



Troop 22 Invitational Gold Rush

February 19th, 2011

Camp Massasoit

Schedule of Events

Friday, Feb 18, 2011 - Troop that are staying over, must make arrangements with Camp Massasoit.

Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011 - Troops 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 Check-in.

8:00 - 9:00 AM	Check-In is located at the Skagway Base Town. Inspection
9:15 AM	Opening Ceremony
9:30 AM	Stations open and the race begins!
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Each team will stop at the food station to cook their lunch
4:00 PM	Event Stations close Teams finish in Fairbanks
4:30 PM	Closing Ceremony Auction 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. All troops are invited to share a Pot Luck supper and the Golden Skillet competition!

Sunday, Feb 20, 2011 - Overnight troops pack up and depart.

What is the Gold Rush?

This is the fourth year Troop 22 Whitman runs its invitational Gold Rush. Crew 22 helps by running the stations along the way. Each year the theme and events are different and pose a real challenge along the trail. This year you will take the Yukon Trail!

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 and 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 receive their "Serum". The contents of this box are extremely fragile and must be protected. The Team must safely deliver the entire case to Fairbanks 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 payment 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 funds.

There are 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 money.

Towns must be visited in the correct order and have their Trail Card signed. 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. Finally 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.

Thanks for joining us!

Troop and Crew 22

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

Sled or packs
Patrol flag
20+ - 10' ropes for lashing
100' rope for pulling
6 - 6' Staves or equivalent
Full Axe and sharpening tools
Fire wood
Friction fire-starting gear
First aid kit (splint material, cravat, etc)
Compass
Pencil & paper
Clipboard & cover
Food for lunch
Cooking gear for lunch
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? Webelos may elect to bring a sled.

Scouts and Venturers will build one on the trail. We recommend packs to carry the rest of the team's gear and food.

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.

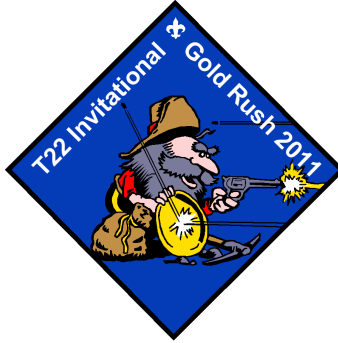
Scouts are more vulnerable to the cold at meals, because they do not move around as much. Prior to any meal, check each scout to see if all his clothing is dry. If not, change into dry clothes before eating.

Event Information

Every year we change the events along the trail. The following are some of the events planned at the towns you will go through on the way. There are additional "Camps" with stores and some special events for bonus gold.

Plan your Course	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.
Travois Build	You need something to carry the serum with you and a travois is just the thing to do it.
Distance Determination	Tell the height and distance of an object far away without using a tape measure.
Blow up the Dam	Figure out a way to light the fuse that leads to the powder keg.
Axeman's Tree Fall	It's Axe-time! Bring down a tree in the right spot.
Woods Tools	Can you show the proper way to handle and sharpen your woods tools?
Fire starting	No matches, fire by friction to get a roaring fire started.
Gourmet Lunch	Show your skills as the best trail cooks on the run. Special Dutch Oven cooking competition also takes place during lunch.
Ice Rescue	Rescue your team member who fell through the ice then perform first aid to save his life.
Log Saw	See how fast you can cut a log with a 2 man bucksaw.
Lumberman's Log Lift	Ever seen a pioneering crane? Think you can run one?
Archery Shoot	Ready, Aim, Fire!
Tell Us About Your Travels	During the day you have to create a map of the course with distance and bearings, to help blaze the trail for the future.

Be prepared for Claim Jumpers, Horse Traders, and special events along the way!!!



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

February 19th, 2011
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 \$4.00 each.

Number of patches _____

Registration Deadline: January 8, 2011