



## Minsi Trails Council

# Klondike 2025

## February 21-23 at Camp Minsi

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This flier is a complete description of Klondike 2025 (often called Snowbound or Arctic Adventure). It will review details of the event, the competition, winter camping, and cold-weather preparation. We hope for maximum participation by our Scouts – including our younger Scouts and/or those who have never attended before. This event has been a great tradition in Troop 72 for over 40 years.

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### ***What is Klondike 2025?***

Klondike 2025 is Minsi Trails Council annual winter camping event and competition. This event involves a competition of patrols from troops in Lehigh, Northampton, and Warren Districts. Typically, there are 9-10 station events that involve Scout skills, knowledge, team building, and fun activities, as well as a sled race. Patrols are scored on skills, teamwork, leadership, and Scout Spirit. Each patrol has its own sled, which holds all the required equipment and supplies that the Scouts will use throughout the day's competition. For camping, Scouts use our heavy-duty canvas tents. We also utilize our large GP-Medium tent for cooking and eating. The large GP tent has a wood stove inside, and it is usually quite warm and comfortable even when the temperature outside is frigid. The GP-Medium tent easily holds 25 to 30 people.

### ***Important Dates:***

- **Monday, February 10:** Deadline to register.
- **Saturday, February 15, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM, Prep Day at Camp Spirit:** This is required for all Scouts attending Klondike 2025. Everyone will need to bring a foil pack (or equivalent) for lunch.
- **Thursday, February 20, 6:30 PM:** Pack trailer for Klondike (need 1 or 2 Scouts per patrol).
- **Friday, February 21, 5:15 PM:** Weekend campers meet at Camp Spirit for departure to Camp Minsi.
- **Saturday, February 22:** Scouts attending only for the day or camping only Saturday night must arrive at Camp Minsi by 7:30 AM. You are responsible for your own transportation to and from the event on Saturday.
- **Saturday, February 22:** Klondike 2025.
- **Sunday, February 23:** Return to Camp Spirit approximately 11:00 AM.

### **Where is Klondike 2025 held?**

Klondike 2025 is held at Camp Minsi. The actual event competition takes place at various locations throughout the camp. Troop 72 will be camping in the Activity Field near the main parking lot.

### **Registration Costs & Permission Form:**

The Permission Form for Klondike and Prep Day is attached with this flier. Please note there are 3 options to attend Klondike with separate costs for Scouts and leaders. The Permission Form and payment are due Monday, February 10, 2025.

### **Klondike 2025 Event Schedule:**

#### Friday, February 21:

5:15 PM Meet at Camp Spirit.  
5:30 PM Leave for Camp Minsi.  
6:45 PM Arrive and set up camp.

#### Saturday, February 22:

8:15 AM Opening ceremony in Parade Field.  
8:30 AM – Noon Stations events.  
12:00 Noon Scouts prepare lunch with their patrols.  
1:00 PM Turn in Extra Point Quiz at Wilcox Cabin.  
1:00 – 5:25 PM Stations events.  
5:30 – 6:00 PM Awards Ceremony at the Dining Hall.  
6:15 – 7:00 PM Troop 72 dinner at our campsite.  
8:00 PM Interface Service at the Chapel (Catholic Mass at the Dining Hall).

#### Sunday, February 23:

8:00 – 9:30 AM Cleanup and check out.  
10:30 – 11:00 AM Arrive back at Camp Spirit.

### **Station Events – Theme is Legend of the Yeti:**

Scouts in Action, Roast Yeti, Base Camp, Lost in the Himalayas, Zoo Time, Feed Me, Yeti Jenga, Yeti Popsicle, Race to the Finish.

### **Klondike Prep Day:**

Our Klondike Prep Day will be held on Saturday, February 15 at Camp Spirit from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Prep Day will be devoted to practicing skills and teamwork for the Klondike stations. This event is mandatory for all Scouts. All Scouts must bring a foil pack for lunch. Scouts must come properly dressed and prepared. Scouts who are not attending Klondike 2025 may also attend Prep Day.

If a Scout going to Klondike cannot attend Prep Day or will arrive late, he must inform Mr. McKenzie or Mr. Nagy.

### **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 Klondike. Scouts will need to provide their own foam pads, cardboard, and/or insulation under their tents. Winter conditions over the past several years 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 (see next page).

## **Important Winter Camping Considerations:**

- 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 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 Klondike 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 Klondike 2025. It is best to cook your foil pack at home before you leave for the event. 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 prior to the event.
- Minimum personal equipment for the Klondike Derby (**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 Klondike 2025 and Prep Day

**Due Date: Monday, February 10, 2025**

Adult Coordinator – Mr. Nagy: [lakeview22@msn.com](mailto:lakeview22@msn.com)

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

- Prep Day at Camp Spirit: Saturday, February 15 (No Cost)
- Klondike Weekend: Friday, February 21 – Sunday, February 23 (Scouts - \$18; Adults - \$10)
- Klondike Day Only with Dinner: Saturday, February 22 (Scouts - \$10; Adults - \$5)
- Klondike with Dinner and Camping One Night: Saturday, February 22 – Sunday, February 23 (Scouts - \$14, Adults - \$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 for Scout: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enter Amount Paid for Leader: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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.

**Any adult attending a BSA/Troop 72 overnight event  
must be a registered BSA Leader**