



## Massasoit Klondike

**Who:** Anyone who is interested in having a unique camping experience that they will remember for the rest of their Scouting careers.

**Where:** The Harvard Sportsmen's Club. 250 Littleton County Rd. Littleton, MA 01460  
(<http://www.harvardsportsmensclub.org/>)

**When:** January 27-29, 2012

**Theme:** *Why are we Here?*

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**Cost:** \$8/ Person

\$3 per Webelos and parent (Price includes a patch)

\$1 for every additional patch

### Scoutmaster & SPL Information

What am I actually signing up for?

You are signing up for a winter fun weekend with your Scouts. A Klondike is a camporee where your Scouts can experience the joy of winter camping with their fellow troop mates, and have an experience that they will never forget. This Klondike is the perfect place to introduce your Scouts to the bigger picture of Scouting. After all, that the reason we are truly here; to have fun while helping your fellow Scouts and Scouters.

### Registration

Friday Night: 5:30PM – 8:00PM and Saturday Morning 8:00AM – 9:00AM

Each Senior Patrol Leader, as well as Scoutmaster, should register his Troop and all Patrols upon arrival at the Klondike. You will receive instructions, campsite assignments, event schedules and general information needed for the weekend. Please have the registration form filled out and medical forms ready to speed up the registration process. **\*\*Remember, all Scouts need to have a updated medical form filled out completely.\*\***

### Event Staff

Each troop is asked to have at least one older Scout, and adult leader to meet with the Event Chairman Saturday morning 10 minutes prior to events to help coordinate activities.

### Medical Forms

As with any council-sponsored event, BSA medical forms are required for all participants. Please make sure your unit brings a medical form for each and every youth and adult participating in



this event. Be prepared to drop off them off at the Registration area when you register your patrol. You can pick them up at the end of the weekend.

## Visitors/Webelos

Visitors as well as Webelos are welcome and invited to attend the event. Please have visitors and Webelos check in at the registration area so that the Klondike Staff can welcome our guests.

## Uniforms/Attire

Uniforms are suggested attire for all flag ceremonies, but Scouts as well as adult leaders should be prepared for winter in New England. Bring warm clothes, sleeping attire, activities attire, and then extra upon that. Always remember that a Scout is prepared, as well as thrifty. Look to your older Scouts, to teach and show your younger Scouts what they need to bring to have a fun safe weekend.

## Sanitations/Health

The main lodge will act as the health facility for the weekend. If there are any concerns, there will be a Camporee staff member there at all times, and emergency numbers will be posted in the building. It will be heated, and a first aid crew will be onsite. Porta-Potties will be onsite in different locations. Look to the maps handed out when your troops check in to see their location.

## Parking

Parking is at a premium, we encourage all troops to carpool. Parking will more than likely not be available at a troop's campsite. Please be prepared to haul your gear in. Remember we are all Scouters; you are more than capable of overcoming any challenge put before you.

## Tour Permits

Tour Permits are not required as this is a council sponsored event.

## Water

Troops may wish to bring their own water with them. Water is available onsite. Please insure that your Scouts remain hydrated. Even though this is a winter event and it is cold outside, hydration is critical to Scout and Scouter safety.

## Fires

Only above ground fires are permitted. Fires must be attended to at all times. Water buckets must be displayed as usual.

## Trash

Carry in – Carry out. Please remember the points of the Scout Law and the Outdoor Code. Always leave an area better than you found it.

## Patrol Method

One of the purposes of the Camporee is to utilize the Patrol Method during all activities. Scouts should bring all materials required for an overnight adventure in cold weather conditions. Using this event guide, the Scout Handbook, the Scout Field book, the Webelos Handbook, The Senior Patrol Leader Handbook, and The Patrol Leader Handbook, a unit will be able to do well in the preparation, acquiring the equipment recommended, and developing a program that a Patrol can use to be competitive.

