



Sioux Council

Polar Bear Award

The Polar Bear Award has been approved by the Sioux Council Camping Committee, to promote safe and fun winter camping. The requirements are as follows:

Requirement #1

Read chapter 13 “Winter Camping” in the new Field book (fourth 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. Earn one Polar Point for each degree below 32° Fahrenheit.

Example: The overnight low temperature is 2° F. Each camper receives 30 Polar Points toward the required 100. If the overnight low is -3° F, each camper receives 35 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. This must be accomplished while the temperature is below 32° F.

*Requirements 2 and 3 must be completed out of doors. No cabin or camper type camping will count. 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 the Center for Scouting.

Requirements and a tracking sheet can be found at www.siouxbsa.org.

