

Dear Unit Leader:

CAMP ALASKA is the most challenging program we offer at **the Firelands Scout Reservation**. Preparing for CAMP ALASKA provides an excellent month-long program for a Scout troop. **Camp Alaska is open from December through February only**. A Scout who has completed CAMP ALASKA has done the following:

Slept overnight in the winter time in a Scout-made site (not a tent), using dead falls or trees to secure it (not tent stakes). You may bring and use sheet plastic.

Backpacked all of his equipment in.

Cooked all of his own meals.

Stayed warm and comfortable.

Spent 24 hours at CAMP ALASKA.

Practiced LOW-IMPACT CAMPING.

Lived by the outdoor code.

In order to make your CAMP ALASKA experience a positive one this year, follow the guidelines. We look forward to your participation. Read on and remember that "prior preparation prohibits a poor camping experience."

Yours in Scouting,

The Camping Committee

TIMELINE FOR CAMP ALASKA

WEEKS PRIOR	ACTION
6	Reserve space at camp. Go to http://heartofohiocouncil.doubleknot.com/Registration/ReserveFacility.aspx?orgkey=3100 .
6	Start training in troop meetings on cold weather camping
4	Parents recruited to attend
4	Plan menus for outing
2	Scouts sign up to attend
2	Parents recruited to drive
1	Arrange final details

SATURDAY CAMP ALASKA SUGGESTED WEEKEND PROGRAM PLAN

9:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Arrive at camp. Park in camp parking lot. Check in with campmaster. Hike to Camp Alaska site with equipment.
Noon	Lunch
2:00 P.M.	Afternoon Programs***
6:00 P.M.	Dinner
7:00 P.M.	Training Session with Scouts***
10:30 P.M.	Taps

SUNDAY CAMP ALASKA SUGGESTED WEEKEND PROGRAM PLAN

7:00 A.M.	Breakfast
8:00 A.M.	Program***
9:00 A.M.	Break camp and hike to campmaster cabin to check out
10:00 A.M.	All troops have left camp

**HEART OF OHIO COUNCIL, BSA
CAMP ALASKA – MANDATORY SAFETY REVIEW FORM**

Unit: _____

Date: _____

Name of Leader in Charge (Please print)_____

DECLARATION:

I have told each of my Scouts going to Camp Alaska this weekend that under no conditions are they to walk on the ice on the lake at Firelands Scout Reservation. I have stated the ice is not safe and is off-limits.

Signed:_____

The following Scouts from the above named troop, who are participating in Camp Alaska at Firelands Scout Reservation have been told of the safety rule concerning the lake

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ALL SCOUTS PARTICIPATING IN CAMP ALASKA MUST HAVE THE ICE SAFETY RULE REVIEWED WITH THEM. THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CAMPMASTER BEFORE THE TROOP LEAVES FOR CAMP ALASKA.



SUGGESTED TRAINING ITEMS FOR CAMP ALASKA

Types of clothing for winter (layers)

Bedding and camp equipment for winter use

Cooking and campsite care

Woodmanship – safe use of woods tools

Fires for outdoor cooking

Winter shelters

Creative uses of plastic

First-aid for hypothermia, etc.

Low-impact camping

Possible Resources:

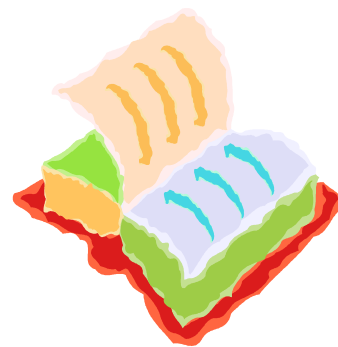
Troop Program Features, Vol. III

Boy Scout Handbook

Scout Fieldbook, 4th Edition

“Cold Weather Travel and Camping”

Okpik: Cold-Weather Camping



IMPORTANT ITEMS TO REMEMBER

Open dates are from December through February.

“Camp Alaska” is open to all Scouts.

Patches are available at camp from the campmaster.

The unit reservation fee must be paid when making your reservation.

Upon arrival at camp, you must check in with the campmaster starting at 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday.

All equipment must be carried to the site.

Always practice the outdoor code – **LEAVE YOUR CAMPSITE BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT.**

Two-deep leadership is required on all BSA activities.

Check-out is between 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday at the Campmaster’s cabin.

Your shelter can be any cold-weather shelter except tents and man-made structures (use of plastic sheeting is acceptable.)

All garbage may be placed in the camp dumpster, but must be removed from the Camp Alaska site.

Low-impact camping is the rule.

Please bring a roster of all attending.

Note: Camp Alaska is closed all holiday weekends.

