

APPLICATION FOR POLAR BEAR

Troop _____

Post _____

Crew _____

(Please list additional scouts on back)

Scouts/Explorers/Ventures

We completed the requirements for the Polar Bear award as checked below:

We lived out-of-doors for 24 hours, in improvised shelter, on (date) _____ at

_____. The temperature ranged from _____ to _____ degrees.

Our menu was a follows:

Breakfast

Lunch

Supper

To pack our equipment in to camp, we used a _____.

Here is a diagram of the shelter we used:

The above requirements for the Polar Bear have been met:

Camp Ranger _____

Date _____

Unit Leader _____

Date _____

POLAR BEAR AWARD

The real woodsman knows how to care for themselves out-of-doors in the winter. Believing most of our Scouts and Explorers would enjoy the challenge of rugged winter camping, we hope to stimulate participation with these requirements for the Polar Bear.

1. This will be open to any registered member of a Troop, Post, or Venture Crew in the council.
2. Award must be earned between December 1 and March 15.
3. Camping may be done at any approved campsite or at Camps Berry and Lakota under proper adult leadership as required by BSA Youth Protection.
4. Transportation can be used to a point near the Polar Bear Campsite, but equipment should be carried into the campsite. (Other than Camp Lakota, a recommendation of three-quarters to a mile would fill this requirement) At Camp Lakota, the gear must be packed upon leaving Route 66 at either entrance to the camp.
5. Two, three, or four Scouts may pool food and equipment, but each Polar Bear candidate must do their share of the following:
 - a) Eat and sleep out-of-doors for 24 hours in the camp they have helped set up.
 - b) Furnish his/her own eating and cooking utensils.
 - c) Prepare and submit a menu suited to cold weather.
 - d) Prepare and cook the food according to the menu.
 - e) Improvise the shelter. It can consist of anything but tents; it may be built of poles, with grass, Christmas tree boughs, tarps or pieces of canvas thrown over the poles. No tarps will be furnished by the camp.
6. A Scout is Thrifty– he/she cuts no standing timber without permission and only under the Direction of the owner or person in charge of the area camped; at Camps Berry and Lakota, it will be the **Camp Rangers only**.
7. Before any Scout is ready to take their Polar Bear test, his/her Scoutmaster must be sure of their knowledge of the following points:
 - a) Types of clothing, bedding and camp equipment for winter use.
 - b) Cleanliness in cooking and in care of the campsite.
 - c) Safety practices in the care of food, fires and health.
8. When these requirements have been accomplished, the unit leader should then send the application to the Council Service Center.

If the unit is camping at either Camp Berry or Lakota, the bottom half of the application should be signed by the **Camp Ranger Only**. You can purchase your Polar Bear patch at the Council Service Center when you turn in your application.