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Northern Star Scouting

# 2026 KLONDIKE DERBY

## SCOUT SCIENCE

### Registration Packet & Leader Guide

January 24, 2026 Saturday  
Fred C. Anderson Scout Camp  
186 Anderson Scout Camp Rd.  
Houlton, WI 54082

February 21, 2026 Saturday  
Rum River Scout Camp  
15659 Saint Francis Blvd.  
Anoka, MN 55303

Check-in from 7:30 - 8:15 am. Flag Ceremony at 8:30 am.

(No admittance prior to 7:15am.)

Event expected to end no later than 4:45 pm.

8 fun stations and a race to the finish! This outdoor winter event will challenge your most seasoned scouts and engage your newest recruits with skills practice, Merit Badge Work, and teambuilding activities.

**Please read the entire Leaders Guide to ensure a successful event  
for your Scouts.**

Registration closes at midnight on the due date OR when we have reached the maximum capacity for attendees/units. Registering as early as possible is recommended.

Cost:

Scouts:                      Early Bird: \$20  
                                     Regular: \$25

Staff/ Adults:              Early Bird: \$15  
                                     Regular: \$20

Each of the 8 stations has a different activity or challenge. Some stations will require materials supplied by the unit. Please read this section carefully so that your scouts have the supplies they need to be successful.

## **What To Bring- Program Supplies**

- 1 Sled per 8 youth participants.
- 2 Adults per sled. If you have more adults than 2 per sled, we would greatly appreciate their help in supporting the event staff. Ask them to check-in at the base upon arrival. Thank you for any support.
- Adequate clothing for an outdoor winter event. This applies to adults also.
- Medical forms - (one per participant, including adults) and any personal medical supplies.
- Bag lunch – there will not be enough time to cook a lunch. Please plan accordingly with premade lunches for your unit.
- 1 can basic chicken soup or broth per participant. Please no cream soups. We will heat for lunch. Participants with dietary concerns will have their soup prepared individually.
- Mess kit - plate, bowl, cup, spoon, fork, knife (one kit per attendee).
- Water! - It is important to stay hydrated, especially in the winter months when we don't realize how quickly we can dehydrate. All available water locations will be turned off due to winterization. Units should bring water to get through the day. We strongly suggest that each participant have a water bottle and the unit bring ample watercoolers.
- Scout book in a zippered (waterproof) bag (1 per sled).
- Bring what you would need to build a fire that will burn for 20 minutes. (one set per sled). **No Liquid fuels or fire starters allowed.**
- Matches (in a waterproof bag.)
- Snow Shovel (1 per sled).

### Optional Items:

- Troop and/or patrol flag(s), no poles. (1 per sled).
- Non-perishable food items to be donated to the food shelf.
- Chemistry Merit Badge Book and/or Worksheet.

Note we love our small units! If you are a small unit, you may be paired with other small units for the station rotations. It will be up to the scouts if they would like to remain paired up for the big race. If your unit has 1-3 youth attending, they may participate in an "All-Star Sled Team" contact the event coordinator for details and to ensure your youth are added to an "All-Star" team. If your unit has more than 8 scouts, we will divide you into sleds to keep the teams fair. Do not let numbers be a barrier. Contact the Event Coordinator with questions or concerns.

## **What To Bring - Winter Gear**

In winter conditions, dressing correctly can do more than keep you comfortable - it can keep you safe. Dress in layers so you can add or remove articles of clothing to regulate your temperature and be sure to include layers that wick away moisture, block wind and keep you warm.

- Wick - Your innermost (base) layer should be made of material that draws moisture away from your body.
- Warm - Your middle layer or layers should trap the heat your body generates.
- Wind - Your outermost layer should block the wind.

Avoid cotton, when possible, especially in your base layer (where it has the potential to hold moisture and make you feel colder).

