

2025 Polar Pirate Klondike



Hosted by THREE RIVERS DISTRICT

SYLVAN LAKE STATE PARK MARCH 7-9, 2025

FOR THE FOLLOWING SCOUTS - Scouts BSA, VENTURING, SEA SCOUTS

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INTRODUCTION

Ahoy, Scouts! Get ready for a thrilling, icy adventure at this year's Polar Pirate Klondike, where washbuckling penguin pirates meet the frozen wilderness! This weekend will be packed with frosty challenges, treasure hunts, and teamwork in the heart of winter's harsh beauty.

Be sure to dress your patrol sled up in a fun pirate costume!

Throughout the day, Patrols will dive into a series of exciting events, featuring both beloved classics and some thrilling new challenges! These activities are crafted to put your Scouting skills to the ultimate test, both mentally and physically. Get ready to give it your all, as every event will be graded or timed—unless stated otherwise—as we determine who is the Peak Polar Pirate Patrol!

LOCATION: - Sylvan Lake State Park

Located south of Eagle.

- Campground map is in Appendix E.
- The address for the campground is: 10200 Brush Creek Rd, Eagle, CO 81631
- Map link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/jP5oC6JkBJSnkoTZ9>

REGISTRATION AND FEES

- Scouts BSA Units - \$25 each

Early registration - Until Feb 15th, 2025 - Discount of \$5.00 will be applied to each registrant fee

Regular registration - Feb 16th, 2025 – Mar 1st, 2025 - \$25

All who attend must pay the registration fee. There will be no walk ups permitted. Registration fees are **nonrefundable** but are **transferable**. Transferred participants' fees will be the same as the previously registered scout regardless of the date of transfer.

Registration for the klondike will end on Mar. 1 with no late registrations accepted.

MEDICAL AND ROSTER FORMS

EVERY person attending the Klondike must have a completed medical form.

To obtain the most current version of the medical form, Parts A&B go to this link:

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf

All Medical forms will be turned in at check-in. Medical forms will be returned with your patches and ribbons, upon departure, on Sunday. The exception is if a participant is treated by our medical staff.

A roster (see Appendix D) must also be turned in listing all participants, youth and adults.

CHECK-IN UPON ARRIVAL (Cabin #5);

- FOR SAFETY REASONS, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT EVERY UNIT CHECK IN AT HEADQUARTERS, CABIN #5, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER ARRIVAL AT THE POLAR PIRATE KLONDIKE.
- Please bring your previously paid receipt.
- Have medical forms for ALL participants and a unit roster listing the youth and adults that are attending the event. See enclosed form. Troops may arrive after 6:00 PM to set up camp.
- Campsites will be assigned upon check-in at Headquarters, Cabin #5.

Registration is at Cabin #5 and will open at 6:00 PM on Friday.

PARKING AND UNLOADING

- Due to park regulations and the volume of traffic we create, unloading and parking can be a slow process.
- PLEASE, follow the directions of the traffic control people and be patient!
- Please note that the purchase of a State Park Pass is NOT required unless you plan to visit other locations within the park.
- All vehicles to be parked per park regulations. Vehicles may "tail in" park at campsites. Vehicles park on the right side of the road in all other locations. This will make leaving the Klondike venue as easy as possible in the event of an emergency.

CAMP SET UP AND TAKE DOWN

- Troops may arrive after 6:00 PM on Friday to set up camp. Units should plan to depart by 11:30 AM Sunday.
- There are to be no tents, tarps etc. tied to any trees or structures. It is expected that all participants are to be sleeping in tents. No travel trailers or buses are to be used. If because of unique circumstances (health), it is required, prior arrangements must be made through the contact listed on page 1

FOOD

- Troops will provide all of their own meals. No meals will be provided to participants.

FIRES AND WATER

- Wood fires are only allowed if they are in the established fire grates. No wood will be available at the campsites. Wood gathering is not permitted. Use of stoves or charcoal for cooking is strongly recommended.
- NO OPEN FLAMES IN TENTS. This includes no cooking in tents.
- ALL ASHES ARE TO BE TAKEN HOME.
- There is no running water available, so please plan on bringing your own. Dehydration can occur just as fast in cold weather as warm weather, so be sure to bring extra water.
- Bring what you will need for the event.

