

# POLAR BEAR AWARD

Gerald R. Ford Council

Boy Scouts of America

To: Scout Shop Manager

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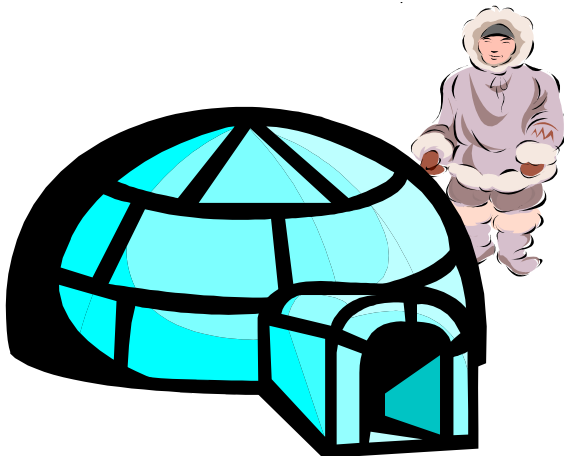


Through personal observation, conversation, or knowledge, I am satisfied that the candidates listed below have met the requirements for the Gerald R. Ford Council Polar Bear Award.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send \_\_\_\_\_ Polar Bear Award Patches (\$3.29 each + 6% tax) & \_\_\_\_\_ segments (year \_\_\_\_\_)(\$1.15 each + 6% tax) to the address below. (Shipping Charges: \$7.50 and Up). Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the cost of the awards and shipping.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_, Michigan

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

## **Polar Bear Award**

The Polar Bear Award has been established by the Gerald R. Ford Council to provide Boy Scouts and Venturers an opportunity to have a challenging winter camp experience. It is the purpose of the Boy Scouts of America to have its youth prepared to live in the out-of doors in any season and any weathers.

### **Requirements**

All registered Boy Scouts and Venturers who have completed at least two nights of previous Scout Camping. Each applicant must have the approval of his unit leader.

In order to qualify for the Polar Bear Award, camping must be done between December 1st and March 31st and when the temperature is below 32 F. All camping days to be under the auspices of Boy Scouts of America.

All Polar Bear groups must be accompanied by qualified adult leadership.

Participants must live in camp for at least (20) hours and sleep overnight in an improvised shelter (tents or tarps are acceptable).

Participants must prepare a menu and have it approved. They should help with the purchase of the food, preparation and cleanup. This may be done individually or by patrols.

The unit leader or camp leader must be certain that all participants are properly trained for cold weather experience. Campers should be inspected prior to departure with regard to clothing and equipment.

Participants have a responsibility to their unit leader and fellow campers to be prepared for this type of experience. The principles of the Scout Oath, Law Motto and Slogan are an excellent guide to follow.

The application for the Polar Bear Award patches and year segments should be sent along with the proper fee to the Center For Scouting in Grand Rapids.