Here is a recommended list of clothing articles to bring:

- Long-sleeved shirt
- Long pants
- Sweater (fleece or wool)
- Long underwear (polypropylene recommended)
- Hiking boots, winter boots, or sturdy shoes
- Socks (wool or synthetic) extra pairs are encouraged
- Warm parka or jacket
- Stocking cap/ hat (fleece or wool)
- Mittens or gloves (fleece or wool and preferably with water-resistant shells)
- Scarf
- Rain gear (for layering or in case of warmer weather)

## **General Details**

- This event is designed around patrols of 8. If you are a smaller unit, be aware that we may team you with another smaller group or unit. If you are over 8 scouts, we will divide you to keep the teams fair. Scouts that wish to attend and be placed on a team with other scouts may join an All-Star Sled. Contact the event coordinator for details.
- For the race, no more than 8 scouts per team, per sled. Bring extra sleds if you are over and need to divide into 2 teams. Only one rider on a sled at a time.
- You will be given a rotation/patrol number at check-in. Please follow the rotation schedule for your patrol.
- Arrow of Light Scouts who are actively visiting Troops for potential crossovers are welcome to join this event. Arrow of Light Scouts must bring a parent with them. Scoutmasters of the Troop being visited must include visiting Arrow of Light Scouts, and their parents, in their unit's registration.
- **Arrow of Light Scouts should not register without a troop.** (see above)
- To keep all programming age-appropriate, this event is not open to WeBeLoS, Bear, Wolf, Tiger, or Lion Cub Scouts.
- Please have all documents – roster, health forms, etc. – ready at check-in. Unit vehicles should arrive together, with the adult leader who has the documents in the lead car.
- Please read the “What to Bring” section to best set your unit up for success.
- Troop trailers are welcome; however, they will need to be parked in the parking lot and gear will be hiked in. A limited number of rickshaws may be available. Plastic sleds make great “personal rickshaws”!
- Fires may only be started in fire rings.
- Please park all vehicles in designated parking spaces only. No parking on the road is allowed. Temporary drop-off or pick up is acceptable, but the vehicle must be moved to parking within a reasonable amount of time. This is to comply with fire code and prevent safety issues.
- All Scouts must be properly clothed for winter weather. Dress in layers, warm coats, water-proof boots, snow pants, gloves/mittens, etc. **No cotton! No tennis shoes!**
- No flammable fluids, explosives, or items not permitted by the BSA. (the BSA definition of “fuel” for fires is wood not gas). See the Guide to Safe Scouting for more details.
- Water may not be available at camp. Please remember to have each Scout bring a full water bottle.
- Remember to have Scouts prepared with water bottles that can stay under their coat to prevent freezing. A troop watercooler is strongly suggested.
- A map of the stations and schedule will be provided at check-in.
- Units not following the guidelines will be asked to leave.

This year's Klondike Derby Event Coordinator is Sara-Marie Malewitz. Please contact Mrs. Malewitz with any questions: [Dmalewitz@me.com](mailto:Dmalewitz@me.com)

## 2026 Klondike Patrol Rotation Schedule

### 30 Minutes with 5 minutes to pass - 8 Stations

		Patrol	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Start Time	End								
Check-In	7:30 AM	8:15 AM	Check-in / Registration							
Flags	8:30 AM	8:45 AM	Flags							
Period 1	8:50 AM	9:20 AM	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4	Station 5	Station 6	Station 7	Station 8
Period 2	9:25 AM	9:55 AM	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4	Station 5	Station 6	Station 7	Station 8	Station 1
Period 3	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Station 3	Station 4	Station 5	Station 6	Station 7	Station 8	Station 1	Station 2
Period 4	10:35 AM	11:05 AM	Station 4	Station 5	Station 6	Station 7	Station 8	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3
Period 5	11:10 AM	11:40 AM	Station 5	Station 6	Station 7	Station 8	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4
Period 6	11:45 AM	12:15 AM	Station 6	Station 7	Station 8	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4	Station 5
Lunch	12:20 AM	1:05 PM	Lunch							
Period 7	1:10 PM	1:40 PM	Station 7	Station 8	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4	Station 5	Station 6
Period 8	1:45 PM	2:15 PM	Station 8	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4	Station 5	Station 6	Station 7
RACE!!	2:20 PM	4:30 PM	RACE!! - Done in shifts							
Closing	4:30 PM	4:45 PM	Closing / Awards							

### Help!!

The Klondike Derby is a labor-intensive volunteer-planned and -run event.