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FIRST AID (Cabin #5)

- First Aid emergencies should be directed to the First Aid station, located at Cabin #5. The individual unit should handle all minor first aid opportunities. First Aid members will also be walking around the events on Saturday.

DO NOT CALL 9-1-1! CONTACT STAFF FOR ALL EMERGENCIES.

We will have trained medical and other emergency response staff present on site. They will be able to respond very quickly to an emergency.

Calling 9-1-1 may cause confusion and delay as the responding agency may not be familiar with the camp so getting them to the necessary location will be difficult. On-site resources can respond much more quickly, assess the situation and call-in appropriate additional outside resources as required.

SCHEDULE

- A schedule is included in appendix B
- This is our current best estimate, though it may be adjusted as we get closer to the event.
- If changes are made an updated copy will be provided at check in.

AWARDS

- The top 3 Patrols for each station activity will be recognized.

LATRINES

- Latrines will be provided for all campers to use.
- Remember no trash is to be put in the latrines.

TRASH

- ALL UNITS MUST TAKE THEIR TRASH HOME!!!
- The trash receptacles that exist in the campsites are NOT to be used. Points will be deducted during campsite inspection. THIS INCLUDES ANY FIRE ASHES. Established fire grates should be cleaned out as well, prior to departure. Remember to leave your campsite in better condition than you found it upon arrival. Remember "Leave No Trace Principles".

CAMPSITES

Each Troop will be assigned a campsite(s), at check in.

PARTICIPATION RIBBONS AND PATCHES

- Any unit leaving Saturday must check in at **Cabin #5** to receive their ribbons and patches. Those who are camping will be given theirs after activities on Sunday.

FOOT PROTECTION

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE PROPER FOOT PROTECTION

- ANY PERSON WEARING TENNIS SHOES or inappropriate footwear should not attend and **WILL BE SENT HOME**

LOST AND FOUND

- Will be located at Headquarters (HQ)- Cabin #5.

EVERYONE LABEL YOUR GEAR SO IF LOST IT CAN BE RETURNED TO YOU!

WE ARE GUESTS OF THE STATE PARK

- A couple of items that need to be adhered to; No tying of tarps, tents, etc. to trees.
- Observe, but do not feed or harass any wildlife.
- Pick up trash regularly, which will help in the amount of trash found when the snow melts, as well as keep the animals from looking for your food.
- No use of snow plows or snow blowers are to be used to clear campsites or roads.

EVENTS

- The events are organized and run by the Scouts BSA on a volunteer basis under the guidance of adult Scouts BSA volunteers. It is requested that adults do not interfere with the Scouts BSA who are running the event. If there is a problem, it should be brought to the attention of the adult advisor at the event or the Polar Pirates Klondike Senior Patrol Leader.

MAKE ADDITIONAL COPIES

- Make necessary copies of this packet for your needs. This leader's guide will also be posted on the Three Rivers District Website/Activities, a link from the council website.
- Also make copies of schedule, driving directions, parking pass, participant roster, campground map, and registration form. ALL FORMS ARE LOCATED IN THE APPENDICIES.

PARADE OF SLEDS

- The parade of sleds will be held prior to the sled race.

SCOUT BSA SECTION PROGRAM ACTIVITIES – SCOUTS BSA

- Saturday morning prior to the flag ceremony, patrol registration will take place, located at cabin #5. Each patrol will be assigned a Patrol number. Events will test your Scouting skills. Scouts BSA should bring patrol flags/event flags and bring their great Scouting Spirit.
- You **MUST** follow the sequence you are given. If not, you will be asked to go to the correct event.
- Upon completion of each event, your Patrol Sheet will be signed, by the event leader.
- This sheet will show in what rotation your patrol is to follow between event stations.
- Your Patrol Sheet **MUST** be turned in upon completion of all the events, to cabin #5 and prior to 6:00 PM Saturday. Otherwise, no scores will be registered. This enables the staff to know that all patrols are accounted for, again for safety reasons.

