LEADERS GUIDE

TREADING NEW GROUND

JAYHAWK AREA COUNCIL
2026 KLONDIKE DERBY

22900 KS-368,
VASSAR, KS 66543

FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 1, 2026

Hello Klondike Mushers!

I am very excited to invite you to the Klondike Derby. This year we will be utilizing the beautiful Pomona State Park. The Klondike Derby is an annual event held by some Scouting America councils and Scouts Canada councils during the winter months. This established on the heritage of the klondike gold rush.

The Klondike gold rush was a migration by an estimated 100,000 prospectors to the Klondike region of the Yukon in northwestern Canada, between 1896 and 1899. Local miners discovered gold there on August 16, 1896. When news reached Seattle and San Francisco the following year, it triggered a stampede of prospectors. Scouting America units have been running klondike derbies since 1949.

The Klondike Derby consists of several stations where patrols/units must test their scoutcraft skills and their leadership abilities, earning points towards a total score. Often, one or more races are included while the Scouts navigate between stations. The unit must transport their gear on a homemade sled pulled by the Scouts.

So, get your sleds packed and your winter gear on. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Sincerely,
Paul Riley
Klondike Czar

COURSE AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

THREE COURSES TO EXPERIENCE:	REGISTRATION FEES		
EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT DEADLINE IS DEC 18, 2025	EARLY BIRD	REGULAR	ON-SITE
EXTREME COURSE (SCOUTS 14 YEARS OF AGE AS OF JAN. 1, 2026)	$20	$23	$30
SCOUTS BSA COURSE	$20	$23	$30
WEBELOS COURSE (WEBELOS AND ARROW OF LIGHT)	$20	$23	$30
ADULTS/LEADERS	$20	$23	$30
KLONDIKE STAFF AND MAYORS (MUST PREREGISTER WITH GOVERNOR LISTED BELOW)	$10	N/A	N/A
EVENT HAT (MUST REGISTER AS EARLY BIRD TO ORDER HAT)	$15	N/A	N/A

ONLINE REGISTRATION ENDS FEBRUARY 20, 2026, AND IS BY UNIT CONTINGENT ONLY, NOT BY INDIVIDUAL FOR REGISTRATION PURPOSES. THE ONLY INFORMATION THAT NEEDS TO BE PROVIDED IS THE NUMBER OF SCOUTS ON EACH COURSE, THE NUMBER OF HATS YOU WOULD LIKE TO ORDER AND THE NUMBER OF ADULTS. EACH PACK OR TROOP ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A PATROL SLED ROSTER (P. 8) TO THE REGISTRATION/CHECK IN TABLE ON SITE.

STAFF:

CZAR:
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EXTREME COURSE GOVERNOR, BISON DISTRICT:
BRENDEN FELDT 785-640-8233
SCOUT BSA COURSE GOVERNOR, SUNFLOWER DISTRICT:
JAY SHAW 785-979-2941
WEBELOS COURSE GOVERNOR, SOJADI DISTRICT:
JOHN YOUNG 620-341-7315
COUNCIL STAFF ADVISOR:
JOE BLASKO (O) 785-276-3346

ADULTS

THE KLONDIKE DERBY NEEDS YOU! WE NEED ADULTS TO HELP STAFF THE KLONDIKE TOWNS AND PROVIDE SUPPORT. IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN ASKED TO VOLUNTEER, CALL YOUR GOVERNOR. EACH STATION OFFERS AN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR SCOUTS BY USING THE TIME-TESTED SCOUTS BSA METHOD OF LEARNING BY DOING. FOR THIS TO WORK, WE ASK THE ADULTS NOT TO HELP SOLVE THE TASK THE SCOUTS ARE GIVEN. IF ADULT HELP IS NEEDED, A MAYOR OR ONE OF THEIR ASSISTANTS WILL BE AVAILABLE. PATROLS THAT GO THROUGH THE COURSE WITHOUT ADULT PARTICIPATION WILL BE JUDGED MORE FAVORABLY AND WILL LEARN MORE BECAUSE OF THIS.

