

BSA Quivira Council – Pawnee District – Camp Alaska February 15-17, 2019



Leaders Guide



WHAT IS CAMP ALASKA? Camp Alaska is a Winter Camporee and Scout skills competition consisting of stations named after Alaskan cities each with its own contest. Camp Alaska is open to Boy Scout Troops and Webelos Dens.

Adults are allowed to be observers only! Some of the Scout skills that will be tested throughout the day are: First Aid, Communication, Fire Building, Team Work, Orienteering, Pioneering and Survival.

In addition to a specific task, at each station the patrols will be asked a question based on the Boy Scout handbook that they will have to answer correctly in order to advance to the next station. At Camp Alaska we abandon modern technology in favor of skill and ingenuity. Patrols will have to use their wits and skills they have learned through scouting. Each patrol will follow a compass course that will guide them from station to station. Your compass coordinates will be given to you at the North Pole starting point.

To survive this arduous journey, you will need to be on top of your scouting skills. The trail is a brutal one, you will need your entire team involved to quickly assess the challenges along the way, devise a plan, and execute it to survive.

BSA REQUIREMENTS: Youth and adults must be BSA registered to participate. Two unit leaders (adults) are required to be responsible for all youth accompanying a unit. All leaders are required to be trained in youth protection.

SCOUT SPIRIT: Camp Alaska staff will be looking for and rewarding "Scout Spirit" throughout the day. Scout spirit applies to how a Scout lives and conducts his 'daily' life. He shows Scout spirit by being a role model to his peers, being a good leader and living by the Scout Oath and Law. The concept of Scout spirit based how he helps bring out the best in others as a reflection of his own character and attitude in his 'daily' life.

VISITORS: Visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend. Guests may attend and observe many of the day's activities at no cost. All visitors please sign in and out at Smith Lodge.

HEADQUARTERS and FIRST AID: Located in Smith lodge. This area is manned throughout the day. Also, there is a warming area for your "EMERGENCY" use NOT to be used for other purposes. The whole idea of Camp Alaska is to train boys for outdoor winter activity.

CAMPING: Troops select campsites as they arrive at Camp Kanza. Webelos may camp with a Troop or on their own.

MEALS: Meals will be cooked in your troop / patrol campsite (except Saturday sack lunches). Bring your own cooking gear and food, camp staff will not provide cooking or camping gear to units.

PATROLS: Camp Alaska is a traditional Boy Scout patrol-based event. Let the patrol succeed or fail on the strength of its members. Boy Scout leaders may accompany their boys only as observers and may not lend assistance or offer advice. Patrol members must work together to navigate the course and complete the events. The ideal patrol size is six (6) to eight (8) scouts. The Patrol Leader should ensure that all members of his Patrol participate and contribute throughout the day.

WEBELOS DENS: Webelos are encouraged to participate, either integrated into Scout Patrols, or preferably, as individual Webelos Dens. An adult Cub Scout leader should accompany Webelos Dens but should only offer minimal assistance. The adult leader should ensure that each Webelos boy has an opportunity to act as "Patrol Leader" at some point during the day. Webelos Dens will be in a separate competition category.

BE PREPARED: It is the responsibility of each scout and adult scouter to be fully prepared for a wide range of winter weather conditions that can exist during the Kansas winter. Each person attending Camp Alaska **MUST** be prepared for extreme cold, high winds, low wind chill, rain, sleet, snow and just about any other weather you can think of. It is the duty and responsibility of each unit leader to see to it that all participants have received adequate cold weather training and are properly equipped including but not limited to proper clothing, shelter, food, water and first aid. There will be no tennis shoes allowed, boots (preferably waterproof) only.

PATCHES: Registered / **pre-paid** camp participants will receive a Camp Alaska 2019 patch.

COST: \$10 per youth or adult camper (\$12 after Jan. 31), Maximum 250 youth so register NOW! Registration Closes Feb 9.

REGISTER ONLINE at <https://quivira.tentaroo.com>

VOLUNTEERS: Like Klondike events all over the USA, Camp Alaska is a traditional camporee format. Each unit is asked to provide adults to assist with some of the event stations during the competition. Several Units are “sponsoring” a station. All volunteers are very much appreciated.

