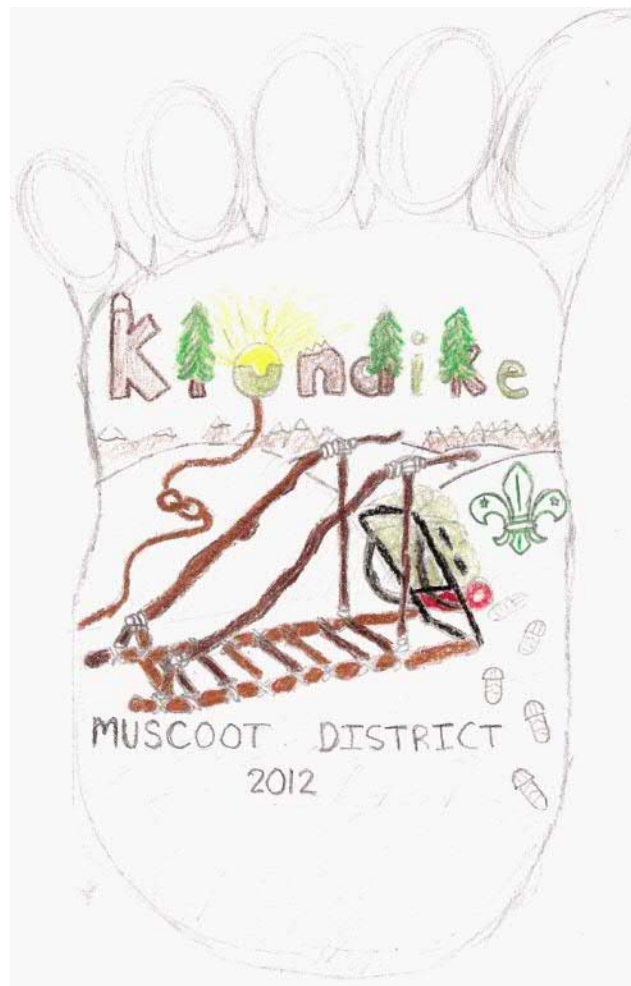


Muscoot District 2012 Klondike

Location: Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park

Date: January 21, 2012



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OVERVIEW

The 2012 Muscoot Klondike will take place January 21, at Putnam County Veteran's Memorial Park in Kent, NY. The emphasis at the 2012 Klondike is on winter outdoor skills. The sleds will need to be built of natural materials only with no dimensional lumber. There can be no **Visible** hardware anywhere on the sled and if it is seen, points will be deducted. The sleds should be big enough to carry the patrol gear, but no wider than 42 inches. As the course has one relatively steep descent it is recommended that each sled have four lengths of rope (10 to 15 feet in length) that could be attached to the four corners of the sled. All scouts will benefit from participating in the Saturday Klondike activities. Patrols will arrive with their completed sleds early on Saturday morning. After check-in and sled inspection, all patrols will participate in the opening ceremony. They will then hit the trail! Score sheets must be turned in to Headquarters by 2:30 in order to be counted. Scores will be tallied and results announced at the closing ceremonies.

Older Scouts (13 or older) with proper gear and adult leadership will enjoy a night of winter camping. Reservations need to be received by January 12, 2012. This event has been organized with the help of Carmel Troop 1.

LOCATION

For the Klondike activities we will be using the lower park at the Putnam County Veteran's Memorial Park. For those Troops that plan to camp on Saturday night we will be camping in the Upper Park. The park is located off of Gypsy Trail Road in Kent. Plan on visiting the various Memorials located in Park:

1. Putnam County Veteran's Memorial

Dedicated "to honor all men and women of Putnam County, NY who answered our nation's call to duty and service in time of war and time of peace. Always keep them in your heart and prayers. For all gave some - some gave all."

Dedicated August 2nd, 1997.

This is a round red brick memorial with 7 vertical stone pillars and flags, each of them re-presenting one branch of the US Armed Forces and the Putnam County Joint Veterans Council.

The horizontal bricks contain the names of veterans of the US Armed Forces.

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New bricks can be purchased and dedicated at Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park.

2. **Gold Star Mother's Monument**

Dedicated to all mothers who lost a child serving our country. Dedicated June 2006. This is a bronze statue of a grieving mother on a black granite pedestal with 5 granite benches around it. There is a red brick walkway leading to the monument from the main parking lot.