KLONDIKE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH:

5:00 PM–8:00 PM REGISTRATION CHECK-IN STARTS
CAMP SET UP AFTER CHECK-IN.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH:

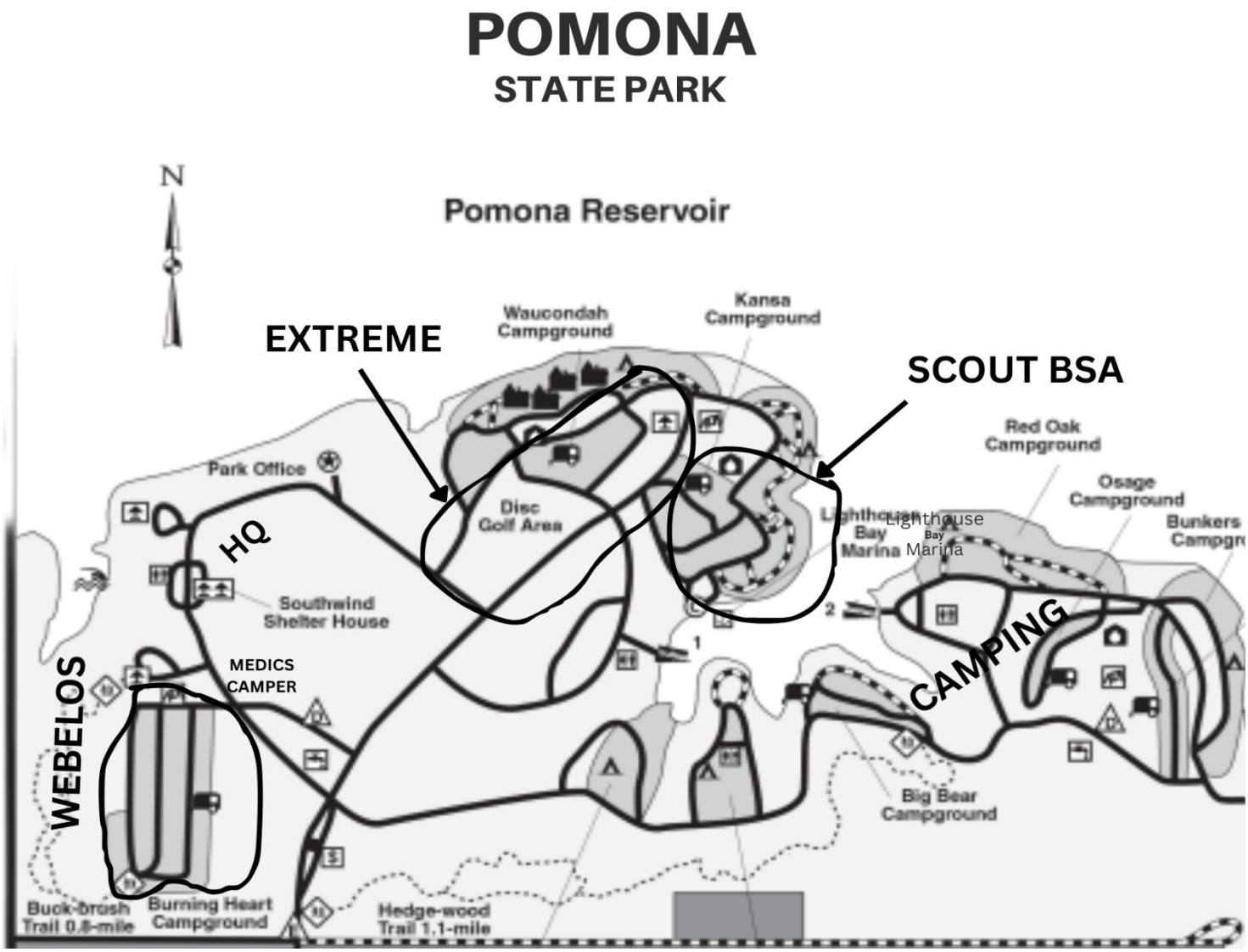
7:30 – 8:45 AM	REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN
8:50 – 9:00 AM	OPENING @ FLAGS
9:00 AM	BEGIN MUSHING
12:00 – 12:45 PM	LUNCH BREAK
3:00 PM	MUSHING ENDS
4:00 PM	AWARDS @ FLAGS

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST:

9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS
9:30 AM	CHECKOUT

PLEASE CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND BEFORE YOU DEPART

MAP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EXTREME
SCOUT BSA
Waucondah Campground
Kansa Campground
Red Oak Campground
Osage Campground
Bunkers Campgr
Park Office
HQ
Disc Golf Area
Lighthouse Bay Marina
Lighthouse Bay Marina
Southwind Shelter House
MEDICS CAMPER
WEBELOS
CAMPING
Big Bear Campground
Buck-brush Trail 0.8-mile
Burning Heart Campground
Hedge-wood Trail 1.1-mile

