



# WTAC WINTERFEST 2026

January 30<sup>th</sup> - February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

@ **TN National Guard Base**

320 Spring Creek Rd. Lavinia, TN  
38348

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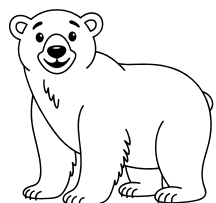


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**\$25 General Registration**  
**\$5 Staff Registration**



## WTAC 2026 WINTERFEST SCHEDULE

**Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Registration (eat before you arrive or cook in campsite; **Trading Post Opens**)

**8:00 p.m.** Cracker Barrel & Orientation (Scoutmaster & SPL)

**11:00 p.m.** Taps & Lights Out (**Trading Post Closes**)

**Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

**7:00 a.m.** Reveille

**7:15 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.** Breakfast & Cleanup (**In Troop Campsite**)

**8:00 a.m.** Morning Gathering & Flag Raising Ceremony

**8:15 a.m.** Merit Badge Classes Begin

**12:00 p.m.** Merit Badge Classes End

**12:15 p.m.** Lunch (**Trading Post/Pop Up Shop Opens**)

- a. Lunch for Adult Leaders in DFAC I-224
- b. Lunch for Scouts in DFAC I-220

**1:30 p.m.** Activities, Continuation of Classes, & Campsite Inspections

- a. Klondike Derby
- b. Rock Climbing Wall
- c. Polar Plunge
- d. Bingo, Chess, & Other Activities TBD

**4:00 p.m.** Supper (**In Troop Campsite**)

**5:00 p.m.** Flag Lowering Ceremony

**6:00 p.m.** Pop Up Shop Closes

**7:00 p.m.** Campfire (**Location TBD depending on weather**)

**7:30 p.m.** OA Itawamba Lodge Callout Ceremony

**8:00 p.m.** S'mores (After Callout Ceremony)

**11:00 p.m.** Taps & Lights Out (**Trading Post Closes**)

**Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

**7:00 a.m.** Reveille

**7:15 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.** Breakfast & Cleanup (**In Troop Campsite**)

**8:00 a.m.** Worship Service

**8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** Checkout (**No checkout inspections will be performed until after service**)

## **GENERAL INFORMATION & RULES**

### **1. Registration:**

- a. Scouts \$25
- b. Adult Leaders \$25
- c. Staff \$5

### **2. Address:**

- a. 320 Spring Creek Rd. Lavinia, TN 38348

### **3. Saturday Lunch:**

- a. Scout's lunch will be served at 12:30 in DFAC I-220; Meal includes a cheeseburger, chips, cookies, drinks, and burger fixings.
- b. The Adult leaders lunch will start at 12:30 in DFAC I-224; Sponsored by US Food Services and served by WTAC Council Commissioners volunteer staff.

### **4. Sleeping Arrangements:**

- a. Women's Barracks – I-233
- b. Men's Barracks – I-201 through I-217

### **5. Activity Locations:**

- a. The campfire location will be announced at Winterfest, depending upon rain and ground conditions.
- b. Afternoon activities will primarily be held in the main grass field next to the parking lot if weather conditions are stable.

### **6. Every Unit will have a QR code provided at check in for them to view schedules, announcements, etc. on their mobile device.**

### **7. Blue cards will be emailed to leaders following the event.**

Please help make this a fun filled, happy and safe Winterfest by having all members of your troop/pack abide by the following rules.

### **1. Dress Code:** Scout Uniforms should be worn to and from Winterfest. They should also be worn in attendance to merit badge classes, flag ceremonies, Saturday night bonfire, and the Sunday morning worship service.

### **2. Check-in procedures:** Check in and register at Admin Building I-225, by Friday Night cracker barrel. No registrations or fees should be turned in any later than Saturday Morning at 8:30 A.M.

