2013 Northstar District

Klondike - Cold Weather Camping



February 15 – 17, 2013

Attention Northstar Scouts and Leaders:

It's time for the **2013 Northstar Klondike Campout.** So, let's get going and register early!

Enclosed is the flyer of what to expect and what to prepare for before the Klondike. Also included is the Registration form for your Troop. Please register by February 5, 2013 so we can arrange for the right number of Scouts and Leaders, and don't forget to submit your Local Tour and Activity Plan to the Nevada Area Council office.

Our Klondike will be held at Turtle Rock Park Campground located near Markleeville, California at an elevation of 6100'. It is 29 miles south of South Lake Tahoe, California and 32 miles west of Carson City, Nevada.

Units may begin arriving on Friday, February 15th after 3pm. There will be a check in area upon arrival. Sincerely,

Your Northstar Program and Activities Committee

2013 NORTHSTAR KLONDIKE

REGISTRATION FORM COST CENTER: 6802 TROOP NUMBER: ______ SCOUTMASTER or LEADER: _____ SECOND ADULT LEADER: _____ ADULT OR LEADER TO ASSIST WITH KLONDIKE ACTIVITIES: _____ NUMBER OF SCOUTS: ______ X \$12 = \$ _____ NUMBER OF ADULTS: _____ X \$12 = \$ _____ TOTAL = \$ _____ (PATROLS SHOULD BE BETWEEN 4-8 SCOUTS) PATROL NAME: _____ NUMBER OF SCOUTS: _____ PATROL NAME: _____ NUMBER OF SCOUTS: _____ PATROL NAME: _____ NUMBER OF SCOUTS: _____

STAYING OVERNIGHT (PLEASE CIRCLE YES OR NO FOR EACH DAY)

FRIDAY, February 15th: YES / NO SATURDAY, February 16th: YES / NO

TOUR AND ACTIVITY PLAN SUBMITTED ALONG WITH REGISTRATION FORM: YES / NO

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013

Please return the completed form to the Nevada Area Council, BSA, 1745 S Wells Ave, Reno, NV 89502 and keep a copy for your records.

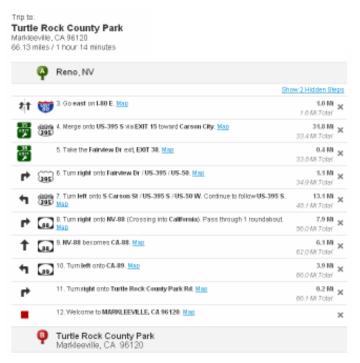
All fees are non-refundable due to the purchase of program supplies.

2013 Klondike

February 15-17

Turtle Rock Campground; Markleeville, CA

Directions:





Important Notifications:

- 1. Safety first and always!
- 2. BRING ALL FIREWOOD YOU WILL NEED FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND! CAMPFIRES MUST BE LOCATED WITHIN A FIREPROOF CONTAINER RAISED OFF THE GROUND!
- 3. Troops should ensure that each scout has proper cold-weather gear and that he is using it properly at all times.

Adult Help: In addition to Troop Adult Leadership (two-deep), every Troop must have at least 1 adult helper to assist in the operation of the Camp.

Patrol Size: A Patrol is between four (4) and eight (8) Scouts.

Patrol Responsibility: The Patrol Leader will be responsible to lead his patrol through each of the four event competitions, to bring a patrol flag and to do a patrol yell as they reach each event.

Camping Site: We are in an established campground, however, your troop will need to bring any tables, chairs, firewood, WATER, and all other supplies for the weekend for your troop campsite.

In the event of an Emergency: A continuous horn will sound for 60 seconds. When this occurs, *everyone* must muster at the registration area immediately for further instructions.

Parking: You may drive to a Troop camping area, unload, and then park your vehicle within the established parking area next to the Community Building. Parking on the road near the fire station is prohibited.

Sani-Huts: We will have a trailer with two sani-huts. Please keep these clean as we will all need to use them! All Scouts are required to use the sani-huts only. Inside restroom facilities are reserved for adults.

Campfires: All fires must be in metal fire pits *only*!!! Remember, "leave no trace" and be prepared to bring your fire pit with you, and pack your cold ashes out.

