

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POLAR BEAR AWARD

A real woodsman knows how to care for himself out of doors in winter. Believing that most of our Scouts would enjoy the challenge of rugged winter camping, we hope to stimulate participation with these requirements for the POLAR BEAR AWARD.

1. Open to registered Boy Scouts, Explorers and their leaders.
2. Award must be earned between the first weekend in December and the last weekend in March inclusive.
3. Camping may be done in any suitable location where permission has been secured.
4. Patrol camping is encouraged at all times and any troop conducting the Polar Camp out must plan on camping by Patrols with each Patrol planning and carrying out the following: (Explorers should plan on dividing into small groups.)
 - a. Hike at least the last half mile to your campsite carrying all food and equipment (properly packed) to be used for the entire period of the campout.
 - b. Stay out of doors for 20 hours in the camp he has helped set up. Tents or improvised shelters are acceptable, but there may be no heating of any kind involving an open flame or gasoline fuel inside shelters or tents.
 - c. Furnish own cooking and eating utensils.
 - d. Prepare a menu suited to cold water.
 - e. Purchase and pack own food.
 - f. Prepare and cook according to menu for three meals.
 - g. No gas stoves are to be used or permitted for the preparation of meals, but charcoal is authorized.
5. A Scout is Clean. He will leave every campsite as good or better than he found it. All garbage must be burned and all trash properly disposed of. Burying it under the snow is not proper disposal; if you cannot bury items such as tin cans and foil, bring them back with you.
6. Adults must meet the same requirements as Scouts and Explorers to qualify for the award.

Approved by the Council Camping Committee,
February 15, 1968

The application below must be completed to receive the award.

MAIL TO: Scenic Trails Council, 1499 Business Park Dr., Traverse City, MI 49686

We have reviewed the Polar Bear Campout and have determined those that successfully completed all the requirements. We have left the campsite clean and in good condition. We request the following patches for which the money is enclosed.

_____ Patches @ \$1.70 each = \$ _____ enclosed.

Signed: _____, SPL, Unit # _____
_____, Unit Leader

Address: _____