Now that the Klondike is a Council-wide event, the need for help has grown exponentially. Your Klondike planning committee is working hard to create a fun and engaging experience. We are excited to see you all at the 2025 events. We will need your help on the day of the event.

The 2025 Klondike will have nine different events requiring 3-4 individuals to monitor, administrate, and score each event. If you will have 'extra' adult leaders, older scouts, or parents attending the Klondike with your unit, please contact Sara-Marie Malewitz (DMalewitz@me.com.)

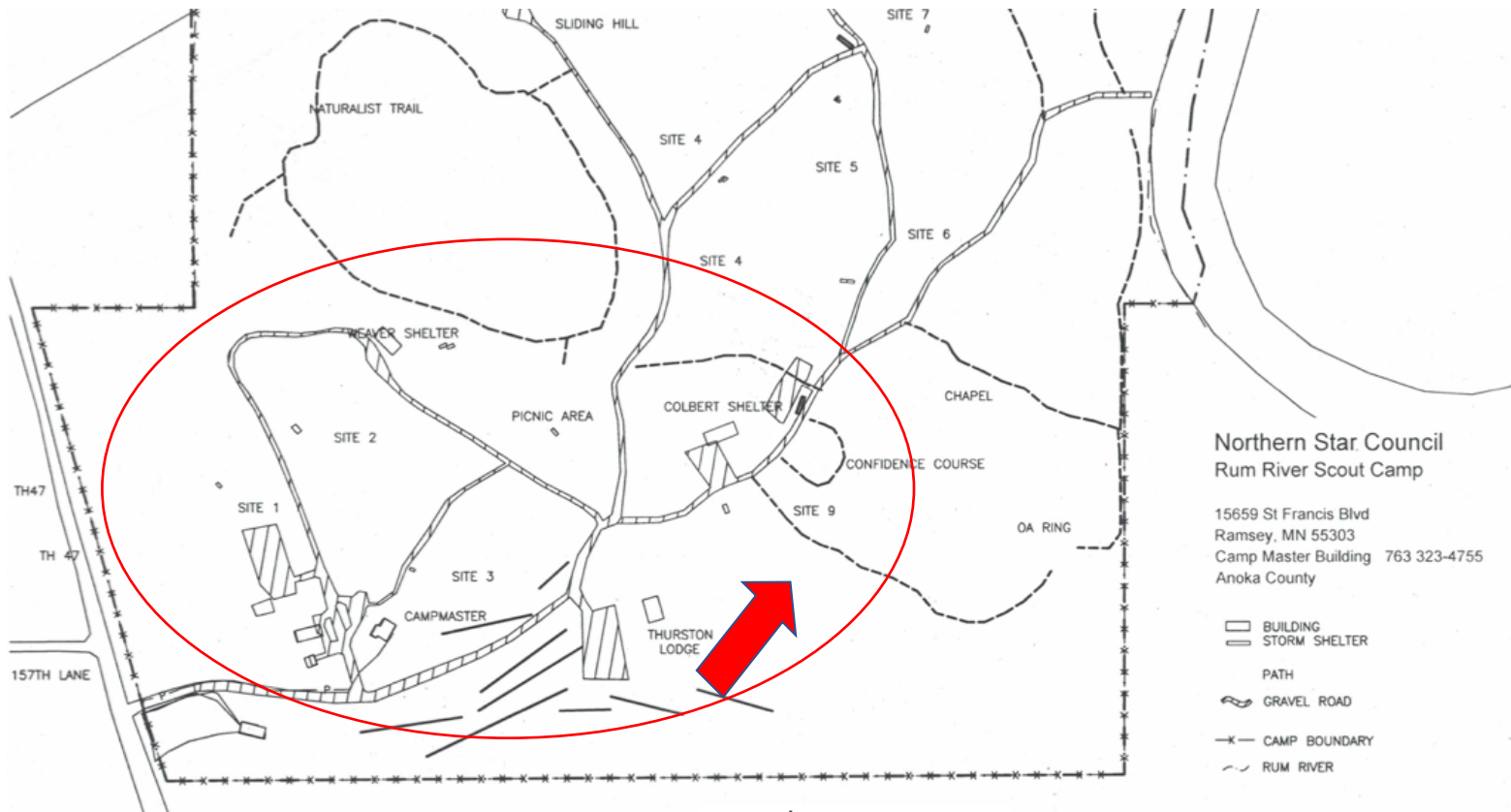
THANK YOU.

