



Troop 22 Invitational Gold Rush

February 21st, 2009

Camp Massasoit

Schedule of Events

Friday, Feb 20, 2009 – Unit that are staying over must make arrangements with Camp Massasoit.

Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009 – Units should plan to arrive at camp between 8:00 AM and 8:15 AM. Upon arrival, all Teams should go directly to the Check-In area. The entire Team must be present at the Inspection.

8:00 - 8:45 AM	Check-In is located at the Skagway Base Town. Inspection
8:45 AM	Opening Ceremony
9:00 AM	Towns open
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Each team will stop at the food station to cook their lunch Golden Skillet competition
3:30 PM	Event Stations close Teams finish in Fairbanks
4:00 PM	Auction
4:30 PM	Closing Ceremony Leave for home, see you next year!!!

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

At the conclusion of Closing Ceremonies, units staying the night are to report to their site and begin dinner preparations. A Pot Luck dinner with all units will begin at 6:00 PM.

An inter-Unit campfire will take place at 8:00 PM.

Sunday, Feb 22, 2009 – Overnight Units pack up and depart.

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.

At Arrival at Base Town, each Team will receive their map and Trail Card, They will be inspected by the Mounties for proper dress and gear. They will produce and explain their first aid gear and take a Team picture. They also have access to the complete map and may take notes on direction, topographic features, etc. They will also receive their "Serum". This is a box of fragile, liquid containers. The Team must safely deliver the entire case to Nome for full payment.

When the Teams leave the Base Town, they will proceed to their next Town or Camp indicated on their Trail Card. Directions are given in bearing and distance. At each Town the Team must complete certain activities; they will receive a number of "gold" and "silver" nuggets based on their skill, spirit and teamwork, and have their Trail Card marked. Each stop also may offer additional challenges and can add to the Team's "gold".

There are three Camps along the trail. Each Camp hosts a Company store where the Team can buy supplies, snacks, etc with their "gold". Also at each camp is a Bonus event the Team may decide to try while there to earn additional "gold".

Towns must be visited in the correct order. All patrols must visit all towns, but do not have to participate in all activities at all stops.

Upon finishing the course, each patrol reports to the Base Town to have its Trail Card registered and their "gold" counted. There is a Company store where they may purchase items with their "gold" and wait for the rest of the teams to come in.

The day ends with an auction for goods where you can spend that gold 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.

What to Bring

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

Patrol

Packs
Patrol flag
12 - 6' Rope for lashing
100' Rope for pulling
2 6' Staves or equivalent
4 - 2X4 cut into 2 foot sections
Fire wood
Friction fire-starting gear
First aid kit (splint material, cravat, etc)
Compass
Tent
Pencil & paper
Clipboard & cover
Food for lunch
Cooking gear for lunch
Dutch Oven (if competing in Golden Skillet)
Signaling equipment
3 gallons of water in containers
Blanket

Personal

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

Do we bring a sled? That is up to you, but it's pretty rough terrain!. Each team will have to bring their own equipment with them on the trail. You may use a sled, backpacks or other load carrying device that you make yourselves (travois, sling-pole, etc). Anything with wheels is not allowed. You will also be required to carry a fragile "package" throughout the competition.

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. Prior to any meal, check each scout to see if all his clothing is dry. If not, change into dry clothes before eating.

Event Information

The following events are planned at the towns you will go through on the way. There are additional "Camps" with stores and some special events for bonus gold.

Cliff Climb	Lash a ladder to get your team and its equipment up a steep hill.
Fire starting	No matches, fire by friction to get a roaring fire started.
First Aid	Broken bones and lacerations are common on this trail. Be ready for injury treatment and transportation.
First Aid Kit Inspection	Patrol and individual first aid kits are inspected. Be prepared for questions.
Gourmet Lunch	Show your skills as the best trail cooks on the run. Special Dutch Oven cooking competition also takes place during lunch.
Log Saw	See how fast you can cut a log with a bucksaw.
Master Map	Your route is available here. You will go through woods, across streams, up hills and into valleys, mark up your map and get your directions straight.
Search & Rescue	Find the missing man. He was last seen heading out of Town.
Side Hill Maneuver	You must get your team and all its gear up and down a hill using ropes and other pioneering methods.
Signaling	Signal the Camp you are coming in to trade your gold for goods.
Slalom Race	A timed race through an obstacle course for your team.

Be prepared for Claim Jumpers and special fun events along the way!!!



**Troop 22 Invitational Gold Rush
Gold Rush Registration Form**

February 21st, 2009
Camp Massasoit

Unit # _____

Town _____

Unit Leader _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ **MA** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

Number of Scouts _____

Number of Adults _____

Number of Teams _____

Patches for the event are \$3.00 each.

Number of of patches _____

Registration Deadline: January 1, 2009