SCOUT EQUIPMENT LIST

- EACH Scout is to have their own 10 essentials.
- As groups are participating as patrols, the patrol should have an event flag/Patrol flag, song and yell.
- The Event/Patrol flag must be able to be separated from the sled.
- The Patrols will receive points for having these items throughout the various stations.

SLED RULES

- Sled should be decorated to the Polar Pirate theme. The best sled wins the best-in-show award. Snowshoes are recommended for the course.
- Sled must be 4'-7' in length (based upon runner length)
- Sled must be 18"-36" wide, including handle bars.
- Authorized Sled construction materials are wood, metal, rope and a pair of skis between 122cm and 213cm in length. No PVC.
- Due to safety of all, sled made of PVC pipe will not be allowed, due to breakage and splintering when cold.
- Sled should have only 1 pair of skis or rails (not snow boards) as runners.
- Sled must be able to carry at least 1 Scout, who may be required to ride in the sled during the race.
- Sled to be designed to carry patrol gear.
- Patrol equipment will not be carried on the sled during the race.
- The Scouts BSA must pull/push the sled.

EVENTS (Subject to change) current plan includes

- Sled Race-approximately 1/2 mile
- Measuring an object from a distance
- Shelter Building
- Isotope transfer
- Compass/orienteering treasure hunt
- Snow snakes

JUDGING GUIDELINES

- Guidelines for judging are established prior to the event. While time may be a factor, teamwork and the "ten essentials" are included in the scores. At various stations the patrol members will be asked to show one of the essentials (or a Patrol flag/yell/song) that will count towards judging.
- Patrols will not be judged only on their ability to complete the task in a fast manner but also the way it is completed with the Scouting ideals in mind.
- As Scouts BSA, all participants should display a positive and inclusive attitude.
- The adult leaders should also follow these guidelines.

DAYTIME EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

- a. Water bottle or canteen and bring extra water for your group.
- b. Sack lunch or lunch at campsites
- c. Remember that everyone will be outside all day. There is no opportunity to run into the house to get warm.
- d. Dress in layers.
- e. Bring extra socks. Wool blend is the best. Cotton socks do not retain heat when wet.
- f. ALL participants must have proper cold weather footwear. **NO TENNIS SHOES**. Traction cleats recommended.
- g. Extra gloves - mittens are the best.
- h. Encourage your youth not to roll around in the snow thereby getting wet. If people get covered in snow, brush off immediately.
- i. First Aid facilities located in Cabin #5. See map.
- j. Have Scouts use "buddy system" to check each other for being cold, wet and the drinking of plenty of water. This does include parents as well.
- k. Wear outer garments like snow pants to stay dry.
- l. The 10 Essentials.
 - Pocket Knife
 - First Aid kit
 - Extra Clothing
 - Rain Gear
 - Water Bottle
 - Flashlight
 - Trail Food
 - Matches and Fire starters (to be carried by an adult)
 - Sun Protection
 - Map and Compass
- m. There will be a warming area to get warm and hot drinks will be available. You must have your own cup, bowl and spoon.
- n. Have a FUN and SAFE day.
- o. Optional: Snow shoes

DEPARTURE

- All Units need to check out at cabin #5 to ensure the staff is aware that you have left.

Appendix A:

MUST HAVE GEAR LIST

SOCKS

- ___ SOCKS - 2-4 pair, liners or polyester socks
- ___ 4-5 pair wool or wool blend (should be at least 65% wool)

SHOES

- ___ Boots with removable liners "Sorel" or "Caribou" type boots if you already have them.
- ___ 2nd pair winter or hiking shoes
- ___ Traction cleats for slippery/icy surfaces (optional but recommended)

UNDERWEAR

- ___ 2 changes underwear & t-shirts
- ___ 1-2 pair long johns (polyester or poly- blend-try to stay away from cotton)

SLEEP WEAR

- ___ 1 pair jogging suit, warm PJ's or long underwear.
- ___ stocking cap
- ___ **wool** socks