- 3. Checkout procedures:** Please notify event representatives before departing on Sunday morning. Sites will need to be confirmed as adequately cleaned before departure. Your unit will receive a checkout packet with patches, health forms, and other pertinent items upon confirmation of checkout.
- 4. Visitors:** All visitors **MUST** check-in at the admin building and have the on-site unit leaders sign-in approval upon arrival. Parents and siblings will be allowed to watch the games but are not permitted to participate and are asked to depart the base before Saturday night Taps. Any guests not acting in accordance with all BSA and National Guard rules will be asked to leave.
- 5. Scouts leaving Winterfest:** Any minor that needs to leave camp must be checked out with Scoutmaster approval and parent/guardian.
- 6. Vehicles:** must be parked and out of the way of activities by 8:00 P.M. Friday night. No parking of vehicles along the street between barracks. Vehicles are allowed in the gravel barracks area lots only if hooked to a trailer.
- 7. Trash:** Bagging and disposal of all garbage is the responsibility of each troop. Pack it in, pack it out. Onsite dumpsters may be available for use.
- 8. Firewood:** Each troop is expected to provide their own large wood for fires. Use only downed wood. Do not cut on live trees. Fires must be 15ft. from buildings.
- 9. Barracks:**
  1. If there is plastic on mattresses, it must remain on mattresses. Do not cut off or remove.
  2. If there are areas with markings on the floor around cots/bunks, the cots/bunks must stay in this area.
- 10. Campfires and cooking:**
  1. Cooking must be Leave No Trace. No digging holes. No ash on the ground or parking lot. No dumping ash in the ditch.

2. **Meals and Cooking will be the responsibility of each individual unit except for lunch on Saturday.**
3. Each unit should have its menu and duty roster posted. These should be readable by anyone who visits their site.

### **11. General Information:**

1. No dogs or other pets are permitted (unless certified service animal).
2. Radios, speakers, or other technological equipment are not permitted within the barracks.
3. No hauling scouts in the back of trucks/trailers.
4. No cutting on live trees or surrounding vegetation.
5. All language used at Winterfest must follow the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> points of the scout law.
6. Campfire program is a traditional campfire program that will be featured on Saturday night. All campfire skits, songs, and run-ons must be scouting appropriate. Vespers will be sung at closing.
7. Upon arrival if any damage is noticed please take a photo and inform an event organizer before setting up.
8. All rules of the road must be obeyed while driving on The United States National Guard Bureau property. This includes but is not limited to seatbelts worn at all times, speed limit, and lane differentiation.
9. There is a road crossing between main base area and the training facility. All Scouts and leaders must use designated crossing areas and must use all applicable pedestrian safety procedures to cross the road.

### **12. What to Bring:**

1. Scout Handbook & Pencil and Paper
2. Scout Uniform (including OA Sash if applicable)
3. Bedding for bunk beds (i.e. sleeping bag, sheets, pillows, blankets, etc.)
4. Toiletries (i.e. soap, towel, toothbrush/toothpaste, deodorant etc.)
5. Clothing for three days and two nights (be prepared for the cold; avoid cotton; Many activities will take place in the outdoors)
6. Clothing and towel if participating in Polar Plunge
7. First Aid Kit & Water Canteen
8. Rain Jacket

### **13. Merit Badges & Classes Offered**

1. Leader Specific Training (Leaders Only)
2. Chainsaw Certification Class Portion (Leaders Only)
3. Chess
4. Communications
5. Crime Prevention/Fingerprinting
6. Dog Care
7. Dutch Oven Cooking
8. Engineering
9. Cooking
10. Family Life
11. Geocaching
12. Mining in Society/Geology
13. Music
14. Chemistry
15. Woodworking
16. Photography
17. Art
18. Scouting Heritage & Scouting Skills
19. Home Repairs & Painting

## KLONDIKE DERBY

This is a Troop vs. Troop activity where units will go head-to-head in a scouting skills and physicality competition. Units must have a minimum of 4 scouts to participate and a maximum of 8. Units with less than 4 are welcome to partner with other troops to make a team. Units are allowed to make multiple teams.

