

**APPLICATION FOR POLAR BEAR**

Troop \_\_\_\_\_

Post \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please list additional boys on back)*

Crew \_\_\_\_\_

Scouts/Explorers/Ventures

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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 |
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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 himself 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 Boy Scout or Explorer in Troops or Posts 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 the leadership of an adult who is registered.
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 his share of the following:
  - a) Eat and sleep out-of-doors for 24 hours in the camp he has helped set up.
  - b) Furnish his 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 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 his Polar Bear test, his Scoutmaster must be sure of his 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.