OLDER SCOUT
SLED EQUIPMENT LIST

- YOUR PATROL FLAG ON A STAFF LASHED TO THE SLED
- WAMPUM STRING
- HEALTH FORMS FOR EACH MEMBER OF YOUR SLED (IN ZIPLOCK BAG)
- SCOUTS BSA HANDBOOK AND FIELD BOOK (WEBELOS BOOK FOR WEBELOS COURSE) NOTEBOOK, PENCIL AND CLIPBOARD
- 1 CUP/MUG FOR EACH MEMBER LUNCH, HOT DRINK MIX OR DRINK MIX
- 1 QUART WATER (PER PERSON) MINIMUM TRASH BAG (NO LITTERING)
- SURVIVAL NECESSARIES
- WATCH SET TO KLONDIKE TIME.
- 8 – 6' LENGTHS OF ¼" ROPE *
- EACH – ROPE 25' LONG *
- EACH – BIG #10 TIN CANS OPEN AT ONE END – (1 GALLON)
- FIRE STARTER KIT.
- BUNDLES OF KINDLING
- FIRST AID KIT INCLUDING SPLINT MATERIAL TWO BLANKETS (CAMP TYPE)
- TARP 8' X 8'
- EACH – 6' POLES OR SCOUT WALKING STAFF POCKET KNIFE W/CAN OPENER (TOTIN' CHIP)
- GPS UNIT–ONE PER SLED EXTREME COURSE ONLY
- COMPASS
- 1 RAW EGG PER SLED
- AMERICAN FLAG TO BE RETIRED
- TENT STAKES (8) & HAMMER
- LUNCH COOKING UTENSILS

* ALL ROPES SHOULD BE NATURAL FIBER, EQUIPMENT IS TO BE SECURED TO SLED AT ALL TIMES WHILE THE SLED IS BEING MUSHED.

WEBELOS AND ARROW OF LIGHTS
SLED EQUIPMENT LIST

- PATROL FLAG ON A STAFF LASHED TO THE SLED (SHOULD INCORPORATE THIS' YEARS KLONDIKE THEME)
- WAMPUM STRING
- HEALTH FORMS FOR EACH SCOUT (IN ZIPLOCK BAG) WEBELOS/ARROW OF LIGHT BOOK
- WATCH TO KEEP TRACK OF TIME
- NOTEBOOK AND PENCIL
- BAG LUNCH AND EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO COOK AND PREPARE YOUR LUNCH
- WATER BOTTLE FOR EACH SCOUT (MINIMUM 1 QUART WATER PER PERSON)
- TRASH BAG (NO LITTERING)
- 8 – 6' LENGTHS OF ¼" ROPE *
- 1 EACH – ROPE 25' LONG *
- FIRE STARTER KIT (INCLUDING TINDER AND KINDLING)
- FIRST AID KIT INCLUDING SPLINT MATERIAL
- 2 BLANKETS 8' X 8'
- TARP 8' X 8'
- 4 EACH – 6' POLES OR SCOUT WALKING STAFF COMPASS
- 1 RAW EGG PER SLED
- TENT STAKES (8) & HAMMER

OPTIONAL ITEMS

MUG AND HOT COCOA MIX
SURVIVAL NECESSARIES KIT
POCKET KNIFE W/CAN OPENER (WHITTLING CHIP)

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KLONDIKE ROSTER

CIRCLE YOUR AREA: BISON SO JADI PE SUNFLOWER OUT OF COUNCIL
DATE: _____ TROOP #: _____ PACK #: _____ CREW #: _____
SENIOR PATROL LEADER (OR DESIGNATED KLONDIKE LEADER):
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PATROL NAME:	PATROL NAME:
PATROL LEADER:	PATROL LEADER:
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
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PATROL NAME:	EXTREMER PATROL NAME:
PATROL LEADER:	EXTREME PATROL LEADER:
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
6.	6.
7.	7.
8.	8.
9.	9.
ADULT	
1.	**2.**
3.	**4.**
5.	**6.**

UNITS MUST COMPLETE AND TURN IN AT CHECK-IN

CAMPING/EVENT DAY CHECK-IN

WHEN YOU ARRIVE, FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE OA PARKING ATTENDANTS TO YOUR CAMPGROUND OR PARKING LOT. PLEASE HAVE YOUR SENIOR PATROL LEADER AND ONE TROOP/PACK LEADER CHECK-IN AT HEADQUARTERS BEFORE GOING TO YOUR CAMPSITE. PLEASE BRING A COPY OF YOUR ROSTER, YOUR REGISTRATION RECEIPT AND BSA HEALTH & MEDICAL FORMS (A&B).