PERSONAL GEAR

- ___ compass
- ___ pocket knife with tot'n chip
- ___ nylon cord or rope
- ___ flash light with extra batteries
- ___ Sun screen/sun glasses/chap stick
- ___ Water Bottle
- ___ Cup

SHIRTS & TROUSERS

- ___ 2 warm, long sleeved, wool is best- flannel is 2nd
- ___ 1 wool or warm sweater
- ___ 2 pair pants wool or snow pants.
- ___ 1 pair suspenders (pants loose around waist)

OUTER WEAR

- ___ Coat - should be warm, wind and water resistant, should be insulated with manmade material.
- ___ Rain suit or Poncho
- ___ Wind suit (optional)
- ___ 2-3 stocking hats - one for sleeping in at night.

GLOVES

- ___ - 2-3 pair mittens are best-use glove liners. **DO NOT BRING GARDEN GLOVES!**

TOILET KIT

- ___ Toothbrush and toothpaste
- ___ soap, washcloth, towel
- ___ foot powder, comb
- ___ partial roll of toilet paper in zip lock bag.

CAMPING GEAR

- ___ tent
- ___ closed cell ground pad
- ___ sleeping bag
- ___ sleeping bag liner (optional) for more warmth
- ___ 1-2 ground cloths
- ___ small pillow (optional)
- ___ Plate or bowl and eating utensils (spoon)

2025 KLONDIKE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY MAR. 7

6:00 - 9:00 PM Arrive at Campground Check-in at
CABIN #5 & set up camp

7:30 PM Scoutmaster and SPL meeting- Cabin #5 - followed by a cracker barrel

10:00 PM Lights out-quiet time

SATURDAY MAR. 8

8:30 AM Flag Ceremony for all– Near Cabin #5

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM 1st Station

10:40 AM – 11:10 AM 2nd Station

11:20 AM – 11:50 AM 3rd Station

12:00 PM– 1:30 PM Lunch (all stations closed)

1:40 PM– 2:10 PM 4th Station

2:20 PM – 2:50 PM 5th Station

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM 6th Station

4:00 PM – Parade of sleds/sled race – until complete

8:00 PM Campfire/Skits

10:00 PM Lights out-quiet time

SUNDAY MAR. 9

2:00 AM Daylight Savings Time begins

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Awards and Closing Flags – amphitheater (behind
campground office) Scout awards/recognition

10:00 AM Scoutmaster and SPL Roses, Buds, and Thorns.

10:30 – 11:30 AM Check out of camp at Cabin #5-remember all trash and ashes
go home with you!

Appendix C:

PARKING PASS #1 **DISPLAY ON DASHBOARD**
THREE RIVERS DISTRICT
SYLVAN LAKE STATE PARK FOR ELK RUNCAMPGROUND ONLY

UNIT #

DRIVER'S NAME

CELL PHONE #

THIS PASS CANNOT BE USED IN ANY OTHER PART OF THE PARK, AND IS ONLY VALID FOR MAR 7-9 2025

PARKING PASS #2 **DISPLAY ON DASHBOARD**
THREE RIVERS DISTRICT
SYLVAN LAKE STATE PARK FOR ELK RUNCAMPGROUND ONLY

UNIT #

DRIVER'S NAME

CELL PHONE #

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Appendix C:

PARKING PASS #3

DISPLAY ON DASHBOARD

THREE RIVERS DISTRICT

SYLVAN LAKE STATE PARK FOR ELK RUNCAMPGROUND ONLY

UNIT #

DRIVER'S NAME

CELL PHONE #

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PARKING PASS #4

DISPLAY ON DASHBOARD

THREE RIVERS DISTRICT

SYLVAN LAKE STATE PARK FOR ELK RUNCAMPGROUND ONLY

UNIT #

DRIVER'S NAME

CELL PHONE #

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CAMP ROSTER

	UNIT	PACK	TROOP	CREW	#
	CONTACT NAME: CAMPSITE:				
	TELEPHONE #			EMAIL	
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Map of Sylvan Lake Campgrounds

