

GREATER NEW YORK COUNCILS POLAR BEAR CAMPER AWARD



The **Polar Bear Camper Award** has been approved by the Greater New York Councils Camping Committee, to promote safe and fun winter camping.

The requirements for this new award are as follows:

Requirement #1

Read chapter 18 “Cold Weather Adventuring” in the new Field book (fifth edition). You may want to build a Troop meeting around this information.

Requirement #2

Accumulate 100 Polar Points by camping out-of-doors when the temperature is below 32° F. Must sleep outside, no cabin or indoor camping will count. Earn two (2) Polar Points for each degree below 32° Fahrenheit.

Example: The overnight low temperature is 2° F. Each camper receives 60 Polar Points toward the required 100. If the overnight low is -3° F, each camper receives 70 Polar Points.

Requirement #3

While accumulating these points, the camper must prepare, cook and clean-up for three complete well-balanced meals as determined by the Cooking Merit Badge requirements. This must be accomplished while the temperature is below 32° F.

The judging of the meals and score keeping is up to the troop leadership.

The earning of this award can take as long as needed to complete the requirements (over more than one winter if needed).

A special award patch is available from Camping Services. Requirements, tracking sheet, and patch order form can be found at www.bsa-gnyc.org/polarbearcamper

Please contact 640camping@scouting.org or 212-651-3073 with any questions.

GREATER NEW YORK COUNCILS POLAR BEAR CAMPER AWARD & PATCH ORDER FORM

Troop/Crew/Post Number: _____

District: _____

Council: _____

Mail Completed Form To:
Greater New York Councils BSA
ATTN: Camping Services
PO Box 377
Alpine NJ 07620

Unit Leader Name: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

We have confirmed that our Scouts have earned the Polar Bear Camper Award and submit the following information.

Our Polar Bear Campout(s) was/were held on

Location 1 & Date: _____

Location 2 & Date: _____

Location 3 & Date: _____

Location 4 & Date: _____

_____ Youth Earned the Polar Bear Camping Award

_____ Adults Earned the Polar Bear Camping Award

Please send us _____ Polar Bear Patches.

a) \$ _____ Number of patches, at \$3.00 per patch.

b) \$ _____ Plus postage. \$2.00

c) \$ _____ Total

Make check payable to Greater New York Councils, BSA.

OR

Please charge my Credit Card

Card Number: _____

Card Type: Visa, Mastercard, Amex, Discover

Exp: _____ CVV: _____

Signature: _____

Send patches to: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City and Zip: _____ Phone _____

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