Northern Light District Winter Games Camporee



January 30 – February 1, 2026 Mill Pond Recreation Area West Newbury, MA

Early, Early Edition

6/4/2026



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When: January 30 – February 1, 2026

Where: Mill Pond Recreation Area

West Newbury, MA

Cost: \$9.00 per Scout or Scout Leader

Competitions: Winter Games

Soup, Stew or Chowder Cooking

NOTE: The specifications and rules which follow are subject to change. Any changes will be published as soon as possible. If any changes are made, they will be made primarily for clarification or safety reasons.

Any questions may be directed to the Northern Light District Activities Committee at nldbsactivties@comcast.net or by calling Committee Chairman Paul Taylor at 603-819-1897.



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Check-in

All units must check in at upon arrival. Headquarters will be the building down by the pond. All units shall submit a roster of all participants and note the location where in camp that they have set up their camp. All participants must be properly registered.

Parking

All unit vehicles must be parked in the parking lot as directed by event staff. No parking will be allowed in camping areas. Some cars may be directed to park at the ball field lot above the area.

For each vehicle, units will be given a form on which to show their name and unit number and are asked to put this form on the dashboard of each vehicle. This will aid event staff in contacting the driver should the car need to be moved or any other problem arises.

Camping Areas

Camping areas will not be assigned; units are welcome to set up most anywhere in the camping field, though some areas are reserved for program. <u>No</u> vehicles, including trailers, are allowed in the camping areas.

Leader Meeting and Crackerbarrel

This is a mandatory meeting for Scoutmasters and SPLs beginning at 9:00 PM on Friday at the building by the pond. Any unit not in camp overnight must send representatives to this meeting.

Campfires

Units should bring their own firewood with them, though some can be found in the wooded areas. No live trees are to be cut. Campfires are to be off ground. Ashes and other fire remnants must be properly disposed of.

Trash

Carry in and carry out. Units must take all trash out of camp with them. Be sure to police your camp site for trash before leaving.

Water

Water is not available on the property. Please bring an initial amount with you. We will make water runs for units. Water jugs should be brought to the building and left by the back porch. Please mark all water jugs with your troop number.

Saturday Night Campfire

It is planned to have a traditional campfire on Saturday evening in front of the building by the pond. All units are asked to perform a skit or lead a song. Troop ??? of Groveland is the service unit and will host the campfire. Units are to submit their plans for the campfire to the campfire emcee who will be named at the Friday Leaders' meeting.

Program

Patrols will move from station to station to take part in a variety of winter games.

All patrols should have a sledge (sled)

Cooking Competition

Units are welcome to prepare a soup, stew or chowder for this competition. The meal must be prepared and cooked at the event. Dishes must be brought to the headquarters by 7:00 PM. A paper with the troop and patrol name, the name of the dish, and a list of ingredients must be submitted with the dish.

Units are asked to inform the event chairman of their intent to submit an entry to this competition.



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Friday, January 30

5:00 PM Registration/check-in begins – Check-in the Mill Pond building

Units set up campsites

9:00 PM Leader meeting (SMs and SPLs) and cracker-barrel – Mill Pond Building

Saturday, January 31

9:00 AM Opening Ceremony

9:15 AM Patrols travel to their first game and begin.

12:00 PM Lunch break

1:30 PM Program resumes

4:00 PM Program concludes

5:30 PM Cooking contest judging begins - Mill Pond Building

7:00 PM Cooking judging – Entry period ends

8:00 PM Campfire & closing (slope in front of Mill Pond Building)

Sunday, February 1

Overnight units break camp