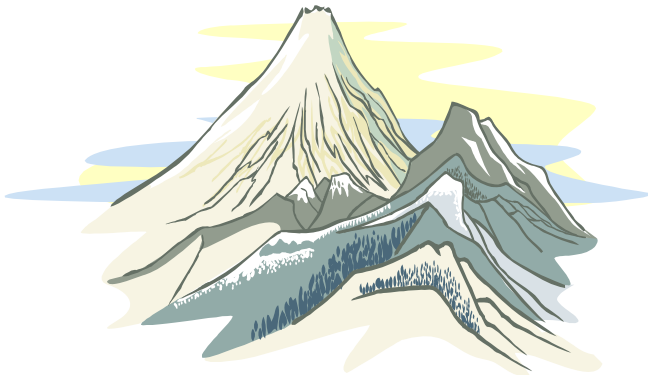


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Klondike 2007

Chilkoot Challenge



January 26-28, 2007

Scouts (Sleepover/Competition) January 26-28

Webelos I & II (Day Competition) January 27

“Over Chilkoot Pass during the Gold Rush in Alaska. Thousands of Gold Seekers used this trail.” So read a newspaper clipping describing the dangerous trek made by prospectors seeking their fortune in Gold in the 1890’s. For Centuries prior to the Klondike Gold Rush, Native trade patterns included travel through different mountain passes of the Yukon Territory region, including the Chilkoot Pass. This coveted route had been the exclusive domain of the local natives known as the Chilkoot, who jealously guarded the pass. In doing so they also controlled access to the interior. As a result, they held a virtual trade monopoly in the lucrative fur trade.

From 1880 on, the numbers of prospectors increased. The Chilkoot obliged, and for a while, made even more money as guides and packers. They used their hunting and fishing skills to provide food for the “Stampeder,” especially in the frigid winter months. Few had the stamina to survive.....Will YOU??

Organize your Scout Patrols and Webelos Dens.....

Events:

Klondike ~ A test of Scout skills and endurance. Boy Scouts compete against Boy Scouts and Webelos Scouts against Webelos Scouts for ribbons and glory. Each patrol or Webelos den forms into a “Stampeder Dog Sled Team” and competes as a separate expedition.

Mountain Man ~ Four Boy Scouts, ages 14 years and older, form a team to compete in a test of marksmanship, archery, axe throwing, log chopping, and skills of ingenuity and stamina. A team consists of exactly four boys from the same Troop. Any deviation from these rules will result in disqualification.

L’Hivernant ~ Boy Scouts best a cold winter night’s sleep out. Webelos I/II Do Not Sleep Out.

Commitment Form and payment by December 5, is \$8 per person; after this date it is \$11 per person. Please contact **Bill McMillan**, Event Chair, at 508/668-6242 with questions or klondike2007@comcast.net or <http://www.sevenriversdistrict.com/>