*LATE REGISTRANTS CAN BE ADDED AT THIS TIME. THE VEHICLE THAT YOU ARE TOWING YOUR SCOUT TRAILER WILL BE THE ONLY ONE ALLOWED IN THE CAMPING AREAS

CAMPING

THIS IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR COLD WEATHER CAMPING. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT CAMPING IS AVAILABLE FOR SCOUTS BSA/VENTURERS ONLY.

WINTER CAMPING REQUIRES SPECIAL PREPARATION AND MORE THAN BASIC CAMPING SKILLS. PATROLS SHOULD KEEP THIS IN MIND WHEN PACKING FOR CAMP. WE ASK YOU TO USE LOW IMPACT CAMPING METHODS. ALL FIRES MUST BE IN FIRE BARRELS OR FIRE RINGS. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN FIRE BARRELS OR FIRE RINGS,

NO OPEN FLAMES OR STOVES INSIDE OF TENTS PER BSA GUIDE TO SAFE SCOUTING REGULATIONS. PLEASE PLAN TO BRING ENOUGH WATER FOR FRIDAY NIGHT.

LUNCH

EACH SLED TEAM WILL NEED TO BRING A LUNCH MEAL TO PREPARE. ALL COURSES SHUT DOWN FROM NOON TO 12:45 P.M. SLED TEAMS ARE TO PROCEED TO THE NEAREST TOWN (IF THEY'RE NOT ALREADY AT A TOWN) AND STAKE A CLAIM ON A PIECE OF REAL ESTATE WHERE THEY CAN PREPARE THEIR LUNCH. MEAL CHOICE IS UP TO EACH PATROL. CAREFUL CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE TIME ALLOWED FOR LUNCH. YOU WILL NEED TO BRING A SMALL STOVE (USED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF ADULTS) FOR HOT MEALS. WE ENCOURAGE LOW IMPACT COOKING METHODS. ALL FIRES MUST BE IN FIRE RING OR BARREL.

WATER

WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE ON GROUNDS. HOT WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE AT EVERY TOWN. BRING HOT DRINK MIX (SUCH AS HOT CHOCOLATE OR HOT CIDER) AND A MUG FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE SLED TEAM. PLEASE BRING ENOUGH WATER TO GET STARTED ON SATURDAY.

SLED TEAMS

TEAMS SHOULD BE 6 TO 10 SCOUTS PER SLED GROUPED BY AGE. THE IDEAL NUMBER IS 8. THERE ARE THREE COURSES: WEBELOS COURSE, SCOUTS BSA COURSE, AND THE EXTREME COURSE.

EACH SCOUT ON THE EXTREME COURSE MUST BE 14 (OR OLDER) AS OF JAN. 1, 2026. SMALL SLED TEAM? CONSIDER COMBINING WITH ANOTHER UNIT. USE YOUR ROUNDTABLE TO ASSIST WITH COMBINING SLEDS OR CONTACT YOUR COURSE GOVERNOR (P. 2). TRY TO PUT BOYS OR GIRLS OF APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AGE ON A SLED. EACH COURSE WILL BE SET UP FOR THE TYPES OF SKILLS THAT ARE EXPECTED FOR THEIR AGE. THE REGISTRATION AREA WILL ASSIST WITH COMBINING SLEDS ON DERBY DAY.

WEBELOS COURSE

TEAMWORK AND HAVING FUN IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY FOR THE WEBELOS. THIS COURSE WILL GIVE THE SCOUTS A CHALLENGE AND DEVELOP THEIR ABILITY TO WORK AS A PATROL AS THEY PREPARE TO BECOME A SCOUT IN SCOUTS BSA. PARENTS AND LEADERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO LET THEM COMPLETE THE CHALLENGES WITHOUT HELP TO GET THE MOST POINTS AND THE BEST EXPERIENCE FROM EACH TOWN.

SCOUTS BSA COURSE

REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST CLASS RANK ADVANCEMENT WILL AGAIN BE A MAJOR EMPHASIS FOR THE TOWN ACTIVITIES ON THE SCOUTS BSA COURSE. IT WILL TEST THEIR ABILITY TO WORK TOGETHER AND PERFORM ALL THE IMPORTANT SCOUT SKILLS. LEADERS NEED NOT WALK WITH THE SCOUTS AND ARE ENCOURAGED TO VOLUNTEER AS MAYORS OF THE TOWNS TO PUT ON A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR THE SCOUTS.

