



# 2012

# Indian Steps Klondike

A Scandinavian Smorgasbord of Fun!

Camp Tuckahoe

January 27-29, 2012

Registration due no later than  
January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

Your troop/crew is invited to attend the Indian Steps Klondike. This packet should help you understand what is happening at the Klondike so you can publicize it to your troop/crew. Please note that there will not be a cub program at this event.

Scandinavian: The name Scandinavia historically referred vaguely to Scania. The terms Scandinavia and Scandinavian entered usage in the 18th century as terms for the three Scandinavian countries, their (Germanic) peoples and associated language and culture, being introduced by the early linguistic and cultural Scandinavianist movement. The Scandinavian Peninsula subsequently also took its name from the ethno-cultural-linguistic term.

The coldest temperature ever recorded is  $-62.68^{\circ}\text{F}$  in Vuoggatjålme (Sweden).<sup>[45]</sup> The warmest month on record was July 1901 in Oslo, with a mean (24hr) of  $72.86^{\circ}\text{F}$ , and the coldest month was February 1985 in Vittangi (Sweden) with a mean of  $-16.96^{\circ}\text{F}$ .

Southwesterly winds further warmed by foehn wind can give warm temperatures in narrow Norwegian fjords in winter; Tafjord has recorded  $64.22^{\circ}\text{F}$  in January and Sunndal  $66.02^{\circ}\text{F}$  in February.

Smorgasbord: an extensive array or variety

While we hope the weather at our Scandinavian Smorgasbord won't hit a low of  $-62.68^{\circ}\text{F}$  we also know that we won't be setting any record highs either. The following information will help you and your troop to "Be Prepared" for the extensive array and variety of events planned by your fellow units.

The Activities Committee would like to say "Thank You" to all the units who helped make the 2012 Klondike a fun filled, learning event for our boys.

We still have room for more stations. If your unit is planning to attend we strongly urge the adults (leaders/parents) to help make this a fun filled event by planning and running a station. Please contact Terri Boyd with your ideas. If you're having a hard time coming up with your own ideas, please give me a call and I will be willing to speak with you one on one so that we can come up with an idea that would make the weekend even better for the Scouts.

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## General Information

### First Aid

First Aid will be available at the registration building. However, each troop/crew should be able to take care of minor injuries, and the Scouts should be carrying their own personal First Aid kits anyways. Injuries requiring medical attention should be reported to and attended by the staff at the registration building. Please have proper medical forms with the troop/crew for each person. We will have trained medical personnel on staff for this Klondike.

### Permission Slips

Every Scout should have a permission slip signed by their parents/guardians giving permission for any medical treatments, hospital visits, etc. These forms should be kept in the campsite and be readily accessible in the event of an emergency.

### Uniforms

We would really like all Scouts to be in Field (Class "A") uniforms for the flag ceremonies as well as for the Non-Denominational Service on Sunday. Remember to dress in layers as it will be cold.

### Fees

The cost for the Klondike this year is **\$6.00**. This includes a nifty patch, camp fees, prizes, cracker-barrel, awards, and other assorted supplies and equipment.

# Klondike Policies

The following rules were made to help us have a successful and safe camping experience. It is the responsibility of the adults in charge to see that their Scouts know and understand these rules. Anyone caught violating them may be asked to leave the camp.

## **Vehicles: Speed limit is 10 mph**

No passengers in back of truck or trailer. Vehicles are limited to main roads and parking areas only. Troop/crew trailers may be left at the campsite; the vehicles that they are attached to may also stay in the campsite. **All other vehicles will have to park in the parking area.**

All liquid fuels must be used with adult supervision.

Firearms: Firearms, explosives, and fireworks are prohibited.

Conservation: Please conserve our natural resources. No digging, trenching, or raking.

We will be practicing "Leave No Trace" fires this weekend.

ABSOLUTELY no cutting of brush or standing timber is allowed.

Adults: There must be two adults in camp at all times. At least one of those adults must be 21 or older.

Lights out: Scouts are not allowed out of their site after lights out with the exception of going to and from the latrine.

