

Greater Cleveland Council Polar Bear Award

A real outdoorsperson knows how to care for themselves out of doors in winter. Believing that most of our Scouts and Venturers would enjoy the challenge of rugged winter camping, we hope to stimulate participation with these requirements for the "Polar Bear Award."

1. Open to registered Boy Scouts, Venturers, and their leaders.
2. Award must be earned between December 1st and March 31st.
3. Camping may be done in any suitable campsite.
4. Patrol Camping is encouraged.
 - a. Hike at least the last half mile to your campsite carrying all food and equipment (properly packed) to be used for the entire period of the camp out.
 - b. Stay out of doors for 18 hours to include an overnight in the camp they have helped set up. Two-boy tents or improvised shelter are acceptable, but there may be no interior heating **or any kind involving** an open flame, charcoal or gasoline fuel.
 - c. Furnish own cooking and eating utensils.
 - d. Purchase and pack own food.
 - e. Prepare and cook according to menu for two or more meals.
5. The patrol leaders council should make sure every Scout will "Be Prepared" in clothing, equipment, food, and basic Scouting Skills such as first aid, use of axe, etc.
6. A Scout is Clean. They will leave every campsite as good or better than they found it. All garbage and trash must be properly
7. disposed of (burying it under the snow IS NOT proper disposal). Pack it out.
8. Adults must meet the same requirements as Scouts and Venturers to qualify for the award.
9. Awards, including the polar bear patch and certificate may be purchased at the camp trading post or Scout Center when the application below is presented.