Program Activity: We will be offering a somewhat more casual program than in the past. The emphasis for this event is on FUN. There will be just five events, each patrol will participate in the events. The intent is to give the scouts a fun experience while teach them to function well in a cold-weather environment. Each Scout should have a day-pack with his ten essentials. While scouts participate in events each troop site will be judged for neatness, cleanliness and leave-no-trace. Awards will be given.

Scout Skills Stations will include:

Fire Building – Scouts will have 10 minutes to prepare their tender, kindling and fuel. At that time the competition will start the scouts will lay and light a fire (not taller that the first string above the fire pit), and burn through a second string above the fire. This is a good skill to master prior to needing it in a cold-weather situation. Patrol flag and yell are, again, good for a bonus. Points will start at 100 with 5 being deducted for each minute used until the second string burns through. Lighting the fire with a spark such as flint-and-steel or magnesium will earn a 10-point bonus.

Tomahawk Throw – OK, so this is not really a scout, but it is always a fun and popular activity. Each patrol member will get one practice throw. Each patrol will get ten chances to "stick" the tomahawk, each patrol member must participate equally. Each "stuck" tomahawk is good for 10 points. Patrol flag and yell will be good for a bonus.

Scouting Ten Essentials – Each patrol will be given 60 seconds to examine the items placed on a large tarp. The items will then be covered up. The patrol must then list the items from the Scouting Ten Essentials that are on the tarp, and list those items that are missing.

Snowball Sling Shot – This event will consist of a large sling-shot made of rubber tubing. Each partol will make several snowballs and launch them at a specified target. Points will be awarded for accuracy.

PLEASE NOTE ANY SNOWBALLS THROWN AT ANY PERSON WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION – remember, "A Scout is Kind."

Snowshoe Relay – Patrols will be provided with one set of snowshoes. Each member of the patrol will put on the snowshoes and complete the course. The winner will be determined by dividing the total time by the number of Scouts in the patrol. Lowest time wins.

Friday's Activity – February 15th

3:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. Registration - If you have pre-registered, please bring your receipted documents a copy of your tour plan, and a list of boys and adults from your unit that are in attendance. If you are not pre-registered, please bring your filled out documents and your checkbook! Registration will be clearly marked at the Nevada Council Campground.

6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. Set up camp and have dinner.

8:30 P.M. Leader's Meeting / Troop fellowship – Each Troop's Scoutmaster and the Senior Patrol Leader will meet in the community building for question-and-answer regarding the next days activities.

9:00 P.M. Cracker Barrel – a few fun snacks and fellowship will be provided in the community building.

10:00 P.M. Lights out and quiet time.

Saturday's Activity – February 16th

7:30 A.M. Reveille

7:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. Prepare and Serve Breakfast.

9:00 A.M. Assembly at the center of camp for a flag ceremony.

Troop TBD will conduct the Morning Flag Ceremony.

9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Scout Skills competition.

1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. Lunch; return to camp.

2:30 P.M. – **3:30 P.M.** Awards Ceremony. Bring your folding chairs. Ribbons will be awarded for events and campsite inspection.

4:00-5:30 P.M. Troops prepare their contribution for the evening potluck. Troops that are leaving can break camp, pack up and take off. For those Troops that are departing, please check out with Jim Smith. Also, please remember to leave your camp area cleaner and better than when you arrived. Remember, *LOW* impact and the principles of *Leave No Trace*. We are guests.

5:30 P.M. Evening Flag Ceremony. The flag will be lowered for the evening.

6:00 P.M. Potluck Dinner in the community building. The District will prepare a hot soup or stew and provide paper products, each troop is asked to participate with a warm dish supplying enough to feed their unit. The community building will be open for Scouts and leaders to play board games and have general fellowship.

Sunday's Activity – February 17th

7:30 A.M. Reveille

8:30 A.M. Scouts Own Worship Service. There will be a short multi-denominational devotional service at the flags area. This is an optional activity.

9:30 A.M. Camp breakdown and cleanup: Remember to leave your area better than when you arrived. Remember, *LOW* impact and the principles of *Leave No Trace*. We are guests here and we would like to return in the future, so please leave it better than you found it.

Please plan on departing by 11:00am.