

March 2025



Dear Friends:

2024 was an extremely successful year. The council and Thunderbird Club took on an ambitious agenda, but we managed to get it all done. Here's a list of the projects that were completed in 2024.

- Purchase of an updated camp map for the Office Kiosk
- Construction of a bouldering wall / instructional pavilion at the Climbing Tower
- Completion of the Verhoff Patient Care Center at the Health Lodge
- Installation of a Mega Chess board and set near the Trading Post
- Installation of a new sound system in the Dining Hall
- Installation of an improved basketball and pickleball court
- Installation of signs designating projects completed by the Thunderbird Club in camp
- Purchase of a corn hole set

In total, this was just short of \$25,000 worth of improvements. Thank you all for your continued support!

I know it's been a slow process, but we have a path forward for the STEM Center. After many challenges, the council has finally closed on the carbon credit deal, and the STEM Center is at the top of the project list. In addition, this year's Thunderbird Club funded projects are as follows:

- Build a pavilion at the Cub Range to cover the firing line (*already funded*)
- Make repairs to the Ice House floor (*already funded*)
- Install a 9 hole Disc Golf Course (*see donation form for sponsorship opportunity*)
- Match a council donation to purchase new bunks for the 12 old and 3 new lean-tos
- Help with the costs for a Sporting Arrows program at the Archery Range

I hope you will again support our efforts to provide the Scouts of this area a quality program. This year, for a donation of \$25.00 made prior to June 1, you will receive a 2025 Thunderbird Club water bottle sticker bearing the camp patch design. For a donation of \$100.00 or more made prior to June 1, you will receive this year's T-bird Club special edition camp patch and sticker. For donations of \$250.00 or more you will receive the first in a new series of RSR commemorative council strips depicting camp landmarks as well as the T-bird Club patch and sticker. We will also continue our perpetual plaque recognition in the Dining Hall. There are recognition plaques for accrued donations of \$500, \$1000, \$5000, and \$10,000.

As usual, Thunderbird Club members are invited to be our guests for dinner on Thursday, July 10, 2025. This will be during week one which will allow members to see the camp in operation. Please be our guest that evening at 6:00 P.M. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Yours in Scouting,

Ed Keilen



**THUNDERBIRD CLUB
DONATION FORM**

Your Name: _____

Total Donation Amount: \$ _____

I understand that this money will be used to fund the following projects:

- Install a 9 hole Disc Golf Course (*DM Ed Keilen or email me at thunderbirdclub@rsrbsa.org if you (or you and some friends) are interested in sponsoring a specific hole on the course for \$500*)
- Help with the costs for a Sporting Arrows program at the Archery Range
- Match a council donation to install new bunks in the lean-tos

I understand that after these projects have been fully funded, any additional money raised will be spent on other Rotary Scout Reservation projects or carried over to the 2026 calendar year to be spent on future Rotary Scout Reservation projects.

Signature: _____

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Twin Rivers Council
"Thunderbird Club" in the Comment Field

MAIL DONATIONS WITH THIS FORM TO:

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Attn: Thunderbird Club
253 Washington Ave. Ext.
Albany, NY 12205