PLEASE respect others during lights out. Scouters are asked to bring roaming Scouts to the headquarters after lights out.

Electronics are highly discouraged: radios, stereos, TV's, MP3 players, IPOD's, tape players, headsets, Scout cell phones, Game Boy's, etc.



## **Indian Steps Clean up/Check Out Policy**

The Boy Scouts of America and the Indian Steps District strictly follow the Leave No Trace Principles.

Leave No Trace means traveling and camping with care, deliberately planning, and guiding one's actions so as not to harm the environment or disturb others.

### **The Principles of Leave No Trace**

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare.
2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces.
3. Dispose of Waste Properly (Pack It In, Pack It Out).
4. Leave What You Find. (Please pick any trash you find)
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts.
6. Respect Wildlife.
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors.



Each unit will be asked to have a member of the District Committee perform a post camp inspection. A few members from each unit must stay at the Klondike until this inspection is complete. Upon successful completion of the inspection your unit will receive their event patches. We understand that everyone is anxious to get home following a weekend event. But please understand that the District Committee also wants to get home and having to stay and clean up another unit's camp site is not fair to them.

### **Indian Steps Registration Policy**

In order to keep the district costs down the Activities Committee has established the following Registration Policy. Scouts and Leaders must pre-register by the date on the registration form. The volunteers involved in planning the event must know how many to expect in order to place orders for awards, patches and station supplies. If the number of Scouts or Leaders change after the pre-registration dead line you will not be guaranteed a patch or any other items that needed to be ordered based on the pre-registration numbers.

### **Indian Steps Refund Policy**

As mentioned in the above paragraph a lot of the event costs are based on the pre-registration numbers. Therefore, we can not refund any costs. However, if you have a Scout or Leader who can not attend you may replace them with another scout or adult. If you can not find a replacement for the Scout or Leader, you will still get the patch and/or awards that were paid for as part of the pre-registration fees.

## Event Schedule

Friday:

- 6:00 – 8:00 pm **Registration**
- 6:00 – 9:00 pm **Set Up Camp Sites**
- 9:30 **Cracker-barrel for Scoutmasters and SPL's. We must have at least one adult from each Troop/crew to attend. Youth Chaplains should also attend.**
- 10:00 **TAPS**
- 11:00 **Lights Out**

Saturday

- 7:00 – 8:30 **Breakfast**
- 8:30 **Flag Raising**
- 9:00 – 12:00 **Morning events kick off**
- 12:00 -12:30 **On the Trail Lunch – Each Scout should provide own lunch. Station fires may be used to heat up items, or units can provide own backpacking stoves.**
- 12:30 – 3:30 **Afternoon events kick off – Orienteering Course (optional)**
- 4:00 – 4:15 **Flag Retreat**
- 4:30-6:30 **Dinner**
- 6:30-7:30 **Campfire**
- 8:00-?? **Sled Race**
- 9:45 **Closing Meeting for Leader's/SPL Cracker Barrel-Dutch oven dessert cook off**
- 10:00 **Taps**
- 10:15 – 10:45 **OA Gathering**
- 11:00 **Lights Out**

Sunday

- 7:00 – 8:00 **Breakfast**
- 9:00 **Interfaith Service**
- 10:00 – 12:00 **Check Out**

## Troop/crew, Patrol, & Scout Requirements

Each Patrol will compete in all events. The Patrol will be issued an Event Flag and Station Map indicating the location of each event. The SPL will receive the Event Flag and Station Map at the SPL Cracker-barrel on Friday Night. All members of a Patrol must stay together at all times.

Scouts will be required to have their own water. The Scouts should have some sort of day pack for the events during the day.

Each troop/crew should also plan for at least one skit for the campfire – it helps to have this planned out in advance.

Troops/crews that have youth Chaplains should send them the Friday Night Cracker barrel with a selection for the Sunday Service. This may be a reading, a song, or verse of scripture. Just keep it non-denominational.