LOGGING TOWN: This exciting challenge for the Patrols featuring “OL’ Doc” Henderson is back. Scouts and Scouters are welcome to bring wooden logs or larger pieces which OL’ Doc will generously mill into a usable piece of lumber for making Troop or Patrol signs, benches, etc.



SCHEDULE:

Friday, February 15th

- 5:00pm Check-in begins at Smith Lodge
- 8:30pm Cracker Barrel at Smith Lodge
- 9:30pm SPL / Scoutmaster meeting Smith Lodge

Saturday, February 16th

- 8:00-8:45am Patrols check-in for competitions at Smith Lodge. Have patrol rosters ready.
- 8:45am All patrols meet at starting point (North Pole). Coordinates given to Patrol Leaders.
- 9:00am Starting Signal! You have 6 hours to complete all stations.
- 12:00pm Lunch break – Park where you are and eat your sack lunch.
- 12:30pm Stations re-open
- 3:30pm Stations close. All patrol leaders report to Smith Lodge to count and turn-in gold nuggets and pick up cooking contest ingredients.
- 5:00pm Dinner on your own in your campsites.
- 7:30pm Desert cooking competition judging at Smith Lodge. Each Patrol / Den send your contest entry with a representative to Smith Lodge. After judging, everyone eats!
- 8:30pm Awards ceremony at Smith Lodge followed by a movie.

Sunday, February 17th

- 8-10:00am Check out at Smith Lodge. A leader from each Troop / Pack will need to check out before leaving camp. A staff member will inspect your campsite before you leave. After staff has inspected your site you are free to leave.

SLEDS: Each patrol must have a sled or wagon for transporting their Patrol gear from one town to the next.

PATROL EQUIPMENT (Must be on your sled throughout the day):

- Compass
- Patrol First Aid Kit
- Scout Handbook
- Pencil or Pen and Paper
- Tarp, minimum size 8’ x 8’
- Raingear for each Scout
- Water bottle/canteen for each Scout
- Garbage bag – pack out your own trash
- Fire building material, flint & steel or friction kit, tinder (no matches lighters etc.)
- 4’ – 5’ length of knot rope for each Scout, need at least 20’ total per Patrol
- Handkerchiefs (1 per person), will be used as blindfold, Scout neckerchiefs work
- **Sack lunch for each Scout or no-cook Patrol meal**

SCORING: Patrols will have the chance to win gold nuggets at each station that will be counted at the end of the day to determine the event winners. Nuggets will be awarded for each event as shown below. Nuggets can also be awarded at the Camp Alaska staff’s discretion at any time.

- 1 Nugget Patrol completes the station
- 1 Nugget Patrol demonstrates teamwork
- 1 Nugget Patrol showed Scout spirit
- 1 Nugget Patrol has the required gear for the station
- 1 Nugget Patrol successfully navigated themselves to the correct town in the correct order
- 1 Nugget Patrol answers the question correctly – may use resources
- 1 Nugget Patrol sled or wagon and all gear is in proper condition
- 1 Nugget Patrol Leader demonstrates leadership



YOUTH DUTCH OVEN DESSERT COOKING COMPETITION: Each Patrol is encouraged to participate. “Basic ingredients” for an apple or cherry cobbler will be available at Smith Lodge at 3:30pm **OR** Patrols may prepare whatever dessert they desire but it must be made in a **DUTCH OVEN**.

ADULT LEADER COMPETITION: Adults will be responsible for providing **ALL** of their own ingredients and entries will be judged separate from the Scouts. Adult entries must also be made in a **DUTCH OVEN**.

INSURANCE: Liability, Sickness and Accident Insurance are provided for all registered BSA members.

CAMP ALASKA STAFF: Smith Lodge will be staffed 24/7 for anything that you may need. Questions: please contact:

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SWEATSHIRTS AND T-SHIRTS: ONLINE ORDERS DUE JANUARY 31, 2019. www.CampAlaska.org

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