



**NORTH COUNTRY SPORTS COUNCIL**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **NYC Youth Embark on Unforgettable Winter Adventure with The Jamaican Bobsled Team**

*Saranac Lake, NY - (March 20, 2024)* The North Country Sports Council, in collaboration with Hydro Quebec and the Hotel Saranac, is bringing youth from South Queens, New York to the North Country. From March 22nd to 24th, 2024, these young explorers will embark on a transformative experience as they shadow the Jamaican Bobsled team.

"We are proud to partner with Hydro Quebec to provide this immersive experience for youth from Queens," said Matthew Dougherty, Executive Director of the North Country Sports Council. "It will ignite their passion for winter sports, expose them to Olympic history, and connect them to the incredible athletes from the Jamaican Bobsled team while connecting them to the rich natural history of the Adirondacks."

The highlight of the weekend will be the opportunity for the youth to shadow the legendary Jamaican Bobsled Team as they compete in the World Cup bobsled event. They will gain invaluable insights into the team's training regimen, competitive spirit, and unwavering determination.

"On behalf of Troop 144B and Girl Scout Troop 4704 we are grateful and honored by the opportunity to experience the beautiful Adirondack Park. Troop 144."- Bridgett Smith Committee Member

The youth will also embark on educational excursions to iconic North Country landmarks, including the historic John Brown Farm, the Olympic Venues, and the Wild Center in Tupper Lake. These visits will deepen their understanding of American history, environmental conservation, and the science behind winter sports.

"The Adirondack Council is honored to be part of this wonderful opportunity for the Scouts and New York youth to explore and enjoy their Adirondack Park which is a gift to all New Yorkers," said Aaron Mair of the Adirondack Council.

The youth will be accompanied by experienced mentors throughout the weekend, ensuring their safety and maximizing their learning experience. The program is designed to inspire them to pursue their dreams, regardless of their background or circumstances.

"We're excited to host a group of Boys & Girl Scouts from Queens in the beautiful Adirondacks- the lungs of New York State. Connecting with this environmental jewel is a powerful life-changing experience. It's our privilege as well to partner with the North Country Sports Council on this program which will also include unique opportunities for the Scouts to learn about the abolitionist movement, world-class sports infrastructure, and the Jamaican bobsled team that now calls the Adirondacks home. Feel the rhythm, cool runnings!" -Pete Rose, Hydro-Quebec

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## **ABOUT THE NORTH COUNTRY SPORTS COUNCIL:**

The North Country Sports Council is a not-for-profit charitable organization, IRS 501 (C) (3) with a mission through the power of sport, events, and entertainment to foster economic development by attracting and/or further developing events with a goal of improving our citizens' quality of life and elevating the brand of the North Country.

For more information go to [www.northcountrysports.org](http://www.northcountrysports.org)

## **ABOUT THE HYDRO-QUEBEC:**

Hydro-Québec is the largest renewable energy producer in North America. For decades, the company has been a trusted partner for New York, providing clean power to the State in support of its clean energy, climate action and reliability needs.

## **ABOUT THE CHAMPLAIN HUDSON POWER EXPRESS:**

CHPE is an underground and underwater transmission line spanning approximately 339 miles between the Canada–U.S. border and New York City.

CHPE will provide hydropower from Québec that is expected to lower climate emissions and local air pollutants, as well as electricity generation costs throughout the state by \$17 billion over the first 25 years of operation, all the while providing increased reliability and resiliency for the downstate grid. The project also provides a total of \$3.5 billion in economic benefits to New Yorkers and creates approximately 1,400 family-sustaining jobs during construction, with a commitment to use union labor. CHPE will provide an economic boost to 73 municipalities and 59 school districts throughout New York State with an increase in incremental tax revenue of \$1.4 billion in funding for local communities over the first 25 years of the project. CHPE will provide an economic boost to 73 municipalities and 59 school districts throughout New York State with an increase in incremental tax revenue of \$1.4 billion in funding for local communities over the first 25 years of the project. The project has also established a \$117M Environmental Trust Fund to protect our natural habitats and a \$40M green jobs training fund serving disadvantaged communities.

## **ABOUT THE ST. ALBANS, QUEENS BOY AND GIRL SCOUT TROOPS**

St. Albans, Queens Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops 144B, 1444G and 4704 are one New York State's largest and most diverse Scouting groups that hail from communities represented by Assemblywomen Alicia Hyndman (D-Springfield Gardens) and Michaelle Solages (D-Valley Stream) and state Sen. Leroy Comrie (D-St. Albans). These Scouts are do-ers and give-it-a-go-ers.