# Scoutmaster Dutch Oven Dessert Cook-Off

This is an opportunity for every Scoutmaster /Troop and Crew Leaders to show off his/her secret recipe. There aren't many rules on this one. Please bring your entry to the Saturday Evening Leader's/SPL Cracker barrel. Coffee and paper goods will be provided. Bring your recipe for the Indian Steps Cookbook currently being worked on.

## Stations

Fire building – Troop 17

Snow Shoe making – Troop 205

Pancake flipping – Troop 50

Fire Making/ Water Boiling – Troop 27

Egg Toss and Fry Event – Troop 43

Wiggle Woggle – Troop 155

Teambuilding Obstacle Course – Troop 69

Afternoon Only option – Orienteering Course – Crew 153

### Items needed by patrol in the Sled

#### Items marked with an \* may be needed at more than 1 station:

- \* Waterproof Matches – enough to build multiple fires
- \* Baggie of dryer lint
- 2 raw eggs
- \*Mess kit fry pan (preferably soaped on the bottom only!) with handle
- \*Cooking spray (Optional)
- \*Tinder (Prepared the Scout Handbook method)
- \*Dry Kindling, and Fuel (enough to multiple fires throughout the day)
- \*Spatula
- Compass with a magnifier lens
- 3 poles or sticks: about four feet long, 1 inch in diameter to make a tripod
- Enough rope to make a tripod to hang the pot over the fire
- Dry paper towels or toilet paper
- Pot
- Water
- Steel Wool (0000) (in a zip-loc bag)
- Flint
- Steel
- Snack bag of potato chips (one for each patrol member + 2 for the fire making station)
- 1 normal (not short) can of Pringle potato chips
- First aid kit
- Heat resistant gloves
- Shovel
- Flashlight
- Blanket
- 4 Sapling Trees (2 inches in diameter, approximately 4 feet long).
  - Make sure the Sapling is flexible enough to bend without breaking.
  - Remove the bark from the Sapling.
- Twigs/Branches
- 1 Pair of Boots (should already be worn by Scout)

## **Sled Race**

Each sled must be equipped with all the supplies needed for winter emergency survival as listed in the Boy Scout Handbook.

Sleds will also be checked to see that they following the guidelines as set forth on page 9 of this packet.

### **Items needed for each Scout in their Day Pack:**

Trail Lunch – Hot or cold

Powered Hot Chocolate mix or Hot cider mix

Mid Morning Snack – Trail mix

Personal Mug

Scout Handbook, Pencil, and Notepad in water proof bag

Extra pair of socks

Hand and Foot warmers

Pocket Knife

### **Some quick notes for adult leaders:**

As with any Klondike, things *might* change rapidly based on how things are going. We will do our best to communicate changes to everyone, but we all have to “*Be Prepared*” to accept bumps in the road. If we realize that one thing just is not working right, we might switch it over to something else. We will have some backup ideas in place that will be easily done on the fly, but the transition might not be easy.

**There is no such thing as bad weather -- only the wrong clothing. -- Scottish Proverb**

**Check out these web sites for some additional Cold Weather Camping Tips**

- <http://www.three-peaks.net/coldcamp.htm>
- <http://ezinearticles.com/?Cold-Weather-Camping-Tips&id=381655>

The absolute last thing we want from this event is for some Scouts to walk away wishing they had not come to the event at all. Having the Scoutmasters (and parents as well), keep a positive outlook on things will help keep that from happening.

Remember the Registration and Refund Polices! We honestly have no idea how many Scouts we are going to have for this event, and that is making it extremely difficult to plan. Are we going to have 20 patrols with 120 Scouts, or are we going to have 35 patrols of 280 Scouts? Your unit’s registration form is due to the Council Office or Roundtable no later than January 3, 2012.

