Snowbound 2019 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. The theme for Snowbound 2019 is “The Dark Ages.”

**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 that weekend. For camping, Scouts use our new, 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?**

- **Monday, December 17, 2018:** Deadline to register for Snowbound.
- **Saturday, January 5, 2019 from 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM:** Snowbound Prep Day at Camp Spirit. This is required for all Scouts attending Snowbound. Everyone will need to bring a foil pack lunch.
- **Monday, January 7th Troop Meeting:** Final Snowbound preparations.
- **Thursday, January 10, 6:30 PM:** Pack trailer for Snowbound (need only 1 or 2 Scouts per patrol).
- **Friday, January 11, 5:30 PM:** Meet at Camp Spirit for departure to Snowbound.
- **Saturday, January 12:** 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 and from Snowbound on Saturday!
- **Saturday, January 12:** Snowbound Activities.
- **Sunday, January 13:** 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 is the registration cost? (Registration guarantees you will receive a Snowbound Patch)**

- $17.00 for Scouts and adults who leave Friday evening, January 11 and attend the entire weekend.
- $12.00 for Scouts and adults who will arrive Saturday morning, January 12 and camp only Saturday night (this does not include Saturday breakfast).
- $10.00 for Scouts and adults for only Saturday, January 12 (does not include breakfast).

**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 17, 2018 since we will not hold troop meetings on December 24 and December 31.

**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 and PA Clearances completed. If you register, you will receive a Snowbound Patch.**

**What is the Snowbound Weekend Schedule?**

**Friday, January 11:**
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 12:**
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 13:**
8:00 – 10:30 AM  
Cleanup and check out

**What are the Snowbound Events?**

- The Snowbound 2019 theme is “The Dark Ages.”
- 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 5 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
Permission Form for Snowbound 2019 and Snowbound Prep Day

Due Date: Monday, December 17, 2018

_________________________________________ has my permission to attend (check appropriate boxes):

- □ Snowbound Prep Day, January 5, 2019 at Camp Spirit
- □ Snowbound, January 11-13, 2019 at Camp Trexler

He will depart for Camp Trexler on:
- □ Friday evening, January 11 for the entire weekend ($17)
- □ Saturday morning, January 12 and will stay overnight to Sunday, January 13 ($12)
- □ Saturday morning, but will only attend Snowbound for the day, Saturday, January 12 ($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.

In accordance with Troop 72 policies, all adults attending troop organized events must take BSA youth protection training prior to attending the event. Any adult who will be camping overnight must also complete PA Act 15 Clearances. See Mrs. Nagy for more information.