3. **Blue Star Memorial By-Way**

"A Tribute to the Armed Forces of America" Donated by the Ninth District F.G.C.NYS, National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. This is a 3'x3' square stone with a plaque surrounded by landscaping located across from the M60 Tank.

4. **Boy Scout Memorial**

"To all Scouts that served in the Armed Forces" Dedicated in Spring of 2007.

This is a 3'x4' round stone with a plaque surrounded by landscaping located across from the M60 Tank.

5. **Victory Gardens**

To honor all Veterans.

Donated by The Buddhist Association of the United States.

These are 3 gardens located directly behind the Putnam County Veterans Memorial.

6. **Putnam County's First Park Memorial**

Dedicated in 1971.

This is a 4'x5' round stone surrounded by a flower garden with a plaque containing the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors and Park and Recreation Advisory Committee as well as an acknowledgement of businesses and organizations who made contributions to the park.

Located near the playground.

7. **Cobra AH-IG/S/F Helicopter**

This Cobra 318 was purchased by the US Army in 1967. It served in the Vietnam War from February 1968 thru November 1969. In May 2001 the helicopter was moth-balled at Fort Drum, NY and arrived at Putnam County

Veterans Memorial Park in October 2002. The pole-mounted helicopter is located to the left of the Veterans Memorial.

8. **US Navy Anchors**

These are 2 crossed anchors off Navy ships to represent this branch of the US Armed Forces. This memorial is located between the M60 Tank and the Veterans Memorial.

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9. M60A3 Series Tank (Patton Series)

This tank saw action with the Israeli forces during the Yom Kippur War in both the Sinai and the Golan Heights. Two members of the Armed Forces who served using this tank were present at the dedication ceremony at the park. This memorial is located to the right of the Veterans Memorial.

10. Angel of Hope

Dedicated to parents who lost a child.

This is a bronze statue of an angel on a stone pedestal located near the lake.

Directions to Putnam County Park:

From the Taconic Parkway:

- take exit Carmel / Cold Spring and follow Route 301 East for 10 miles
- turn left onto Gipsy Trail Road (last left turn before causeway across reservoir)
- follow Gipsy Trail Rd. for 1 mi. and turn left into Park

From I-84:

- take exit 19 Carmel and turn right onto Route 312
- follow Route 312 to the end, turn right onto Route 6 towards Carmel and follow it for about 2.5 miles
- at the intersection with Route 52 turn right and follow 52 for 0.25 miles (next traffic light)
- turn left onto Route 301 and follow it for about 1 mi.
- after crossing the reservoir causeway turn immediately right onto Gipsy Trail Road
- follow Gipsy Trail Rd. for 1 mi. and turn left into Park

CAMPSITES

We will be using camp sites in the upper park located adjacent to the 4H Pavilion. Campsite assignments will be pre-assigned. Parking will be available close to the campsites for easy walk-in. A community campfire will be available and cooking stoves can be used.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

REGISTRATION: Troops are invited to arrive on January 21, 2012

Registration will be from 8:00 to 9:00 at the Pavilion located adjacent to the parking lot in the lower park. There will be a meeting for all Scoutmasters and Senior Patrol Leaders at 9:00. Troops will be dismissed no later than 4:30. For Troops that are camping, departure on Sunday, January 22 will be at 8:30 after a campsite inspection and check-out by Camporee Staff.

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The Klondike Café

The Klondike Café will be operated by Carmel Troop 1, and will be located near the Park Office building, close to the trailhead. Small snacks, soup, chili, hot dogs and hot beverages will be available for purchase.

