

The Klondike Set-Up

Fifteen degree weather and large amounts of snow did not stop 777 from camping in Butler this past weekend. Actually, it may have been the perfect weather for the events that were to be tested for the up and coming Klondike. Events like Scurling, scout bowling, ski- launching, and sling shot luge, are very impractical to do without snow.

Elvis left the building around 7:30p, and from there it was off to the Boy Scout reservation Camp Butler. There were no tents to set up because the troop was staying in Adirondacks.



This is the scurling track where Brandon had just wiped out.

Saturday, the scouts were awakened at eight in the morning and started breakfast. Following that, a scurling course was developed at the camp site. Scurling works like this; two scouts (one on each side) will pull a scout on a sled and try to propel him onto one of the point areas. Next on the agenda was scout bowling. This involves aiming one scout on a sled down a hill to take out the pins and get a strike. Scout bowling was largely enjoyed by all. Soon after Scout bowling, another Klondike game was developed. Ski-launching is a combination of speed and balance. In this game you have to launch a ski through different distances of hoops from a jump. There were some

scouts who wanted to do a manned version but that idea was deemed dangerous by Mr. York.

After a good morning's work, lunch time had arrived. The three patrols all had very different meals, cold cuts, pockets of gold and coke fried sausages were all on the menu. Following cleanup, 777 moved on to the Mr. York luge. Using pulleys attached to two posts, a sled and a victim would then pull back the ropes so the other scouts on both sides can run with the slack and send them down the hill. Next 777 cooked dinners of a delicious smokey mac and cheese, tasty chili, and yummy spaghetti. Many went to bed following dinner but some also sat by the fire. Overall it was a fun, productive campout.



This is 777 after a long morning of playing in the snow.