

Thunderbird and Williamson Road Districts Hosts:

Adventures to the Yukon

Polar Bear Camporee

**When:** February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2018

**Who:** Any Scout Troop or Venture Crews are welcome to participate in the frozen adventures of the Yukon!

**Where:** The Frozen Yukon is on the East side of Waneta Lake. Camp Gorton is the base camp.

**What:** Our adventure to the Yukon begins with a night of fun camping on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Come camp with us on Friday, or join us by 9am on Saturday morning for fun and adventure. Scouts and Venturers will compete in various winter feats of skill to demonstrate scouting skills, teamwork, and a knowledge of scouting history/programs.

The Adventure

Troops will work together to compete and place in the challenges of the Yukon to win gold. The gold won will be used to trade in an auction for camping/scout items for their Unit.

You will need to plan and prepare a Troop lunch. All other meals on Saturday are included in the price of registration to benefit the Order of the Arrow. There will also be snacks available for additional purchase. (See Menu Below)

**Price:** \$25 per Scout or Scouter.

\$30 per Scout or Scouter after January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (including walk-ins) Pre-registration is highly encouraged!!

**Fine Print:** Registration fee covers administration, insurance, camp and Dining Hall usage, meals (Saturday Breakfast and Dinner), the BSA Gear for awards, patches, gift certificates, and items for auction. Food is included in the registration fee EXCEPT for lunch on Saturday, and additional snacks.

Every Unit is guaranteed an item from the auction

Everyone who registers will also receive the limited edition Yukon Polar Bear Patch

We also want to ask leaders from each Unit to volunteer to help with staffing. Please email which event you would like to help with. Consideration will be first come, first serve. You can sign up during registration, or be assigned a location at Cracker Barrel on Friday night.

The purpose of this is to have a FUN and SAFE cold weather outing. Any scout who the leadership feels is ill-prepared for the weather will NOT be allowed to participate. **(They must have warm weather boots and warm winter gear. We are promoting tent camping. Group tents are encouraged to help maintain heat and comfort. Scouts choosing to sleep in their own individual tent will need to be briefed prior to arrival by their Scoutmaster on cold weather safety.)**

We are introducing "Social Hour" for Scouts. Scouts are encouraged to bring a Nintendo 2 or 3DS system. The catch? No chargers. Once the battery is dead, it is dead. Bring a game and play it with other Scouts. Pokémon, Monster Hunter, or any other games that have coop or DS Download are encouraged. Please ensure scouts participating have current cyber chip cert or recharge complete. Internet access not available. See schedule for Social Hour times. No Games with a "Mature" rating authorized.

## **Camp Gorton Snowshoer**

Trek through the trails on the lakeside of the road looking for geocaches. This is a timed event in which scouts and scouters will attempt to locate geocaches utilizing a GPS or Orienteering. Additional time allotted for those that choose to wear snowshoes during this trek.

## **Planning For the Gorton Polar Bear**

During the Troop meetings prior to the Gorton Polar Bear, we recommend you review the following items.

### **Go over winter clothing**

Layering, wicking of moisture, keeping dry  
Discuss the importance of keeping feet dry  
Bring a second pair of socks and shoes  
Have a good pair of gloves and a warm hat  
Wool vs. Synthetic vs. Cotton

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## **Gorton the Polar Bear Auction Guidelines**

*Each unit will select no more than 2 bidders, who will be assigned 1 bid number for their unit. Those Scouts/Venturers will sit inside the reserved seating area and are the ONLY individuals who will be recognized by the auctioneer.*

*Upon a successful winning bid, the Scout/Venturer must leave the reserved seating area and proceed to the cashier's area, pay for and pick up their item. The bid number must be surrendered at that time. Possession of gold coins after the auction, does not constitute the right to spend them. Please review the merchandise prior to the beginning of the auction. Bidders should come to the reserved seating area with a list of items they wish to bid on.*

# 2018 TB and WR Gorton Polar Bear Registration Form

*(Copy as Necessary)*

Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ District Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Names w/Positions (Star next to name if Available for Staff):

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| 1.) _____ | 4.) _____ |
| 2.) _____ | 5.) _____ |
| 3.) _____ | 6.) _____ |

**Scouts/Venturers:** \*Please indicate rank (Tenderfoot, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Star, Life, Eagle, Bronze Palm, Gold Palm, Silver Palm OR VA-Venturing Award, DA-Discovery Award, PA-Pathfinder Award, SA-Summit Award, and also indicate the PL's and SPL's, as well as those that are members of the OA)

Patrol Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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| 1.) _____ | 9.) _____  |
| 2.) _____ | 10.) _____ |
| 3.) _____ | 11.) _____ |
| 4.) _____ | 12.) _____ |
| 5.) _____ | 13.) _____ |
| 6.) _____ | 14.) _____ |
| 7.) _____ | 15.) _____ |
| 8.) _____ | 16.) _____ |

Payment (Circle One):    Cash                      Check                      Unit Acct.-Sign. \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card: Type (Circle One)    Amex    VISA    MC    Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_                      Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special medical or dietary needs:

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# Adventure to the Yukon Schedule

***All Times Subject to change***

## **Friday- January 12<sup>th</sup> 2018**

1800-2100 Registration in the Dining Hall and Pickup of Food  
Tickets (Social Time)  
2100-2200 Leader's Meeting/ Safety Briefing  
2200- Light's Out/ Quiet Time