### Competitions

1. Sled Pull – Each team will be assigned a sled that they must have their scoutmaster hop on and ride as they pull them through the obstacle course.
2. Tug O' War – Each team will go head-to-head in a tug O' war competition.
3. Bear Bag – Units must tie a bag up and then properly secure it to a tree to protect their belongings from the bears.
4. Group Ski Race – Units will mount one pair of ski's walking as a team to reach the finish line as safely and quickly as possible.
5. Survival Rope Throw – Units must demonstrate rope rescue simulating an ice break through.
6. Lashing Competition – Units must complete a series of lashings in a timed competition.
7. Knot Tying Competition – Units must successfully tie a series of knots in a timed competition (one participant per knot).
8. First Aid – Units must demonstrate how to properly perform a specified first aid task.
9. Log Saw – Scouts must use a handsaw to saw through a 6" log in as safe and timely a manner as possible.

### Scoring

- All the event stations emphasize Scout skills, unit teamwork, leadership, and fun!
- All stations will have a pre-determined maximum possible score based on factors such as time, completeness, proper knots, etc. Units will then have a "Unit multiplier" assigned to them to ensure Unit

stacking (i.e. Eagle units) won't blow away the competition. Natural Units are encouraged as much as possible. While it still allows older Scout units to do well and potentially win the competition, it won't allow them to completely dominate the other units.

- The Score modification process is outlined below.
  - Eagle Scouts 85%
  - Life / Star was a 90%
  - Second Class / First Class was a 95%
  - Scout / Tenderfoot was a 100%
  - If you had a patrol of 5 scouts: 2 tenderfoot, 1 first class, 1 Star, 1 Life:
    - $2 \times 1.0 = 2$
    - $1 \times .95 = .95$
    - $1 \times .90 = .90$
    - $1 \times .90 = .90$
    - Total of  $4.75 / 5 =$  patrol modifier of .95

## **Polar Plunge**

This is an individual activity that Scouts and leaders alike can participate in and earn an exclusive patch! Participants must fully submerge into a water tank, simulating swimming in the arctic, to earn the Polar Plunge patch.

**We are excited to have you and your unit at  
Winterfest 2026! We are looking forward to a great  
weekend of fellowship and fun!**



# Winterfest 2026 – Klondike Derby

## Unit Registration Form

### Unit Information

Unit Type:

Unit Number:

### Primary Adult Leader

Name:

Position:

Phone:

Email:

### Emergency Contact

Name:

Phone:

### Team (Sled) Information

Number of Teams:

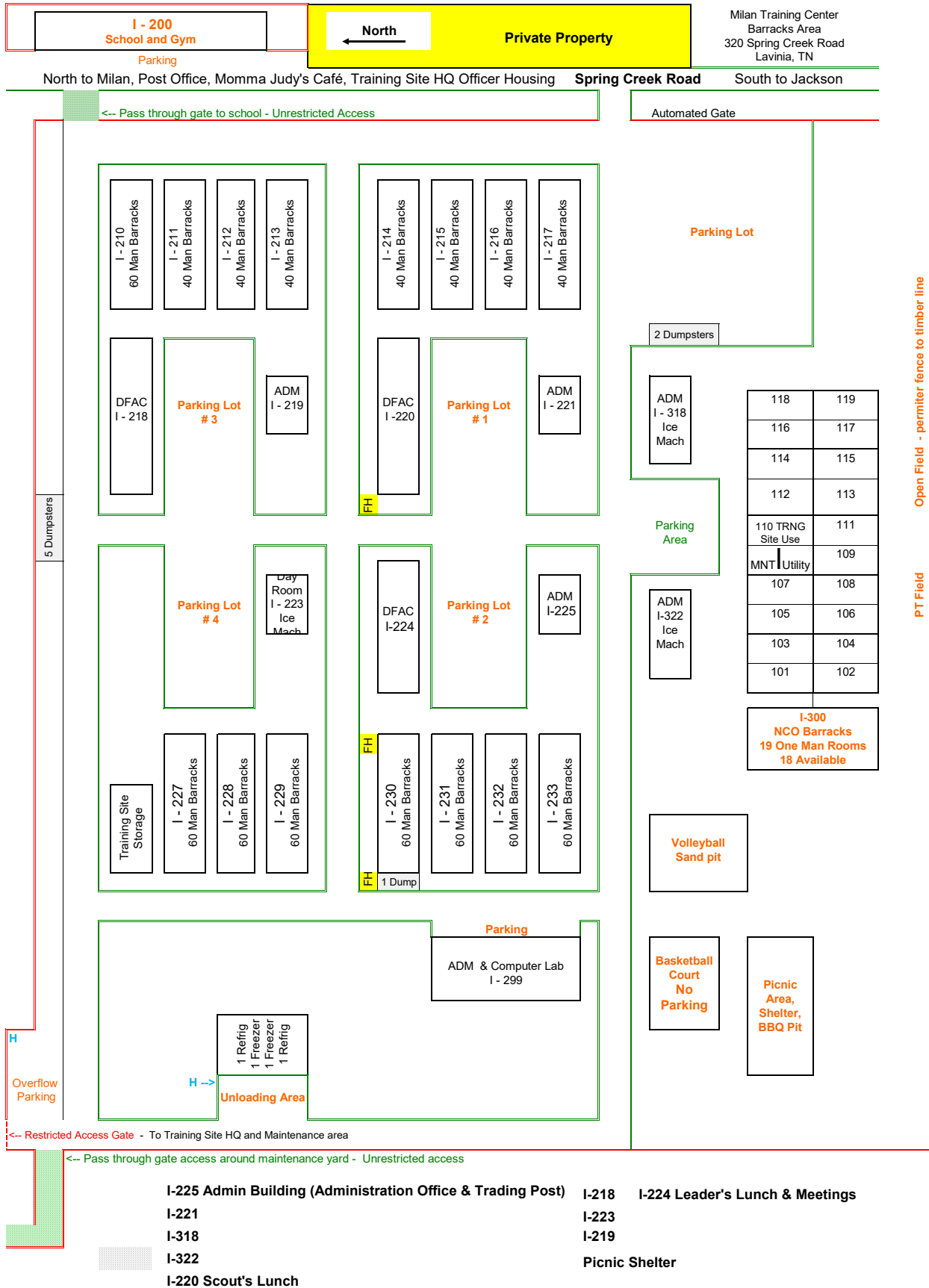
Team Name / Number:

#	Youth Name	Rank	Age	Notes
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				

### Adult Advisor Assigned to Team

Name:

Phone:



# WTAC 2026 Winterfest Barrack Inspection

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Barrack #: \_\_\_\_\_

## **BARRACKS CLEANLINESS (35 points total)**

- Barracks are tidy and organized. Beds are made, personal gear is stored neatly, and walkways are clear. (10)
- Trash is properly disposed of in provided bins. No litter is visible inside the barracks. (10)
- Bathrooms are clean and orderly, with no excessive water or trash. (10)
- Lights and equipment in the barracks are turned off when not in use. (5)

## **COOKING AREA SETUP (30 points total)**

- Cooking area in the lot is well-organized. Equipment and supplies are stored neatly. (10)
- Food is stored properly in coolers or sealed containers. (10)
- Cooking and prep surfaces are clean and sanitized. (10)

## **SAFETY AND HYGIENE (30 points total)**

- Troops have an adequate first aid kit clearly visible and accessible. (10)
- Fire safety equipment (e.g., fire extinguisher, bucket & water) is available and in good condition. (10)
- Proper handwashing station or hand sanitizer is available in the cooking area. (5)
- Knives and other tools are safely stored when not in use. (5)

**TROOP SPIRIT AND PRESENTATION (20 points total)**

- Troop/patrol flag(s) are displayed prominently and proudly in the cooking or barracks area. (5)
- Uniforms are neat, and scouts exhibit positive attitudes and teamwork. (10)
- Troop displays creativity or thoughtfulness in their setup (e.g., decorations, camp gadgets in parking lot area). (5)

**TROOP ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION (40 points total)**

- Evidence of separate patrol sites (if applicable). (10)
- Scout meals prepared by youth, not by adults. (10)
- Troop/Patrol menu posted in Patrol site and kept dry. (10)
- Troop/Patrol duty roster posted in patrol site and kept dry. (10)

**CONDUCT (12 points total)**

- Conduct in keeping with the Scout Oath or Law. (12)

**TOTAL POINTS (167)**