## Leadership

All Troops should be under the direct control of a Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)/Patrol Leader (PL) at all times. All changes to the activity schedule should only be made by the SPL or PL.

## First Aid

Each Troop and Patrol should be prepared with first aid equipment and supplies (readily identifiable) for caring for cold exposure and small wounds. Serious injuries must be brought to the registration area for immediate treatment.

## Equipment

Each Troop/Patrol should furnish their own equipment and tools to be used. See detailed list in equipment section of this package. Appropriate clothing for the conditions is mandatory.

## Troop and Patrol Flags

Each Troop is requested to bring a Troop Flag. All patrols are encouraged to bring a patrol flag. This will be one of the over-all awards criteria marks in the final scoring.

## Cooking

This is a perfect opportunity to train your Scouts and Patrols in Leave-No-Trace cooking. This is a recommendation and not a requirement.

## Quiet Time

The Harvard Sportsmen's Club is located in close proximity to residential areas. Please be respectful of our neighbors during quiet hours. Scoutmasters and SPLs are requested to see that their troops respect this time.

## Camp Station Events

The scoring of each Troop and Patrol begins at check-in. Read everything carefully, because some events will require you to bring specific equipment.

## Awards

A 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbon will be given to the best Patrol of each event, and also to the best over-all Patrols at the Klondike.

## Clean Up & Check Out

When a Troop is ready to check out, after the closing ceremony on Sunday morning, the SPL should come to the registration headquarters to get medical forms, and receive patches if available for all Scouts and Scouters.

## Materials Needed on Sleds

- Sled
- Patrol Flag, name, etc.
- 50 ft. of rope
- Smaller lengths of rope to lash with( your choice)
- Fire starting materials
- Pot to boil water in
- 1 gallon of water
- 1 tarp
- 1 Compass
- Minimum of 3, five ft poles ( for lashing)
- Any item, troops believe would be useful, or needed

## Activities

- All day activities
  - **Sled Inspection:** Inspecting your sleds for all materials on the list making sure they are completely secure and not out of order.
  - **Fire starting activity:** Start a fire, to boil water with the specific handi-caps that the staff will give you when you come to the event. Remember a Scout is thrifty.
  - **“Save the Kid” (First aid):** Let’s see how much first aid you truly know.
  - **Knot/Lashing tie:** Ties a select group of knots and lashings, most of which can be found in the handbook, as well as a camp gadget. Something interesting, and never been seen before.
  - **Igloo hut challenge:** Within your campsite, create a snow shelter that will be judged by commissioners sent to your site.
  - **Make your own sled:** Take the items given to you by the event staff and build a sled to transport an item or items from point a to point b.
- Team Activities
  - Snow Flag Football
  - Capture the flag
  - Fun stuff to just do
  - Snow Shoeing around property
  - Nature walk to beaver damn

- Sledding
- Advancement opportunities
  - Rank Advancement
    - Tenderfoot
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Class
    - 1<sup>st</sup> class
  - Merit Badge Opportunities
    - Environmental Science requirement(Partial)
    - Finger Printing( Full)

## Sled Race

The sled race will have new challenges this year. It will not just be your typical run as fast as you can to circle an object and then race back to the finish line. For this competition, there will be obstacles that you will have to overcome, whether it be physical or mental. I can promise you that they will be challenging. I would tell you what they are, but where is the fun in that? Remember, a Scout is always prepared.

## Religious Services

There will be an all faith service offered Saturday evening. Please check the schedule upon check in for further information.

## Words of Warning

My Fellow Scouters,

This Camporee has been our concentration for the past few months. Andrew and I decided that we wanted to plan something that was different. Something that not only had activities that tested your Scout skills, but gave you the options to do what you want to do, and discover “Why we are here”. Every active member in Scouting has a reason why they are still involved. Through this camporee, I hope that you will realize why you have chosen to be part of Scouting.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Josh C & Andrew K.