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Location

Centralville Sportsmen's Club 308 Wheeler Rd, Dracut, MA 01826

Directions from Rt 93

Exit 43B, Route MA-110W/113W/Lowell St towards Dracut Continue on MA-113/Lowell St for 1.8 mi
Turn left on Wheeler St (look for a blue sign for St Francis church)
Continue straight onto Wheeler Rd.
The Sportsmen's Club is on the right after about another 1.5 mi

Miscellaneous Information

Troop Patrols, AOL Dens, Venturing Crews, Venture Patrols

Boy Scout Troops are expected to travel in patrols to each of the events pushing and pulling their Klondike sled. Patrols are under the guidance and leadership of their Patrol Leader or SPL for this activity. This is a venue for the youth leader to put his leadership skills to a test. No adults from that unit should travel with the patrol. Troops, please be sure to contact the AOL scouts in your town and ask them to join you! Older Scouts who prefer to, may join the adults from their unit or a venture crew and assist in running their Klondike station.

Cub Scout AOL's are encouraged to participate. This may satisfy an Arrow of Light requirement! AOL's should join a Boy Scout Troop for the day on Saturday and be incorporated into the troop patrol(s) and compete with the ScoutsBSA members. Troops will add the AOL's to their registration forms, turn in the fees (Boy Scout and AOL's) and the troop will receive all the hats and ribbons after the event. AOL parents should accompany the sled and their scout throughout the day.

Venturing Crews and Venture Patrols may participate as a patrol and compete against the Boy Scout patrols, or they may staff a Klondike station. If they compete as a patrol, then they pay the registration fee, if they run a station, they are registered as adults.

Cost & Registration

The cost to attend this event is \$15 per youth attendee. Adults are free unless they would like an event hat. The cost covers the event hat for each Scout, awards, ribbons, and a space for your unit to set up tents. Units are responsible for their own meals. Register by January 17th online at https://form.jotform.com/243393809452160 or use the QR code below. Late registrations will be accepted through 1/31 but will not include the event hat.



Food

Meals are not being provided by the event. Hot water and hot cocoa packets will be provided throughout the day at each station. You will need to supply your own cup and spoon. Each patrol should plan on cooking a hot meal while on the trail at the station where they happen to be when it is time for lunch. Everyone should have drinks and high-energy snacks to consume throughout the day.

Emergencies

The first aid and warming station is located in the green building in the rear parking area. An EMT and a nurse are on staff and will be available throughout the day on Saturday.

Every event station will be equipped with a radio for emergencies. Any incidents requiring assistance beyond scout administered first aid should be reported to the nearest station staff.

The closest hospital is Lowell General Hospital Saints Campus, 1 Hospital Dr, Lowell, MA

Overnight Polar Bear Camping Opportunity

Boy Scout Troops have an opportunity to test their winter camping skills by spending Friday night in a tent, bivouac sack, snow cave, etc. There will be NO building or warming facilities. All supervision is left up to the unit leaders. The only emergency backup will be what you are able to provide.

There will be a group campfire in the archery field, no individual campsite fires are allowed.

Units must supply all their own water for both camping overnight and during the program on Saturday.

Adult Staffing Expectations

Patrols are under the guidance and leadership of their Patrol Leader or SPL for this activity. This is a venue for the youth leader to put his leadership skills to a test. No adults from that unit should be traveling with the patrol. AOL parents are the only adults allowed to travel with a patrol.

Each Troop attending is expected to:

- 1. Have all their adults in attendance support the camporee by running a station or taking on other jobs during the event.
- 2. Have at least one adult attend one of the site walk-arounds scheduled on January 12th and 26th.

Klondike Event Stations

Planned Stations

Obstacle CourseOrienteeringWhiteout WalkRifle ShootingFire StartingSoup Kitchen

Archery Knot/Lashing Challenge Fishing for Snappers

Slingshots Winter Shelter Building Timed Log Sawing Competition

Tomahawks Ice Rescue Ski Biathalon

Event stations will be placed along the Sportsmen's Club 3-D Archery trail. Please do not touch the archery targets. The range is closed for the Klondike. You'll need to carry in and carry out all your gear and trash. There is a Kubota tractor available if necessary for moving oversized pieces of gear to and from your station.

One adult from each station should attend the Leader/SPL meeting on the archery field at 8:30. Also, each station needs to supply a cell contact of someone at that station in case of emergency during the event.