#### **Calm Space Sponsored by the Northern Star Scouting Special Needs & Disabilities Committee:**

This year members of the Northern Star Scouting Special Needs and Disabilities Committee are available in Swanson Lodge at Fred C. Andersen and Colbert Lodge at Rum River with calming activities and a space for scouts to take a sensory break. The purpose of this space is to help scouts who may be having difficulties prepare themselves for the remainder of the day's activities. This is also a great opportunity for unit leaders to meet members of the Special Needs & Disabilities team, introduce themselves, and/or ask questions of this team. Please stop in and say Hello when time permits.

# Directions

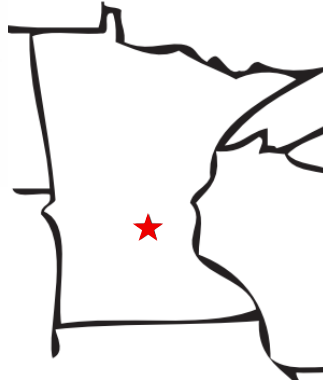
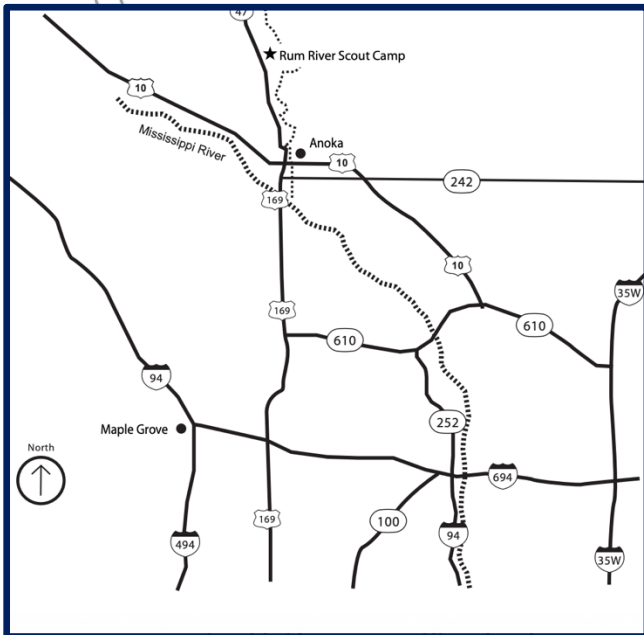
The Rum River Klondike Derby will take place in the three buildings and the area around them.



## Northern Star Council Rum River Scout Camp

15659 St Francis Blvd  
Ramsey, MN 55303  
Camp Master Building 763 323-4755  
Anoka County

- BUILDING
- STORM SHELTER
- PATH
- GRAVEL ROAD
- CAMP BOUNDARY
- RUM RIVER



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The Fred C. Andersen Klondike Derby will take place in the upper Activity Field(s) by Swanson and Valley View Lodges.