EXTREME COURSE (AGE 14 AND UP)

OLDER, MORE EXPERIENCED SCOUTS WILL BE CHALLENGED AT A HIGH LEVEL ON THE KLONDIKE EXTREME COURSE. THE COURSE IS SET UP FOR EXTREME SCOUTING. TEST YOUR SCOUTING NAVIGATION SAVVY IN OUR GPS AND COMPASS COURSES AND MUCH MORE.

PATROL SLED AND PATROL FLAG AWARD

THERE WILL BE A PATROL FLAG AWARD. EACH SLED SHOULD HAVE ITS OWN FLAG. USE YOUR PATROL FLAG OR CONSIDER MAKING A SPECIAL FLAG THAT USES THE KLONDIKE THEME "CHARTING NEW FRONTIERS". FLAGS SHOULD BE MADE WITH MINIMAL HELP FROM ADULTS.

GOVERNOR'S AWARD

THERE WILL BE A GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR EACH COURSE PRESENTED TO THE OVERALL BEST SLED TEAM. THIS WILL BE BASED ON THE CUMULATIVE SCORES FROM EACH TOWN.

FIRST AID

ALL SLED TEAMS SHOULD CARRY A FIRST AID KIT AND A COPY OF THEIR MEDICAL FORMS AND BE PREPARED TO USE IT FOR SIMPLE CUTS AND SCRAPES. PLEASE LET ADULTS, THE MAYOR AT THE CLOSEST TOWN KNOW OF ANY INJURY REQUIRING FIRST AID SO THEY CAN HELP DETERMINE IF MORE HELP IS NEEDED AT THE MAIN FIRST AID STATION AT HQ.

RESTRICTIONS

FROM THE GUIDE TO SAFE SCOUTING:
AN IMPORTANT WAY ADULT LEADERS CAN MODEL HEALTHY LIVING IS BY FOLLOWING THE POLICIES ON ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND DRUGS. LEADERS SHOULD SUPPORT THE ATTITUDE THAT THEY, AS WELL AS YOUTH, ARE BETTER OFF WITHOUT TOBACCO IN ANY FORM AND MAY NOT USE TOBACCO PRODUCTS AT ANY BSA ACTIVITY INVOLVING YOUTH PARTICIPANTS. THIS INCLUDES THE USE OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES, PERSONAL VAPORIZERS, OR ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS THAT SIMULATE TOBACCO SMOKING.
ALL SCOUTING FUNCTIONS, MEETINGS, AND ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE CONDUCTED ON A SMOKE-FREE BASIS, WITH SMOKING AREAS LOCATED AWAY FROM ALL PARTICIPANTS.

SHEATH KNIVES ARE NOT ALLOWED AT THIS EVENT AND MAY RESULT IN THE KNIFE BEING IMPOUNDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

THE EVENT AND COURSE AREAS ARE LOCATED CLOSE TO THREE BODIES OF WATER. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE IN ATTENDANCE FOR YOUR UNIT INCLUDING DAY VISITORS KNOWS THAT WHILE AT THE KLONDIKE, EVERYONE MUST STAY AT LEAST 20 YARDS AWAY FROM THE EDGE OF THE WATER. THIS INCLUDES NO THROWING STICKS, ROCKS, OR DEBRIS IN THE WATER.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE RESTRICTIONS MAY RESULT IN THE PARTICIPANT BEING SENT HOME IMMEDIATELY. THERE WILL BE ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ANY INFRACTION OF THESE RULES AND ALL ADULTS AT THE EVENT ARE REQUIRED TO MONITOR AND ENFORCE THESE RESTRICTIONS. ADULTS FAILING TO ENFORCE THESE RESTRICTIONS WILL ALSO BE REMOVED FROM FURTHER PARTICIPATION AT THE KLONDIKE DERBY AND WILL BE REPORTED TO THE JAYHAWK AREA COUNCIL EXECUTIVE.

COLD-WEATHER CAMPING RESOURCES
BE PREPARED!

FOR INFORMATION ON COLD WEATHER CAMPING PLEASE REVIEW THE BSA FIELD BOOK, P. 241-245. OR CHECK OUT THESE ONLINE RESOURCES:

HTTP://BOYSLIFE.ORG/OUTDOORS/OUTDOORARTICLES/6981/CHECKLIST-FOR- A-BASIC-COLD-WEATHEROUTING/

HTTP://WWW.BOYSCOUTTRAIL.COM/LIBRARY/WINTERCAMPINGTIPS.ASP

HTTPS://WWW.SLIDESHARE.NET/DJDARKBEAT/COLD-WEATHER-CAMPING-BSA-SCOUTING

NOTES:

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