

# 2016 Yukon Yearly

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## A Winter Scouting Adventure Awaits

It is time to start planning for the 2016 Klondike Derby to be held on February 19 – 21, 2015, at Camp Chawanakee in Shaver Lake California. This is the 26th consecutive year that the Sequoia Council has put on this great event.

Troops, Teams 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!



Patrols at Klondike use Scout skills while competing in events

## Recommended 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 Unit Leader, Assistant Unit Leaders, Top Youth, and other interested Persons need to attend Winter Awareness Training. This event will be put on by trained Scouters and assisted by Herb Bauer Sporting Goods. 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 as follows:

### Time and Date:

Saturday January 9th, 2016  
9:00am until noon.

### Location:

Clovis Veterans Memorial District  
808 4th Street, Clovis, CA 93612



## Unit Preparation

Preparing a Troop, Team 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 2015 Klondike Derby.**

**Spike Drive** – Visit historic Chinese Camp and test your skills and strength by driving a spike 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 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. The activity of this town will involve snow sculpting.

**Snow Melt** – Using only tinder and wood (no special ingredients), build a fire in record time.

**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 try to provide accommodations.*

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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 January 29th 2016. You can register after the 29th but you will not get the early registration discount. Units who register by the deadline will

- Be issued patches at the event
- Get emailed event updates

Register online at <http://www.seqbsa.org/Klondike.htm> or register online at <http://www.seqbsa.org/register/2016/klondike.htm>



# Mushing into Camp is Part of the Experience

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Scouts and Scouters must hike into and out of camp, packing all their personal gear 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. Unit Leaders, 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.

Units 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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## Carpool Please

Parking is always a challenge. We will have several lots plowed, and shuttle service to the trail head. **Please carpool!** We need the space. Also, have your **unit fully dressed and ready to unload before you reach the parking area.** We recommend a stop in Shaver Lake to get clothing on and gear ready.

## 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. 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 capital). Bathrooms will be at the camping area and along the events trail. Garbage cans and a dumpster will be located by the Dinning Hall. Please be sure to use them. A water point will be available in the camping area also.

## Safety First Guideline

On Friday night, a check-in post will be on the trail into camp. Units, please stay together when sledding to camp; the Top Youth Leader and an adult must check your unit in and receive your information packet. 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 13th.

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## 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 Unit meetings
- ✓ Practice skills for events – Develop your Patrol Yell
- ✓ Have a Unit meeting focusing on snow camping – show pictures from prior Klondikes

### January

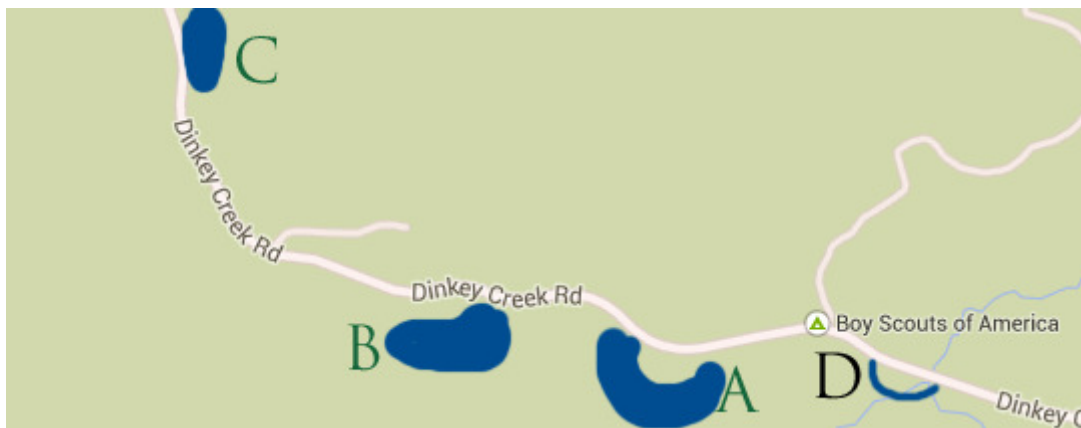
- ✓ Register for the 2016 Klondike Derby
- ✓ Plan Unit Meetings around snow camping
- ✓ Take a practice trip (Day trip or overnight)
- ✓ Perfect your event skills
- ✓ Obtain your Tour Plan
- ✓ Review the Guide to Safe Scouting – Section XIII Winter Activities
- ✓ Conduct an equipment and clothing “shakedown”

### February

- ✓ Final preparation
- ✓ Attend the 2016 Klondike Derby February 19-21
- ✓ Meet with the Unit after the event and do Start, Stop and Continue

## Arrival at Klondike Derby:

We have set up three Parking Lots (A, B, C) for troops to park their cars in when they attend Klondike Derby. These will be plowed before hand to assist you in parking. Remember if it snows during the Klondike you may need a shovel to dig your vehicle out with. Each of these is back on Dinkey Creek Road towards the Town of Shaver. We have a Shuttle Car that will drive back and forth to assist your troop. When you arrive your troop will pull into the D Parking Lot and go through and exit to turn around and face the Camp Entrance. There the cars will wait in line for their chance to back into the camp entrance and unload people and gear. Please understand the D parking lot is a reserved lot for staff and emergency vehicles. Please use this to turn around and get in line but do not park as you will block traffic for everyone else. As your troop unloads you will quickly get all the gear out of the car and move it up onto the road where you will stage it in piles. We ask you to be quick about this so your vehicles can move out of the way for the next troop to pull in and unload. Remember that other traffic drives along Dinkey Creek Road so we cannot block traffic for both lanes and need to make sure scouts do not dart out into the road.



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 Unit.

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