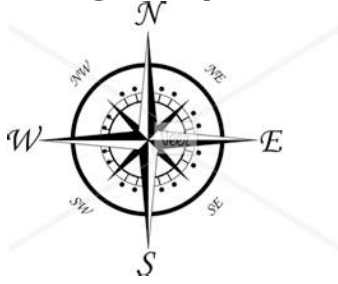


2012 “Old Portage Expedition” Klondike



On January 13th through the 15th, 2012, the Old Portage District will be holding its annual Klondike event at Camp Manatoc. The Klondike headquarters will be the Training Lodge and all units (Boy Scout and Crews) from the district are urged to participate. This will be new and challenging event with a race on Friday night and a race with eight patrol events on Saturday. Below are the actual lists of events that will be set up for the Klondike. We encourage and look forward to seeing you all there to continue the increased participation we have seen over the past few years.

This year's Klondike will include a new division for the event. We are introducing an expedition program geared toward the Venture Crews and Venture aged Scouts. The standard quality Klondike program will remain unchanged with its schedule of events, races and awards. We are adding a new concept to attract more of the crews and older scouts to the program. The events this year will cover scouting skills that require teamwork and endurance. Each event station will incorporate skills all found in the Boy Scout handbook. This year's list will include a couple of new events along with some old favorites.

Here is a summary of how the two programs will work:

Old Portage Klondike:

The Klondike will remain unchanged with just an added bonus and every Scout Troop participating in the races and events. It will consist of two races and eight scout skills events. Scoring will be done for each event with the totals determining the flag and cup winners.

Old Portage Expedition:

The Expedition program is open to all Crews and every Troop wanting to participate. This program is geared toward Scouts age 14 to 21 and will involve a few activities from the Venture program along with the scout skills stations. Each unit will be encouraged **(but not required)** to enter a patrol **(more than 1 if interested)** into the Expedition program that will utilize GPS technology to move them through their day of events. If you have a few older scouts but not enough for a patrol, send them up to the Training Lodge after the race on Friday night and we can pair them up with other scouts to form patrols. This program will start on Friday night after the race with a GPS instruction and Venturing advancement requirement followed by a fellowship and cracker barrel at the Klondike headquarters. The patrols will participate in the races and visit all of the Saturday event stations performing the designed task for their program. Scoring and timing will be done to award event and overall awards.

A **Facebook page** is being created for the event and will be titled **“Old Portage Klondike”** to give further information and updates as we get closer. We hope to have this up and running by the end of May. The page will provide more detail as it becomes available and hopefully answer any questions you may have.

We are looking forward to this new and exciting program and we hope this is something that will peak your interest. So come join us as we embark on a new expedition to bring all of the Old Portage District together and demonstrate the diversity and show everyone just how much Scouting has to offer.

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The Old Portage Klondike will be returning to Camp Manatoc 1/13/12- 1/15/12 with the headquarters at the Training Lodge. Every unit (Boy Scout and Crews) from the district are urged to participate as well as any other crews from the council. This will be a challenging event with a race on Friday night and a race with eight patrol events on Saturday and some wrinkles thrown in. Below are the actual lists of events that will be set up for the Klondike. We encourage and look forward to seeing you all there to continue the increased participation we have seen over the past few years.

Eight Saturday Patrol Events

Blind Rope Course
Ravine Crossing
Fire Building
Shooting Sports
Orienteering/Measurement
First Aid
Spider Web
Lashings

Each patrol will guide their Klondike sled from one event station to another during the day on Saturday. At each station the team will have a skill to demonstrate. Each activity will have a point value and many will be timed. The winner is the Troop that has the highest average score of their patrol/sled teams. Each station will challenge the team to use Scout skills and teamwork to demonstrate their skill. At each station, there will be adult leaders in charge, *hopefully represented by all units*; they will be handing out points. They will be judging everything, including scout spirit, or lack of it, and if the sled team listened to and followed instructions.

There will be two races –

The first on Friday night will be a surprise style event. This will be a station to station race that will challenge the entire patrol.

The second will be on Saturday after the patrol events and will also be a surprise.

Other Events/Awards

Awards will be given for the two programs separately.

Leaders – Volunteers are needed for event station. We are looking for each unit to adopt an event to run or designate a volunteer to help at a station during the Klondike. We also need to have at least one member from each unit to man stations for the races. We need to have at least two adults at each station and event.

To adopt an event or volunteer for an event or race station, please contact Mike Fasig (330-825-9828, 330-329-8586 or mfscouter@aol.com).

Unit # _____ Scoutmaster: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Number of Scouts attending at \$6.00 each: _____ X \$6.00 = _____

Number of Leaders attending at \$6.00 each: _____ X \$6.00 = _____

Number of Webelos II attending at \$3.00 each: _____ X \$3.00 = _____

Total Payment: _____

Due to GTC by Monday Jan.9th, 2012.

Return to: OP Klondike GTC, PO Box 68, Akron, Oh 44309-0068 Acct # 900101