Sled Inspection (50 Points)

1. No dimensional lumber, no visible hardware	15 points
2. Neat, tight lashings and fastenings	15 points
3. All required patrol equipment on hand (see list)	10 points
4. Equipment & gear wrapped in a tarp and secured with a Diamond hitch	10 points
Total points for Sled Inspection	50 points

Saturday, January 21, 2012 - Schedule Follows

- 8:00 am - Troops arrive for check-in and registration at Pavilion adjacent to the lower park parking lot.
- 9:00 am - Scoutmaster and SPL Meeting at Registration Pavilion
- 9:15 am - Opening Ceremony, flag raising, last minute notices
- 9:30 am - *First Activity Station*
- 10:15 am - *Second Activity Station*
- 11:00 am - *Third Activity Station*
- 11:45 am - *Fourth Activity Station*
- 12:30 pm - Lunch - Stations will halt all activity for lunch break
- 1:30 pm - *Fifth Activity Station*
- 2:30 pm - All stations closed. All patrols retire to main field and turn in their score sheets.
- 3:30 pm - Competition Results announced, closing ceremony and dismissal
- 4:00 pm - Troops camping will report to the Upper Park for campsite assignment and set up.
- 7:00 pm - Campfire - Each patrol performs a song or skit
- 9:30 pm - Patrols retire to camp.
- 10:30pm - Taps. Lights out and quiet.

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Sunday, January 22 – Schedule Follows

7:00 am – Reveille. Prepare breakfast in campsites.

9:30 am – Check out. SPL's must report to headquarters to request a campsite inspection before they leave.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

1. Fire Building – Troop 1 Carmel

Staying warm is an important survival skill, especially in the middle of winter. Patrols will have to build a fire and burn through a string in order to complete this activity. Scouts will be scored based on how quickly and carefully they work together and how well they observe fire safety. Extra points awarded for using fewest or no matches or lighters. Of course as this is winter survival, the fire station team might have some surprises for the patrols, so the Scouts need to be prepared for the situation.

2. First Aid - Troop 1 Katonah

Scouts are tasked with quickly analyzing and treating victims and then moving them to safety. Patrols should be prepared to treat cold weather emergencies and demonstrate proper winter first aid techniques. Scouts will be judged on their ability to work together and act quickly and safely. Patrols should bring with them all materials they think they will need to complete this event. Of course as this is winter survival, the first aid team might have some surprises for the patrols, so the Scouts need to be prepared to adapt to the situation.

3. Ice Rescue – Troop 271 Mahopac

In the wilderness there is not one around to help except your fellow patrol members. Patrols should be prepared to execute an ice rescue. Patrols should bring with them all materials needed to complete this event. Scouts will be scored on their ability to work together quickly and safely as a team. This will be a time event.

One member of your patrol will be trapped on the ice in what appears to be a non-responsive condition. The patrol must formulate a rescue plan

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and then quickly execute it. Scouts will be shown where the edge of the shore is, so be careful that you don't end up with more than 1 victim. Rescuers will attempt to reach the victim with available materials, including the 50' of rope that the patrol has in their sled.

Once the rescue has been completed and the victim is on firm ground, treatment should begin for shock and hypothermia. This is a timed event. And remember the Scouts from 271 are tricky, so they might have some surprises for the patrols, so the Patrol needs to be prepared to adapt to the situation.

5. Knot Tying – Troop 1 North Salem

Being able to tie various strong knots is an important skill in the wilderness. At this station Scouts will tie various knots. They will be graded on their ability to correctly tie the knots. This will be a timed station in a relay race fashion. The following knots may be used:

1. Bowline: The bowline is a strong knot that forms a loop that will not slip under force. It serves as an excellent knot to anchor the rope to almost any object.
2. Figure 8 on a bight: Another knot used to form a loop. It is very strong knot, but more difficult to untie compared to the bowline once the knot is weighted.
3. Square knot: An excellent camp knot to tie two ends of a rope together. This knot works best with ropes of equal size.
4. Clove hitch: An excellent knot to place over a tent stake, around a tree or pole, or around the top of a nylon food bag to hang in a tree. A clove hitch tightens as force is applied. There are two different methods to tie this knot depending on the application. Excellent for tent stakes or tarp construction.
5. Taut-line Hitch: This knot is a handy camp knot because it is easily adjustable. You can tighten or loosen a line by simply sliding the knot up or down the standing end of the rope. The taut-line works by applying friction when it is under tension. Excellent for tarp and tent construction.
6. Trucker's Hitch: The trucker's hitch is an excellent knot when a lot of tension is needed in the rope. This knot is easily adjustable and can be untied very quickly. It can be used in many different applications such as tarp construction, tying a canoe on a trailer, or for a tight clothesline.
7. Slippery hitch or quick release feature: Note that the trucker's hitch final wrap was with a bight through a loop. This makes the knot a quick release knot. For example the quick release could also be used to tie off the taut-line hitch.

