

POLAR BEAR AWARD

What is it?

The Polar Bear is a winter camping experience open to Boy Scouts, Explorers and their leaders.

Specific Requirements:

1. Open only to regularly organized patrols, troops, or Explorer posts and their leaders.
2. All, including leaders, must hike a minimum of 1.5 miles each way with all their food and equipment carried in one trip.
3. Campout must be for 24 consecutive hours with at least three meals cooked outside.
4. It must be done between November 1 and March 31, with the temperature going below freezing during the campout.
5. Campout must be done on a patrol (or crew for Explorers) basis with each patrol doing the following:
 - A. Plan their complete menus with no pre-prepared meals allowed. Dehydrated or freeze-dried foods are recommended.
 - B. Purchase their own food.
 - C. Plan the patrol equipment needed and secure it.
 - D. Pack and carry in all equipment and food, cook all meals, clean up, and hike out.
 - E. All non-burnable trash must be carried out if proper receptacles are not available.
6. Every boy will earn a "Polar Bear Campout" patch. Adults may earn award only when they camp with a Scout or Explorer unit.
7. A completed report should be filled out as soon as possible after completion in order to purchase patches.
8. Each unit leader must be responsible for proper instructions and training of all boys and leaders prior to Polar Bear Campout.



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Report & Request for Patches

Unit # _____ District _____

We hereby certify that we have successfully completed all requirements for the Polar Bear Award as follows:

Date of event: _____ # of boys _____ # of adults _____

Location: _____

Outdoor Overnight Temperature: _____

Polar Bear Patches @ \$2.00 each = Total: \$ _____

Please list names of recipients on back side.

Unit Leader _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____