

POLAR BEAR CAMPING AWARD

For –

- All Scouts of Tenderfoot rank advancement or above
- Varsity Team youth members
- Explorer Post youth members
- Adult Scouters

Purpose –

To properly recognize youth and adults for having braved the elements of Mother Nature through the proper use and techniques of safe and approved Scouting methods.

Type of Recognition –

A fully embroidered and distinctive Polar Bear patch with appropriate "Growth Ring" will be awarded. The patch and Growth Ring is to be worn on the right "temporary" patch pocket of the official Scout uniform.

A patch request form must be submitted to the Harkrider Service Center at time of purchase of patch(s).

"Request Form" for recognition needs the approval and signature of the unit leader.

Requirements – (general)

All cooking is to be done by approved Scout methods (no pre-prepared meals are allowed, i.e., TV dinners). Backpacking (freeze dried) food is permissible. There is no time frame. Can be earned at any time of the year.

ALL camping must be done in snow shelter or canvas!

Specific Requirements for Class 1 Distinction:

1. Youth member must have received his Tenderfoot rank advancement.
2. There are no minimum travel requirements.
3. Participant must prepare two cooked meals in the out-of-doors.
4. Participant must camp in the out-of-doors. Temperatures must be 32° F or below, for an 8 hour period.

Specific Requirements for Class 2 Distinction:

1. Youth members must be at least a First Class Scout.
2. Participant must have earned the Class 1 Polar Bear Award from previous outing.
3. Participant must transport (by back, sled, etc.) all equipment needed for out-of-door experience, i.e., tent, food, clothing, etc., for a minimum of ½ mile (one-way).
4. Participant must prepare three cooked meals in the out-of-doors.
5. Participant must camp in the out-of-doors in temperatures of 32° F or below. **Note:** Due to the advance nature of this Class 2 Polar Bear Award distinction, the entire camping experience needs to be spent outdoors (emergencies excepted) for at least a 24-hour period of time. Temperature must reach 32° F or below at least 8 hours during the campout.

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POLAR BEAR AWARDS REQUEST FORM

I hereby certify that the following Scout(s) and leader(s) successfully met all the requirements for the Class I _____
 Class II _____ Polar Bear Award.

<u>Name of Scout(s)</u>	<u>Name of Adult(s)</u>

Date of trip: _____

Location: _____

of patches needed: _____

of Growth Rings needed: _____

Approval:

Unit Leader: _____

Troop/Team/Post/Crew # _____

District _____

Date submitted _____

PLEASE RETURN TO:

POTAWATOMI AREA COUNCIL, BSA
 P. O. BOX 528
 WAUKESHA, WI 53187-0528