

POLAR BEAR AWARD

Revised 2005



This Puzzle Patch can be earned over four campouts where the temperature drops below freezing. One puzzle piece per campout. You may start with any piece.

For:

- All Scouts of **Tenderfoot** rank or above
- Venturing Crew 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 Rocker" will be awarded. The patch and Growth Rocker can 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 the time of purchase.

The "Request Form" for recognition needs the 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 and can be earned at any time of the year.

ALL camping must be done in snow shelter or canvas!**“Ice Cube” Growth Rockers can be earned by completing the following:****Specific Requirements for Class I Distinction:**

1. Boy Scout youth members must have received his **Tenderfoot** rank.
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 eight hour period.

Specific Requirements for Class II Distinction:

1. Boy Scout youth members must be at least a **First Class Scout**.
2. Participant must have earned the Class I 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 II 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.

Specific Requirements for Class III Distinction:

1. Boy Scout youth members must be at least a **First Class Scout**.
2. Participant must have earned the Class II 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 III 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.
6. Participant must build a shelter or hut and sleep in it.

Specific Requirements for Class IV Distinction:

1. Boy Scout youth members must be at least a **First Class Scout**.
2. Participant must have earned the Class III 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 IV 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 sub zero (0° F or below) at least 8 hours during the campout.
6. Participant must build a shelter or hut and sleep in it.

Note: Venturing Crew members and adult Scouters do not have to complete #1.

POLAR BEAR CAMPING

AWARDS REQUEST FORM

I hereby certify that the following Scout(s) and leader(s) have successfully met all the requirements for the following Polar Bear Award:

Class I _____ Class II _____

Class III _____

Class IV _____

Name of Scout(s):

Name of Leader(s):

Date of trip: _____ Location: _____

No. of patches needed: _____ No. of Growth Rings needed: _____

Approval:

Unit Leader: _____

Troop/Crew No. _____

District: _____

Date submitted: _____

Return To: Potawatomi Area Council, BSA
N12 W24498 Bluemound Road (Location)
P.O. Box 528, Waukesha, WI 53187-0528 (Mailing)