Face Reflects Tragedy
Mike Krug, the Potsdam ranger whose efforts led to the discovery of the bodies of two missing scouts, said that he was at a loss for words to explain how and where the two young scouts had met their deaths.

"It's a terrible thing to happen," Krug said. "We never expected it to happen in our area, especially in winter."

When members of the search party found the bodies on Christmas Eve, they were surprised to discover that the two young men had died from exposure to the elements.

"It was a very cold night," Krug said. "We found them dead in the snow, with their clothes frozen to their bodies."

Krug added that the two young men had been on a camping trip with their companions when they got lost in the woods.

"They were out hiking and trying to find their way back," Krug said. "But they got separated from their group and were unable to find their way out."

Krug said that the two young men had been experienced hikers and had been prepared for the cold weather.

"But sometimes even experienced hikers can get lost," Krug said. "And when it gets that cold, even the most experienced hikers can struggle to stay alive."

Krug said that the two young men had died from hypothermia and frostbite.

"It's a sad ending to a winter that started off so well," Krug said. "We had hoped that this would be a winter of outdoor fun and adventure, but now it's just a reminder of the dangers that come with being out in the wild."