

# SNOWBOUND 2018

*North Valley District's Winter Camporee and Klondike Derby*  
Camp Trexler  
January 12-14, 2018



Troop 72 at Snowbound 2017

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Snowbound 2018 is rapidly approaching! This flyer is a complete description of Snowbound – the event, the competition, winter camping, and preparation. We are looking for maximum participation by Troop 72 Scouts at Snowbound, which has been a great tradition in our Troop for over 40 years. This will be the best Snowbound ever. So, don't miss out! Read on...

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## ***What is Snowbound?***

Snowbound is North Valley District's annual winter Camporee, often referred to as the "Klondike Derby." Snowbound involves a competition of patrols from troops throughout the District (usually 35 to 40 patrols). Typically, there are 10 Snowbound event stations that involve Scout skills, knowledge, and fun events, as well as a sled race. The patrols are scored on skills, teamwork, and leadership. Each patrol has their own sled, which holds all the required equipment and supplies that the Scouts will use throughout the day's competition. Snowbound also has an awards ceremony and interfaith church service on Saturday night of the weekend. For camping, Scouts use our canvas troop tents. We also utilize our new, large GP-Medium tent for cooking and eating. This large tent has a wood stove inside and it is usually quite warm and comfortable even when the temperature outside is frigid. The new, large GP-Medium tent easily holds 25 to 30 people.

## ***What are the important dates?***

- Saturday, January 6, 2018 from 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM: Snowbound Prep Day at Camp Spirit (a foil pack lunch is required).
- Monday, January 8: Snowbound preparations continue.
- Thursday, January 11, 6:30 PM: Pack trailer for Snowbound (need only 1 or 2 Scouts per patrol).
- Friday, January 12, 5:30 PM: Meet at Camp Spirit for departure to Snowbound.
- Saturday, January 13: Scouts attending Snowbound only for the day or camping only Saturday night must arrive at Camp Trexler by 7:30 AM. You are responsible for your own transportation to Snowbound on Saturday!
- Saturday, January 13: Snowbound Activities.
- Sunday, January 14: Return to Camp Spirit by 11:00 AM

### **Where is Snowbound held?**

Snowbound is held at Camp Trexler. The event competition takes place at various locations throughout Akelaland, Middlecreek Field, and the Hawkeye Lodge Area. Troop 72 will be camping in Middlecreek Field across from the Akelaland parking lot.

### **What will it for registration? (Registration guarantees you will receive a Snowbound Patch)**

- \$17.00 for Scouts and adults who leave Friday evening, January 12 and attend the entire weekend.
- \$12.00 for Scouts and adults who will arrive Saturday morning, January 13 and camp only Saturday night (this does not include Saturday breakfast).
- \$10.00 for Scouts and adults who attend only for the day on Saturday, January 14.

### **Permission Forms:**

The Permission Form for Snowbound and Snowbound Prep Day is attached with this flyer. The Permission Form and payment are due Monday, December 18, 2017 since we will not hold troop meetings on December 25 and January 1.

### **Who can attend?**

All Scouts, Leaders, and parents. Parents are encouraged to attend and camp with the Troop or come just for the day on Saturday, January 13 (above fees apply). **Parents must have Youth Protection Training completed or on file. If you register, you will receive a Snowbound Patch.**

### **What is the Snowbound Weekend Schedule?**

#### Friday, January 12:

- 7:00 PM Arrive and set up camp at Snowbound
- 8:00 PM Meeting for Senior Patrol Leaders
- 8:30 PM Cracker Barrel for Leaders and Staff at Akelaland Dining Hall

#### Saturday, January 13:

- 8:15 AM Opening ceremony (sled Inspections will be done as part of each station)
- 8:30 AM – Noon Station events
- 12:00 Noon Scouts prepare lunch with their patrols at current station
- 1:00 – 5:00 PM Station events
- 5:00 PM Prepare dinner and cleanup
- 7:30 PM Interfaith church service at Akelaland Dining Hall
- 8:00 PM Awards Ceremony and closing at Akelaland Dining Hall
- 10:00 PM Taps

#### Sunday, January 14:

- 8:00 – 10:30 AM Cleanup and check out

### **What are the Snowbound Events?**

- The Snowbound 2018 theme is “Back to Rome.”
- Sled Race – a separate, timed event (no points).
- Sled Inspection – to be included in parts at each event station.
- Each station (except Sled Race) is 110 points – 70 for skills, 30 for teamwork/leadership, and 10 for sled inspection items:
  - Sled Race
  - Fire Building
  - Logic
  - Thrifty
  - First Aid
  - River Crossing
  - Navigation
  - Scout Knowledge Quiz (for bonus points)
  - Archery
  - Tactics
  - Plant and Animal ID

