

Klondike 2012

Winter Skills for Scouts
Camp Nemo
Hamilton Area
Battlefields Council

February 3-5, 2012

Cost: \$9 per person

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**Greetings fellow
Scouters!**



www.hwscouting.ca/klondike_camp.htm

This is the general information package for the 2012 Camp Nemo Klondike. Located in Burlington, supported by Hamilton, managed under Battlefields Council, everyone is most welcome. Many topics, let's get to them.

Purposes:

1. Support each other as Scouters, in delivering good quality, challenging program, to the youth in our care.
2. Present the youth with enough opportunities for real hands-on challenge, independence, and leadership, in an environment where a safety net exists if needed.
3. Learn from each other, and take home new ideas to our own groups and areas.

Cost:

\$9 per person, includes camp site fee, camp crest (as pictured above, almost real size), mug-up Saturday night, Lunch on Sunday. (send 'em home with a full tummy)
We're trying to keep costs low, please help us with as accurate estimates and updates as you can. If there is leftover, we will return it. Every group will receive a full accounting afterwards.

Format:

Scouts will camp outdoors for the weekend, in shelters of their own choice. This can mean tents, Quinzhees, lean-tos, etc. They will cook meals, wash dishes, and take care of themselves.

The first and last event of the weekend, will be to be Canadian Winter Scouts, and through that, may earn (at their leader's discretion) their "winter piece of pie".

Groups/Patrols should come self-contained, and ready to go.

Primary responsibility for welfare and safety of the youth and adults, lies with the Group, but everyone is here to support each other.

Flexibility:

Have some new youth, or leaders who are apprehensive?

Why not come for the day Saturday, or come for only one night.
It's a perfectly acceptable way to start out, and no one will think anything of it.

Looking for more setup time? Want to build Quinzhees, but are worried that everyone will get soaked in the process?
Come out during the week, or on the Sunday afternoon before for a few hours. It can be a good "breaking in" for Scouts, to partially prepare their campsite, a week before. (email us for the gate code before you go)

Have a medical need that requires extended indoor access or sleeping?
Not a problem, please get in touch. You will not be alone. ☺

Emergencies:

We will have full access to 3 heated buildings, in the event of a major emergency.

Throughout the weekend, 24 hours a day, the 5th Hamilton Venturers will staff Harvester Lodge, and be available to help if you have cold youth. Warm liquids and advice will be available.

This is not intended to be a drop-in-centre, or a hang-out, but a place to go if you or a youth has a challenge with the cold. "Warm up, dry out, and get back into the game."

If you are bringing a youth in, please bring them with dry clothes down to the skin, as they will be encouraged to warm up, and change into dry clothing.

Similarly, if the visit is during the night, bring dry changes, and all bedding, and efforts to support them will be made.

The goal in all cases is, where possible, to get them warmed up, and back out with their patrols again. In cases where this is not possible, alternate arrangements can of course be made.

We want every Scout to leave with a positive memory, but even the best Scouts sometimes forget how to stay dry and warm... ☺

Fires:

Fires are permitted only in either existing installed fire rings, or in raised fire drums/devices. There are to be no ground fires.

Firewood:

If you bring your own, burn it all, or pack it out please.

(concerns about bugs/larvae cross contamination exist)

The Camp Factor will happily sell you firewood, at \$2 per milk crate, or \$5 per wheelbarrow load (or sled load I expect).

Cash only please, and the Factor's House is on the map, just east of the main parking lot.

Campsites:

Our intended sites, are indicated in green on the included map sheet.

Basically, around the treelines of Harvester, Anniversary, and Apple Day fields.

It's up to you, to decide based on weather, which side or angle suits you best, or suits your patrol's own choice. (a good bit of program there!)

In addition, if needed, the picnic shelter field (on the road to Rover) and the Rover field are also available. They have better treed shelter from some wind directions.

Water:

Tested/Certified water is available in camp, from Confederation Lodge, adjacent to the main parking lot. There is a tap, on the outside, next to the kitchen windows.

Events:

Events will be conducted on a rotation basis, including lunch on the trail. Many will challenge, all have potential for generating the fun factor.

We are still looking for additional Winter challenges/activities.

They need to be hands-on, and not involve anyone sitting around for an extended period of time.

Keeping Scouts active and moving is important, but too sweaty and they get cold when they stop. ☹️

If you have an idea, we can get you help. Please get in touch.

Saturday Lunch, is an event.

Patrols must bring everything they need to make lunch on the trail, and there is no telling now, where exactly they might be. It should be a hot lunch, with lots of liquids, and there may be a score for it...

Sunday Lunch, will be provided.

To make breaking camp easier, we will provide hot dogs and a drink. Please plan menus around this.

Please provide details of any related dietary restrictions with your registration numbers.

Trophy:

Yup, why not.

Teamwork, Scouting spirit, smart thinking, and ingenuity will be rewarded!

Equipment:

Each Scout should have:

- their winter emergency kit
- canteen (or other wide mouthed bottle) with warm liquid or water

Per Patrol should have:

- 4ft to 6ft toboggan or sled with tow ropes/harness.
- First aid kit
- Stove, pot, ladle, etc, for making lunch.
- Small tarp (6x8, 8x10) for events or squatting on

Suggestions / Notes:

- keep warm water on a stove in your site, so anyone may have a warm drink (even if just water) at any time
- pre-pack sleds at home, to ease unloading and travel into camp
- bring your mug to campfire, as we will provide mug-up afterwards
- troop leaders are responsible for youth safety, and there is an emergency phone located on "Stockade", next to the main parking lot.

- The closest hospital is Josphe Brant, due South to the lakefront, and West to where it hits the QEW. (1230 North Shore Blvd E Burlington, ON L7S 1W7, (905) 632-3730)
- Some planned events/activities are somewhat "snow dependant" and may be subject to change.

Maps

In a separate file, but included in the package, and on the HWscouting.ca website.

Schedule

An initial schedule is also enclosed, and final versions of it and the rotation will be handed out at PL and Leaders meetings on Friday evening. (or Saturday check-in)

Program Help?

If you're unsure about any of this, please see the enclosed program package, that may help you to run meetings throughout the month of January, and get your Scouts and Leaders ready to face the challenge.

In addition, if you'd like more personal help than that, please just "raise your hand". ☺ We have many experienced Winter Scouts, Scouters, Venturers and Rovers, who would be more than willing to come and help you with your troop.

How about a Buddy Troop to camp with? Or a patrol to Buddy-Up with?
If that would help, say the word.

Registration:

Please email Klondike@1stBinbrook.org with the following information:

- Group Name, and full contact info of Key Leader for the weekend. (with cell# if possible)
- A valid postal mailing address.
- Number of Adults
- Number of Youth
- Number of Patrols (and names if available)

Email this information, ASAP.

Update it by email, as you have updates to provide.

If we haven't heard from you by January 30th, we'll assume you're not coming. ☺

Payment may be made at camp, at the leader's meeting, either by cash or group cheque. (payable to Scouts Canada)

Lastly, we're all here to help each other. It's the Scouting way.
Please feel free to contact us with any questions.
See you at camp!

Scouters Andy, Rob, Tony, and Mark, et al.

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