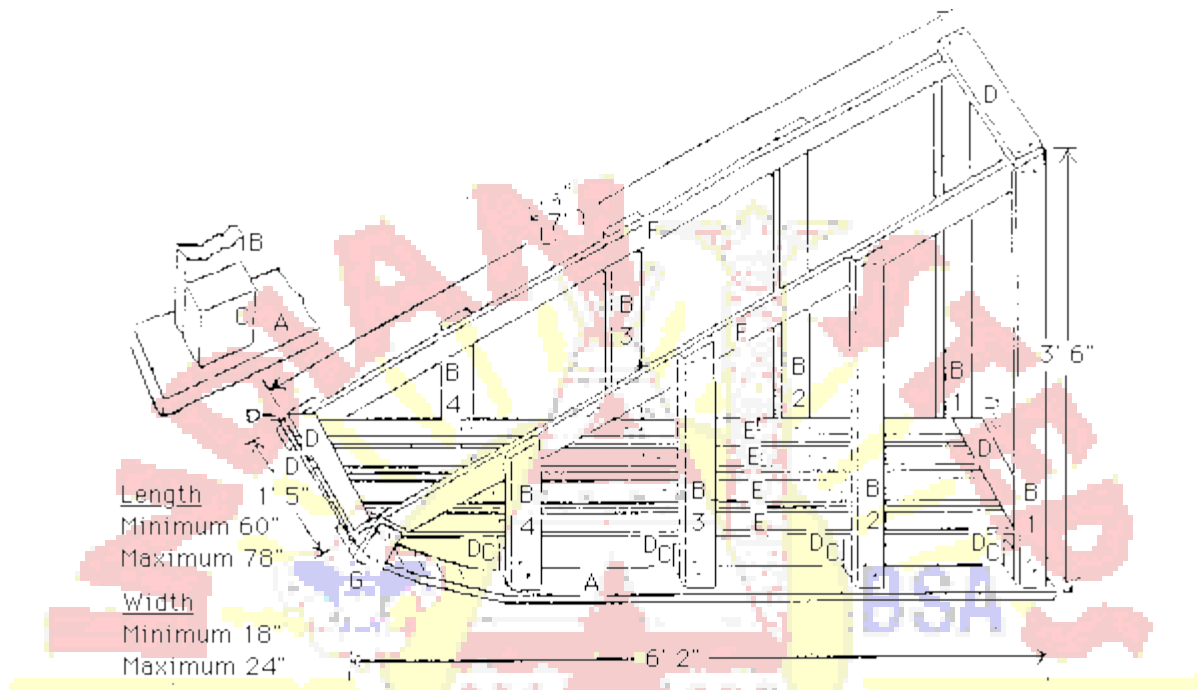
There might be a few troops/crews who decide to come out Saturday morning, and go home Saturday evening, or a couple of troops/crews that come on Friday and leave Saturday evening. If your troop/crew is going to do this, please add those details to the registration form under “camping notes” so that we can plan for it.

The following plan is for a sled that has minimum and maximum dimensions as shown.

The sled below is show as a guide. Your own design may be used if it conforms to the minimum and maximum dimensions. Make sure the sled is strong enough to bear the weight of your equipment and will hold together for a long trip. It is best to use screws rather than nails. Drill first to avoid splitting wood. Varnish bottom of runners and wax before using. Wire netting or a canvas snow curtain may be added to prevent items from falling off of the sled. Wheels may be added to the sled if weather isn't suitable for runners.

Secure a towing rope at the front and secure a brake rope at the rear.

**View of Sled:**



**Materials:**

Item	Label	Quantity	Dimensions
Runners	A	2	1" x 4" x 6'2"
Uprights	B1	2	1" x 4" x 3'6"
	B2	2	1" x 4" x 2'8"
	B3	2	1" x 4" x 1'9"
	B4	2	1" x 4" x 10"
Upright Supports	C	8	2" x 4" x 4"
Cross Supports	D	6	1" x 4" x 1'5"
Floor Strips	E	4	1" x 4" x 6'
Hand Rails	F	2	1" x 2" x 7'
Front Supports	G	2	1" x 4" x 6"

