Shelter		
Ice Berg	??? You design it!		
Dawson	Snowshoe race		
Ridgeway	When help is delayed		
Smallville	Compass		
Fireman's Park	Fire building		
Rescueville	Winter Safety and Ice Rescue		
Cooks Corner	Backpack Cooking		
Footville	Estimation		
Gateway	Lashing		
Willow	Nature Identification		
Fort Wainwright	Log sawing		
Kodiak	Sharp shooter		

Contact Chuck Gallagher at 262-719-9447 to sign up or for more information. Details regarding how to conduct the event, equipment and supplies required, and set-up are available.