

Troop 22 Whitman

13th Invitational Gold Rush

February 15th, 2020
Camp Norse, Kingston MA

What is the 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 scout-run event. Our theme this year is an adventure to find the lost Statue of Nacho Nyak Dun in an Indiana Jones-like series of challenges.

Teams should arrive at the camp Dining Hall between 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM. The Team leader will register, and the entire team must be present at check-in. Please stay until the end of the Gold Rush. Each team will receive their awards and patches at the closing ceremony.

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

If you have questions or wish to register your unit, please email

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or visit our website for the event at

<http://t22whitman.org/gr2020/>

Registration closes December 31st, 2019





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Schedule of Events

Friday, Feb 14, 2020 – We have booked the part of the camp for this event. There are limited cabins available for overnight stays; please check with the Narragansett Council for reservations.

Saturday, Feb 15, 2020 - 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 inside the Dining Hall. 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 the parade field
9:15 AM	Stations open and the Gold Rush begins!
11:30 AM	Each team will stop at Camp Elsa 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!!!

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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 16, 2020 - Overnight troops pack up and depart.

What is the Gold Rush?

This is the 13th 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 scout-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 an adventure to find the Statue of Nacho Nyak Dun.

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 should note that all gear **MUST** be carried the entire day, including cooking gear, food, and fuel. We strongly recommend backpacks for gear as there are many events which make a sled difficult to use or carry.

At arrival in the base town, the Sherpas will inspect each Team 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.

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 the Town of Whitehorse. Directions to the towns are marked on the trail, and the team can use a 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 find clues about where they should go next.

Throughout the day, there will be opportunities to find relics and power-up items! At Fairbanks, they will cash in all their Yukon Bucks, relics, and treasure for a final payout. 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 the 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!

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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
9 - 5' staffs, broomsticks, or sticks
String or twine
Binding cord
Lighter
Compass
Analog watch
First aid kit
Cooking gear and food for lunch
Fire-starting gear (no accelerants or fat wood)
4' x 6' blanket
Hatchet
Pencil & paper
Sharpening stone
SmartPhone or another 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 headgear 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 their clothing is dry. If not, change into dry clothes before eating. There will be a centrally 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 see some old favorites and some totally new challenges. The following are some of the events planned at the towns you will go through on the way.

Face the Yeti	Use spears to shoot the targets for the top score. The only problem is that you're not the only ones out there, and the Yeti won't wait around for you.
Blow up the Dam	The team must start a fire and have the fire travel along the ground and light the candle
Warm Me Up	After preparing your wood and fire, get it going for 2 minutes and boil some water for a tasty treat!
Stone Soup Lunch	Using Leave No Trace standards, prepare a hot and hearty soup for the team using the SECRET INGREDIENT along the trail. Bring your stove and cooking gear and compete in the SOUP BATTLE!
Log Saw	See how fast you can cut a log with a 2 man bucksaw. Speed is good, but accuracy pays even better.
Cross the River	The team must build a swing bridge to get across a river.
Journals	Decode the pages from Pete's journal and find out the easiest path to the treasure!
Over the Top	Transport a patrol over an "electrified" fence using only themselves.
Path over the Pit	The team must follow a path, Red, White, or Blue, and use their wooden beams to transport the entire team across the snake pit.
The Statue of Nacho Nyak Dun	Finally, there it is! On a pedestal and surrounded by a pool of acid. How can you retrieve the Statue?



Troop 22 Invitational Gold Rush Registration Form

February 15th, 2020
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
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Registration Deadline: December 31, 2019