# CAMPSITE INSPECTION SHEET

## SHELTER

## POINTS

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|----|---|-------|
| 1. | Tents properly erected, trim, securely anchored, proper use of ground cloths.                         | _____ |
| 2. | Cover fly for Dining Facilities properly erected, trim, securely anchored, provides for rain run-off. | _____ |
| 3. | Campsite is set up in a safe and organized manner for traffic flow and proper BSA regulations.        | _____ |
| 4. | Patrol sites organized by patrols with tents properly identified by Patrol, SPL, ASPL, PL, and SPL    | _____ |
| 5. | Adult sites are organized and properly identified as SM, ASM  | _____ |

## FIRE, FIREWOOD AND WOOD TOOLS

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| 6.  | Fire site a safe distance from tents etc., adequately contained, (5ft radius cleared around fire).  | _____   |
| 7.  | Adequate fire buckets and/or firefighting equipment available.  | _____   |
| 8.  | Firewood properly stacked, stored min. 5' from fire *protected and from weather   | _____   |
| 9.  | Firewood is of good quality for burning, no live trees  | _____   |
| 10. | Wood tools sharp and properly stowed.   | _____   |
| 11. | *Ax Yard specifically located and adequately marked off (min. 1 per unit) and Ax Yard sign at<br>*Ax Yard gate with Unit Number clearly marked. | * _____ |

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

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|-----|--|-------|
| 12. | Proper disposal containers for garbage.                                    | _____ |
| 13. | Food adequately stored and adequately protected from contamination.        | _____ |
| 14. | Cooking equipment properly stored and clean. (Off ground)                  | _____ |
| 15. | Clean water is available.  | _____ |
| 16. | First Aid facilities available and marked.                                 | _____ |
| 17. | Campsite is clean and in order.  | _____ |
| 18. | Personal equipment is neat and properly stored. (Uniform by patrol)        | _____ |
| 19. | Patrol leaders of the weekend, tent marked proper with name.               | _____ |
| 20. | Troop Trailer - Wheels not properly Chocked (Deduct if not safely chocked) | _____ |
| 21. | Vehicle left in site (Deduct per vehicle)                                  | _____ |

## CAMP IMPROVEMENTS

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|-----|---|---------|
| 22. | All flags properly displayed.   | _____   |
| 23. | *Campsite Improvements/Camp craft. Created with natural materials to make campsite more comfortable and convenient. Examples; built up fireplaces, utensil rack, pack rack, fire bucket holder, tripod, etc. by the boys. | * _____ |

## PATROL ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION

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|-----|---|---------|
| 24. | *Posted itinerary of day activities including locations with departure and arrival times. | * _____ |
| 24. | Scout meals prepared by scouts, not by adults.  | _____   |
| 25. | Patrol menu and jobs posted in Patrol site or kitchen area. Unit/Patrol                   | _____   |
| 26. | Copy of Registration Patrol Roster posted in Patrol site or kitchen area.                 | _____   |
| 27. | Unit Registered for Event by Deadline   | _____   |

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**Point system is based upon a grading 0-2 (0-do not have, 1-have in poor display 2-have in proper display)  
Items marked \* are optional extra, bonus points 1 or 2 will be added to score**

# Registration Form

This Registration form is to be turned in Friday Night at Registration

(Please Print Clearly)

Troop/Crew: \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster: \_\_\_\_\_

SPL: \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol Name		Patrol Name	
	Scout Name		Scout Name
1	PL-	1	PL-
2		2	
3		3	
4		4	
5		5	
6		6	
7		7	
8		8	
9		9	
10		10	
Patrol Name		Patrol Name	
	Scout Name		Scout Name
1	PL-	1	PL-
2		2	
3		3	
4		4	
5		5	
6		6	
7		7	
8		8	
9		9	
10		10	
<b>Adults:</b>			
1	2	3	
4	5	6	

## Pre-Registration Form

This Pre-Registration form is to be sent to the New Birth of Freedom Council Scout offices prior to January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012.

Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster: \_\_\_\_\_

SPL: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Patrols: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Scouts: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$6.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Camping Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Forms and payments should be mailed to:

**New Birth of Freedom Council Acct# 6801  
Attn: Indian Steps Klondike  
2139 White Street  
York, PA 17404**