

**ALGONQUIN DISTRICT**  
Presents  
**KON TIKI meets**  
**The Pirates of Putnam Valley**



**DURLAND SCOUT RESERVATION ON CLEAR LAKE**  
**September 22nd ~ 23rd, 2018**

Ahoy, Mateys! Start your Scouting year with a SPLASH!

***Shiver me timbers,*** me buckos, Kon Tiki has been a staple of Algonquin District events for almost 40 years, and even longer as a Rye Scouting event! Scout-powered home-built rafts are maneuvered around a half-mile course by two Scouts per raft on Clear Lake. While underway, a small cooking fire is built and a pancake prepared for the Pirate Chief. And, me hearties, it'd better be a beauty or you might find yourself visiting Davy Jones's Locker!

BOTH SCOUTS RACING MUST BE CERTIFIED BSA SWIMMERS and pfd's are required at all times on or near water. Lifeguards and chase boats are provided for safety. Units leaders need not complete "Safety Afloat", but training is always encouraged. The number of racing slots each troop intends to use must be pre-booked to allow scheduling.

For the Kon-Tiki patrols are required to build their own rafts for the challenges, but owning a raft is not necessary for getting Scouts into the races. There may be rafts from past Kon-Tiki's that may be used or newly constructed by the patrol is the objective of our event. Patrols must still provide the firewood, on-raft fireproof cooking area, pancake batter may be pre-made ashore, any additional touches to the standard pancake will also score high marks for that patrol. Participants must build a wood-fire and camp stoves of any sort are not permitted on the raft.

This year's Pirate Theme activities will include on-shore activities such as a Treasure Hunt, Nautical Knots, Walking the Plank, Talk Like a Pirate contest, and other

challenging Scouting skills. A Pirate Pot-Luck Dinner (non-judged) and a judged Dutch Oven Pirate Dessert are included in the activities.

None of the above stations are written in stone at this point, but are designed to entice units to participate in the event. Unit leader feedback is encouraged during the event planning stage and any and all unit leaders are welcome to participate with the activities committee. The event highlight continues to be the raft races.

As with all Algonquin Boy Scout events, the Mohican District Scouts and Girl Scout Troops are officially invited to attend. Webelos are also encouraged to attend with the invitation of a Boy Scout troop, but cannot participate in the races.

The chief architect for the Kon-Tiki races in Algonquin District was the much beloved Scouter and Scoutmaster Troop 8 Scarsdale, Anthony J. Paterno. Tony wrote the book on the Campmaster Corps at Durland. He chaired the Kon-Tiki event each year for over 20 years. A ground-breaking for a Day Pavillion will be held on Kon Tiki day to commemorate a durable memorial to Mr. Paterno's many contributions to Scouting. A special patch will be made in his honor.

A FaceBook page has been created, and all are encouraged to join-in and contribute any pictures from past Kon-Tiki's. Especially welcome would be historical pictures from the 1920's from Rye's Mead pond races.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1979439705642141/>

In the facebook link, please sign up, and start uploading your old photos of past glorious or not so glorious Kon-Tiki's!

Check out the [Raft Builders' Guide](#) and [Kon Tiki Racing Rules](#) for further details and information. Start collecting your flotation materials NOW.

Fees: \$15 **per person**, which includes a patch and a donation to the Anthony Paterno Pavillion Fund.

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