



Troop 22 Invitational Gold Rush

February 16th, 2019
Camp Norse, Kingston MA

Schedule of Events

Friday, Feb 15, 2019 – We have booked the entire camp for this event. There are limited cabins available at Camp. Please ask if there are open spaces still available.

Saturday, Feb 16, 2019 - Troops should plan to arrive at the camp Dining Hall between 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM. Upon arrival, all Teams should go directly to the Check-In area. The Team leader will register and the entire Team must be present at Check-in.

6:30 AM	Staff Check-in and set up
8:00 AM	Team Check-In and inspection at the Dyea Base Town
9:00 AM	Opening Ceremony in parade field
9:15 AM	Stations open and the Gold Rush begins!
11:30 AM	Each team will stop at The Scales to cook their lunch
1:00 PM	Second half of the Gold Rush begins
3:30 PM	Event Stations close Teams finish in Fairbanks
4:30 PM	Closing Ceremony and Auction
5:30 PM	Leave for home, see you next year!!!

Please stay until the end of the Gold Rush. Each team will receive their awards and patches at the closing ceremony.

At the conclusion of Closing Ceremonies, units staying the night should report to their site and begin dinner preparations. All troops are invited to return to the Dining Hall for a warm place to have dinner and join in a campfire and cracker-barrel later that night!

Sunday, Feb 17, 2019 - Overnight troops pack up and depart.

What is the Gold Rush?

This is the 12th year Troop 22 Whitman is running its invitational Gold Rush. The Gold Rush is a team competition. Each Patrol or "Team" will need to pack the proper equipment for a long trip and many challenges on the way. This is a boy-run event and the scouts will run the stations along the trail. Each year the theme and events are different and pose a real challenge along the trail. Our theme this year is a Stock Market boom taking place in the Yukon.

The teams can earn extra Bucks by delivering packages along the trail. The bigger the box and farther the trek, the more they make! They must design and build a device to safely carry their packages on the trail. They should note that all gear **MUST** be carried the entire day, including cooking gear, food and fuel, however they can use backpacks for gear as well as their package device. Review Leave No Trace and backpacking skills when planning your day.

At arrival in the base town, each Team will receive their Trail Card and will be inspected by the Mounties for proper dress and gear. They will take a Team picture together. They also have access to the trail information and may take notes on direction, topographic features, etc. The Team can then see our Postmaster for packages to deliver on the trail for payment.

There are multiple trails through the Yukon and each team will have its own path where the Towns must be visited in the correct order. When the Teams leave the base town, they will proceed to their next Town indicated on their Trail Card. Directions to the towns are marked on the trail and the team can use map and compass to verify their path. At each town the Team must complete several activities; they will receive payment based on their skill, spirit and teamwork, and have their Trail Card signed.

Throughout the day there will be opportunities to "Play the Stock Market". There are bulleting boards and Traders in each major town where they can buy or sell their stock using the Bucks they earned during the day. Delivering packages and news events can affect the Stock prices so care must be taken, but a fortune can also be made. Bring a SmartPhone as the market is online this year too! At Fairbanks they will cash in all of their Stock for a bonus payout.

Upon finishing the course, each team reports to the town of Fairbanks to have its Trail Card registered and their Stock and Bucks counted. The day ends with an auction for goods where you can spend that Bucks you earned on the way. There will be personal and patrol equipment, gift certificates and other items you may bid on. We will close with an awards ceremony where we will hand out individual team awards and patches for the event.

Each year the trail changes and much of the course events are new. It is a challenging course and involves specific tests for: teamwork, fire-building, cooking, lashing, woodcraft, rope-work, and orienteering. There are many opportunities to complete requirements for rank and even Merit Badges. Have fun and the key to winning is critical thinking and problem solving skills.

We hope you will join us!

Troop 22

What to Bring

These are the recommended items to bring with you. You may be able to "rent" equipment at the towns and camps.

Team

Patrol Flag
50' rope for pulling and lifting
20+ - 6' ropes for lashing
3 3' poles or staves
20' Binding cord
2 - 6' poles or staves
String
Lighter
Compass
Analog watch
Small cooking pot or pan
First aid kit
Cooking gear and food for lunch
Fire-starting gear (no accelerants or fat wood)
Firewood
4' x 6' blanket
Axe
Hatchet
Pencil & paper
Sharpening stone
SmartPhone or other Mobile device

Personal

Cold weather clothing
Hat
Mittens/gloves
Rain gear
Canteen
Cup
Personal First aid kit
Knife
Mess kit
Utensils
Scout handbook
Pen

What to Wear

One of the most important parts of the Gold Rush is to keep warm and dry. Each Scout must know what to wear. Winter weather is very changeable, requiring preparedness for almost any condition; a nice day can turn into a raging blizzard.

Your best protection is your common sense: dress in layers. Avoid working up a sweat, and keep yourself comfortable by removing or adding layers of clothing. No cotton clothing! Waterproof boots are essential. Wear socks of wool or other material that wicks away perspiration.

A wool stocking cap or similar head gear with ear coverings is necessary both during the day and at night in the sleeping bag to retain warmth. Scarves are recommended to protect the face from the cold and biting wind.

Scouts should wear wool mittens covered with a water repellent shell. Gloves may be worn, but they are not as warm as mittens.

Scouts are more vulnerable to the cold at meals, because they do not move around as much. Throughout the day, check each scout to see if all his clothing is dry. If not, change into dry clothes before eating. There will be a central heated building for those who need to change or warm up.

Event Information

Every year we change the events along the trail and this year you will find very few are the same as before. The following are some of the events planned at the towns you will go through on the way.

Package Delivery	You must build a backpack to deliver packages in the Yukon for extra Bucks. You will lash the pack together on site.
Git Me Dinner	Use a potato cannon to shoot the targets for the top score. The only problem is that you're not the only guys with a cannon out there, and the critters won't wait around for you.
Tidy the Ends	Know how to whip and fuse the ends of rope? Show us how good you are !
Warm Me Up	After preparing your wood and fire, get it going for 2 minutes and boil some water for a tasty treat!
Mixed Grill Lunch	Using Leave No Trace standards, prepare a hot and hearty meal for the team along the trail. Bring your stove and cooking gear and compete in the MEAT BATTLE!
Hawkeye's Knife Throw	Can you toss a knife into the bulls-eye? Think you're better than the other teams? Give it a try!
Log Saw	See how fast you can cut a log with a 2 man bucksaw. Speed is good but accuracy pays even better.
Figure the Area	Think you know your orienteering skills? Give this puzzle a try and tell us how big the triangle is and what the angles are!
Into the Woods	Someone is lost and hurt, use your skills to find them and treat their injuries.
Lumberjack Festival	Come to the Scales and use hatchets, axes, knives and buck saws along with a bunch of other Great White North games.
Play the Market	Stocks are booming and during the day you can buy stock in the Yukon's best companies. Stocks go up and down, so see if you are smarter and can earn a fortune!



Troop 22 Invitational Gold Rush Registration Form

February 16th, 2019
Camp Norse, Kingston, MA

Unit # _____ Town _____

Unit Leader _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ MA _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Number of Scouts _____ @ \$5.00 = _____

Number of Teams _____

Number of Adults _____

Additional patches _____ @ \$5.00 = _____

The \$5.00 event fee for scouts covers the patch, auction, and supplies for the day.

If you have questions please email michwa@comcast.net for more information.

Mail checks payable to **Troop 22 Whitman** and mail to:

Mike Warner
15 Old Colony Way
Whitman, MA 02382

Registration Deadline: December 31, 2018