### **Snowbound Prep Day:**

Snowbound Prep Day will be held on Saturday, January 6 at Camp Spirit from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Prep Day will be devoted to practicing skills and teamwork for the Snowbound stations. This event is mandatory for all Scouts who have not attended Snowbound before. Older Scouts who have previously attended Snowbound are strongly encouraged to participate in Prep Day. All Scouts must bring a foil pack for lunch. Scouts must come properly dressed and prepared as if this was actually Snowbound. *Scouts who do not plan to attend Snowbound may still participate in Prep Day.*

### **Cold Weather Camping Information:**

Troop 72 Leaders will thoroughly discuss with the Scouts how to prepare for winter camping, as well as the proper clothing and equipment they will need for Snowbound. Scouts will need to provide their own foam pads, cardboard, and/or insulation under their tents. Winter conditions in the past several years at Snowbound have ranged from frigid and snowy to mild, windy, and muddy. Therefore, Scouts need to be aware that winter camping procedures differ from other types of camping in several respects:

- Of great importance is winter clothing. Don't forget that it can also rain in winter and this can make for a very uncomfortable experience if the camper is not adequately prepared. Wool, even when wet, will keep you warm. Remember to dress in layers.
- It is very important to remember that the enemy in winter is dampness. Wet feet or clothes can result in serious consequences. Underclothing wet with perspiration is in reality a "wet blanket" to sleep in and can cause serious illness.
- Bring extra clothing to wear while sleeping. Always change the clothing you wore during the day because it contains perspiration and will be damp by evening. Bring woolen socks to wear while sleeping. A sweatshirt with a hood makes an excellent sleeping garment. Do not sleep with shoes on since this is harmful to the feet.
- Past experience proves that all persons participating in Snowbound should come equipped with wet weather gear. It is not unusual to have rain and mud in January. Pack clothing in plastic bags to prevent dampness.
- Foil packs should be used for lunch on Saturday of Snowbound. It is best to cook your foil pack at home before you leave for Snowbound. That way, your foil pack will only need to be heated over the patrol fire for lunch. A hot drink is a necessity.
- Patrols should gather sufficient firewood for Snowbound prior to the event.
- Minimum personal equipment for Snowbound (Class A uniforms are not required):
  - Winter sleeping bag or equivalent
  - Extra blankets for overnight sleeping
  - Waterproof ground cloth
  - Several pairs of heavy wool socks
  - Change of long underwear for sleeping
  - Change of shirt and pants
  - Warm clothing
  - Jacket and raingear
  - Heavy hiking boots or rubber boots – **Sneakers are not permitted.**
  - Gloves or mittens and a spare set
  - Hat or cap
  - Personal gear including Chap Stick and sun block
  - Flashlight
  - Mess kit and cup

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# Permission Form for Snowbound 2018 and Snowbound Prep Day

**Due Date: Monday, December 18, 2017**

\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to attend (check appropriate boxes):

Snowbound Prep Day, January 6, 2018 at Camp Spirit

Snowbound, January 12-14, 2018 at Camp Trexler

He will depart for Camp Trexler on:

Friday evening, January 12 for the entire weekend (\$17)

Saturday morning, January 13 and will stay overnight on Saturday (\$12)

Saturday morning, but will only attend Snowbound for the day, Saturday, January 14 (\$10)

During the event I can be reached at (Phone): \_\_\_\_\_.

If I cannot be reached in the event of an emergency, the following person should be contacted:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** It is the parent's responsibility to see that their son takes any necessary medication on troop events. If it is particularly important that the medication schedule not be disrupted, be sure to notify one of the leaders attending of the required dosage and schedule.

Medications and dosage: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any health concerns, allergies to medication, etc. that would be helpful in an emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event of an emergency, the adult in charge is authorized to act on my behalf.

If your Scout will be leaving early, please indicate day and time: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult who will pick up and take your Scout home after event:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Enter Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Youth Protection Training:

- Payment from Scout Account
- Pay by Check
- Pay by Cash

- Certificate attached
- Certificate on file

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scout's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature

- I will drive for this event and can take \_\_\_\_\_ Scouts along.
- I can bring \_\_\_\_\_ Scouts home on Sunday.
- My car has a hitch. I can tow an equipment trailer.
- I have a trailer or van and I am willing to help haul gear.

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