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Blind River Easter Egg Hunt 2018

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Photo by KEVIN McSHEFFREY/THE STANDARD More than 400 children took part in the 12 annual Blind River Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday morning at Town Park.

With winter showing it wasn't done yet in the north, a record number of children turned out for the 12th annual Blind River Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday morning.

The 12th annual Blind River Easter Egg Hunt, held at Town Park, drew 411 children from across the region, along with another 545 parents, grandparents and friends.

In contrast, last year's Blind River Easter Egg Hunt attracted 286 children between the ages of newborn and 11 years. Their previous record was 396 children.

The event was organized by Tammy Olsen, along with the First Blind River Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders and Guiding Unit.

The children were divided into three groups: newborn to age three, four to six and seven to 11 years, each in a different section of the park.

Members of the First Blind River Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders and Guiding Unit filled 6,300 plastic eggs in about 35 minutes. All the chocolate for the eggs was donated by the Blind River Rotary Club, says Olsen.

And it took the children less than 10 minutes to clean the snow-covered ground of the colourful plastic eggs.

The event saw more than 30 volunteers helping out on Saturday, including youths and the Easter Bunny.

In addition, there were more than 600 prizes to be won at the event; no child was to leave empty handed.

The prizes were provided by the 32 sponsors, of which Cameco was the largest, donating more than 450 prizes.

The four top prizes were bicycles, were donated by the 17 Restaurant (two), the Blind River Trappers Council and Bruno's Auto Repairs.

The winners were: Liam Fitzpartick, Thade Taylor, Nicolas Cada and Brooke Boyer Chiblow.

Olsen says what keeps her doing the Blind River Easter Egg Hunt each year is "to see the kids happy."

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