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The Scouts from Troop 1 are creative, so they will have some surprises for the patrols. Remember no tying up your patrol members or the Scouts from North Salem!

5. Shelter Building – Troop 440 Patterson

Building a survival shelter is an absolute priority, if you face a survival situation in harsh or unpredictable weather. A good shelter must protect you from the elements and be comfortable enough for resting and sleeping. Most people cannot survive unprotected from rough weather for more than a few hours. Shelter for survival is not designed to provide comfort for the survivalist, but instead to simply provide protection from the elements. A shelter can also serve as a base of operations and to boost morale in survival situations. Shelters may range from a cave to a burrow in the snow or a branch-and-leaf-covered lean-to. Scouts will compete in timed shelter-building competition.

If possible choose ground:

- That is dry, well drained and reasonably flat.
- That is a comfortable distance to water and has a supply of firewood.
- That has building materials for your shelter.
- That provides protection against strong winds.

If you are lost and people are looking for you, make sure your shelter site is easy to be seen and found by search and rescue teams.

Those creative Scouts from 440 will provide more detailed rules at the station.

POINTS FOR Klondike: 50 Total Points

Fire Building	10 Points
First Aid	10 Points
Ice Rescue	10 Points
Knot Tying	10 Points
Shelter Building	<u>10 Points</u>
TOTAL POINTS FOR Klondike	50 points

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RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT LIST – FOR KLONDIKE

REQUIRED PATROL GEAR:

- Patrol First Aid Kit
- Emergency whistle
- Duct tape and twine for sled repair
- 4 pieces of rope, 10 to 15 feet in length that can be attached to the four corners of the sled
- Compass
- Supplies for first station (blanket stretcher)
- Matches, lighter or flint
- Small pots and cups
- Camp Stove
- Tarp for Sled
- Hand axe and camp saw for cutting firewood
- Fire bucket
- Troop Flag (patrol flag optional)

RECOMMENDED PERSONAL GEAR:

- Personal medications/allergy treatments (if required)
- Personal First Aid Kit
- Personal safety gear (ear and eye protection)
- Approved pocket knife or multi-tool
- Matches, approved fire starters
- Compass, or GPS if you want to be fancy about it
- Flashlight or lantern with fresh batteries
- Raingear and weather appropriate clothing
- Canteen/Nalgene bottle of water
- Backpack for day activities
- Complete change of clothes including fresh socks and underwear
- Work gloves or gardening gloves
- Proper footwear - **BOOTS WITH ANKLE SUPPORT Recommended**
- Pen, pencil, notebook in a plastic bag
- Boy Scout Handbook in plastic bag

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SAFETY AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

NOTE: Common Sense and Good Judgement along with the Scout Oath and Law will be your guides for the day. Please review this packet with your patrols prior to the event. If you have any questions, please direct them to Camporee Headquarters located at the HQ Pavilion.

NOTE: ALL TRASH MUST BE DISPOSED OFF IN PROPER RECEPTICALS. We are guests of the Putnam County Parks Department, and we would like to be invited back.

NOTE: OBSERVE PROPER FIRE SAFETY AT ALL TIMES. You must have at least one filled fire bucket if you are tending to an open flame.

NOTE: STAY OFF ALL ICE SURFACES. Ice surfaces are dangerous and should be avoided at all times. Use caution on icy trails.

Note: ADULTS SHOULD NOT ACCOMPANY THEIR PATROLS ON THE TRAIL. If you have concerns about a new or young patrol, one of your troop guides should accompany them. No adults should follow patrols to take pictures or keep the patrol in line during the competition that is the job of the Patrol leader.

Note: Like any Boy Scout Activity, Scouts should not separate from their patrols for any reason, unless accompanied by a buddy.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event possible. Thank you to the Troops for participating in this event. Your comments and suggestions are welcomed.

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HAVE FUN

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Cost per participant is \$8.00 each. Bring your completed roster and payment to the event check in.

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Please use the back of this form or attaché more sheets as needed. Please keep a copy for your records. Thank you for supporting the Muscoot District and the 2012 Klondike.

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