Stations are required to bring water, propane, your burner & pot if you have one and set it up at the station you are running. All scouts should have their own cup and spoon. Event staff will supply each station with a box of hot cocoa and more can be picked up if needed.

Stations may bring an off the ground fire container, fire wood and a fire extinguisher (no wood with nails or screws please). All fire debris must be taken out with you –Leave No Trace!

As soon as possible after the last patrols have visited your station, text the Patrol Names and numbers for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th place patrols and your station name to the registration station.

All youth should be kept in the dark as to what stations will be at the event and any specifics as to the tasks which will be put before them. If asked, simply state that their basic scout skills will be tested.

Equipment List

Required Sled Patrol Equipment

- Fifteen (15) 3x5 index cards each with Patrol Name, Troop Number, Town in a ziploc bag with a pencil
- Pencil, paper, Scout Handbook
- Patrol Flag on a pole attached to sled
- Patrol Roster
- Two (2) 5 or 6 foot long staves or poles & rope. Also material for lashing
- A blanket and/or tarp
- Water container with at least two (2) Gallons of water

- Trash bag for all trash and litter
- Galvanized Trash can lid or other appropriate item suitable to start a fire on
- Fire starting materials (Tinder, kindling, fire steel & striker, etc)
- Two (2) Compasses
- Bow Saw
- Scout & Patrol Spirit
- Lunch HOT, HEALTHY, WELL BALANCED lunch to be cooked on the trial. All food, cooking supplies and tools to prepare the meal must be carried on the sled.

Required Personal Equipment

- 10 Essentials, especially:
 - o First Aid kit
 - o Flashlight or headlamp
 - o Extra clothes
 - Compass
 - Knife
- One (1) can of soup (no cream of anything)
- Cup and Spoon
- Eating Materials Mess Kit (if needed for planned lunch)
- Personal water bottle
- Snack/Energy Food
- Totin Chip & Firem'n Chit Cards
- Be dressed for the weather. This is February in New England. BE PREPARED

- Winter Boots
- Absolutely No Cotton
- Layers of wicking clothing
 - Wool or synthetic base layer
 - Insulating layer
 - Wind/Waterproof layer
- Wool socks & a spare pair
- Winter Hat
- Mittens/gloves & spares
- Neck Warmer, face mask or scarf
- Micro Spikes

Please note that a final equipment list will be emailed to attendees as early as possible before the Klondike.

Schedule

Friday, February 7

6pm-9pm Arrival for Overnight Troops & Crews. Check-in will be located at the main entrance to the archery field.

Units will be given a specific arrival time. Due to parking limitations, we highly recommend carpooling to the event. There will be a group campfire and music provided Friday. No fires are allowed at individual campsites.

Saturday, February 8

7:00 – 8:30 am Same-Day registration & station set up. Units arriving Saturday morning will also receive a specific arrival time and are recommended to carpool.

8:30 - 8:45 am SPL/Leader meeting - One person from each station required (on the archery field)

8:45 - 9:00 am Opening Ceremony & Instructions

9:00-9:10 travel to starting station

9:15am Shotgun start! All Patrols Will Travel In Clockwise Rotation around the course.

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9:15 - 9:45 am
                   Event 1
                   Event 2
9:50 - 10:20 am
10:25 - 10:55 am
                   Event 3
11:00 - 11:30 am
                   Event 4
11:35 - 12:05 pm
                   Event 5
12:05 -- 12:40 pm
                   Lunch
12:45 - 1:15 pm
                   Event 6
1:20 - 1:50 pm
                   Event 7
1:55 - 2:25 pm
                   Event 8
2:30 - 3:00 pm
                   Event 9
3:05 - 3:35 pm
                   Event 10
3:45 - 4:30 pm
                   Klondike Sled Slalom @ The Pines W/ Trophy
4:30 - 5:00 pm
                   Closing and Awards
                    Clean Up and Depart The Grounds
5:00pm
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Schedule is subject to change

At each event, scouts will be challenged with basic scouting skills (scout through first class rank) such as: fire building, map & compass, first aid, lashing, knots, problem solving, teamwork and just plain fun.

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Patrol Roster

Please PRINT and bring completed form to Registration

Troop Number and Town:				
Patrol Name:		Klondike Patrol No:		
				Assigned at event
Patrol Member Names	Scout	Crew	AOL	Camp
1				
2				
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Please list your full names in the Patrol so that West Wind District has them for insurance purposes.

Emergency contact name and number (Scoutmaster cell)

Map