## **Saturday- January 13<sup>th</sup> 2018**

700-830	Breakfast and Social Time
800-900	Registration Continues
830-900	SPL Meeting in Dining Hall. Staff Meeting in Dining Hall.
900-930	Opening Ceremonies on the Parade Field.
930-1000	SPL's Brief their Troop
1000-1200	Morning Yukon Events
1200-1230	Troop Lunch at Campsite or on Trail
1230-1400	Afternoon Yukon Events
1400-1500	Yukon Auction
1530	Closing Ceremony Safe Drive home

## Polar Bear Weekend FACTS

- The Scout Oath and Law, and the Outdoor Code are ALWAYS our Guidelines.
- No One is allowed on Waneta Lake or on the road. Violators will be sent home, - no questions asked!! (Sorry it seems harsh, but we cannot risk anyone violating these rules.)
- Two Deep Leadership, as outlined in the National Scouting Policy is required.
- **Please remember that all Adults require current Youth Protection Training**
- If utilizing liquid fuel, units are REQUIRED to have a fire extinguisher readily visible and available on the site.
- The Dining Hall may NOT be used for sleeping by ANYONE.
- Ground Fires must be contained in authorized pits or fire barrels.
- Wildlife must be left alone. If the ice is safe, the fish caught will be catch and release only.
- Snowboarding and Skiing are great events, but please do not bring this equipment. Snowshoes are encouraged, however! (Gorton Snow-shoe Patch is a new award)
- Units are encouraged to camp in tents at campsite. Those doing so will receive a huge award of gold. However, cabins are available on a first come, first serve basis. Arrangements must be made by pre-registration only at the Scout Store.
- The Five Rivers Council maintains a working relationship with Schuyler Hospital in Montour Falls, NY and utilizes this facility in conjunction with all activities occurring at Camp Gorton. Any other arrangements are of the individual's responsibility. Please remember that all units, as standard practice, are required to have in their possession a BSA Medical Form for each participant. This can be found on the Council Website. Each troop must bring a 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Kit.
- The Scoutmaster and SPL game is a new event. It requires each to have a knowledge of Scouting History, BSA Programs, Guide to Safe Scouting, and facts about each of the High Adventure Bases. GOOD LUCK... you will need it.
- The Catapult/Trebuchet must be no larger than fitting in a 5'x5'x5' cube.
- Each troop is encouraged to bring their own GPS, and have knowledge of how the GPS works.

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#### **Gorton Polar Bear Sleds**

There is no "required" sled design.

You are welcome to use whatever design you choose for your sled.

There are some suggested websites for sled designs below.

<http://www.inquiry.net/outdoor/winter/gear/sleds/>  
[http://scoutdocs.ca/Klondike/Klondike sled plans.php](http://scoutdocs.ca/Klondike/Klondike_sled_plans.php)

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## 2017 TB & WR Gorton Polar Bear meal pre-order

### Friday

12" cheese Pizza name/unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ x \$4.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

12" pepperoni pizza name/unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ x \$4.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Jumbo cookies \$1.00 each **All Weekend**

Chili con carne \$2.00 bowl **Saturday anytime**

Hot chocolate, coffee – free

Foam cups \$0.25 each (think **green!** bring your own mug.)

### Saturday

Breakfast

Egg bake sausage patty and toast \_\_\_\_\_ X \$3.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch

Option 1 Hamburger with chili and chips \_\_\_\_\_ X \$3.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Option2 Hot dog with chili and chips \_\_\_\_\_ X \$3.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Option 3 Hamburger or hot dog \_\_\_\_\_ \$1.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Option 4 Chili \_\_\_\_\_ \$2.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Extra as priced

**Please have meal numbers at time of check in**

**Must Pre-order all Pizza**



## Gorton Polar Bear-Bonus Points

1. If Troop/Venture Crew registers a new Scout between Thanksgiving and Christmas each unit will receive \$50 in gold coins for each new Scout/Ventures.
2. If unit brings food goods for the food pantry you will receive one gold coin for every two items (maximum 50 gold coins).
3. Gold coins are awarded for sleeping outside. The colder it is the more you earn. Schedule as listed:

One night +30 degrees	\$100	Two nights +30 degrees	\$200
30-15 degrees	\$200	30-15 degrees	\$350
15-1 degrees	\$400	15-1 degrees	\$550
4. \$100 in gold coins for having a catapult brought from home.
5. \$50 gold coins for each adult volunteer from Troop/Venturing Crew (max \$100 per unit)
6. \$200 gold coins if Troop/Venture Crew attempts EVERY challenge
7. \$25 gold coins for filling out an evaluation of the event before the auction.
8. \$50 gold coins for every patrol that goes out without an adult leader.

## Build a Catapult or a Trebuchet!

This event is all about teamwork. Research and build a catapult or trebuchet. The item to be launched is a tennis ball. The medieval design will be tested for accuracy and need to have a mechanism for controlling range. The design may be fabricated with whatever materials strong enough. Its size must be compact enough to fit within a 5'x5'x5' cube. These designs are "Scout Powered" for safety. This means that the catapult must not have tension so strong that a scout cannot pull it back unassisted. The mechanism must lock into a loaded position, and be able to release to fire the load. For powering a trebuchet, a weight or pull from a scout should suffice. Points awarded for accuracy at hitting the targets. Points deducted for critical failures.

**Questions on the Event Contact:**

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