



Sherpas Scale the Summit Polar Bear @ Camp Gorton Jan. 11 - 13, 2019

Hosted by Williamson Road & Thunderbird Districts

When: January 11 - 13, 2019

Where: Mount Bailey @ Camp Gorton, east side of Waneta Lake

Who: YOU ! Units from all Districts are welcome to Scale the Summit !

What: Sherpas Scale the Summit weekend at Camp Gorton. Camp Friday night, Saturday night, both nights, or join for the day on Saturday only. Open to all Sherpa Patrols (Scouts and Venturers) who want to Scale the Summit !

Patrols will work to prove their skill at the stations from Base Camp through to the Summit. Based on their skill level they will earn Rupees which can be used to bid on items during the Everest Auction on Saturday before dinner.

Friday night - cracker barrel and pre-ordered pizza available in the dining hall.
Saturday meals prepared by Order of the Arrow and served in the dining hall.
Sunday breakfast by each Troop at their campsite..

Pre-register by end of day January 8, 2019 with headcount and full payment. Early bird cost is \$25 per attendee (youth and adult). Registration cost after January 8 is \$40 per attendee. Unit leaders of each Troop will be required to run a station.

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Polar Bear 2019 @ Camp Gorton

Friday, January 11, 2019:

- 6:00 - 9:00 p Registration in the Dining Hall and Cracker Barrel for all
(place pizza order by Jan 8, 2019)
- 9:00 - 10:00 p Leaders' meeting & safety briefing in Dining Hall (SPLs and unit leaders)
- 10:00 p Lights out

Saturday, January 12, 2019:

- 7:00 - 8:30 a Breakfast by OA in the Dining Hall
- 8:00 - 9:00 Registration continues in Dining Hall
- 8:30 - 9:00 SPL meeting Dining Hall. Staff & Station Leaders meeting, Dining Hall.
- 9:00 Opening ceremony Parade Field.
- 9:30 SPLs brief their Troop.
- 10:00 - 12:00 Sherpa events open
- Noon Lunch by OA in the Dining Hall
- 12:30 - 2:45 p Sherpa events open
- 3:00 Smoosh race on the Parade Field.
- 4:00 Colors on Parade Field
- 5:00 Everest Auction in Dining Hall
- 6:00 Dinner by OA in the Dining Hall
- 7:00 Sherpa Jeopardy
- 8:00 Patrol skits @ fireplace
- 9:00 Dining Hall cleanup (all)
- 10:00 Lights out

Sunday, January 13, 2019:

- 7:00 - 8:00 a Breakfast by each Troop at their campsite & pack-up
- 8:00 - 8:15 Scout's Own @ Parade Field
- 8:15 - 8:45 Camp pack-up, clean-up, checkout
- 9:00 Depart camp and safe drive home

Sherpas Scale the Summit Station Brief

Scouts will have the opportunity to test their skills needed to Scale the Summit at stations located at base camp (Parade Field), on the trail, and at the summit (hilltop). Patrols will earn Rupees at each station based on their skill, problem solving, teamwork, and Scout spirit. Each patrol will need to bring the items necessary to perform at each station.

It is very likely that you will need to use your **lashing** and **firebuilding** skills around base camp. You may want to pack the right resources to enable those skills. Who knows, those who can build a fire might get rewarded with some tasty treats to warm over that fire.

On your way out of base camp and on your way to the trail heading to the summit it will be important to find your way and to be observant of your surroundings. **Orienteering** and **geocaching** skills will likely come in handy. Can you think of some items to pack that might be useful for those skills?

On the trail heading up to the summit you may find that you have to **cross a ravine** on a narrow plank. Will your patrol be able to transport all of your material across the ravine in one passage and without falling off of the plank? Also while on the trail, can your patrol **identify the tree varieties**?

While scaling the summit there's always a chance for an avalanche! If one of your patrol members gets knocked off the trail by the avalanche hopefully the rest of your patrol is capable of **avalanche recovery** to pull him back to safety!

When your patrol successfully scales the summit you may want to **build a shelter** for protection from the elements! It very possible that after you arrive at the summit one of your patrol mates may need **first aid**!

Near the end of the day's events your patrol will have an opportunity to race against other patrols on **smoosh skis** back at base camp (Parade Field) !

Besides earning Rupees at each station, bonus Rupees will be available for scaling the summit, tent camping, tent camping at temps lower than 30 F, and persuading your unit adults to participate in the smoosh ski race!

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