

POLAR BEAR AWARD

The Polar Bear Award is a council-level award to honor those Scouts and Scouters who extend their camping experience through the winter months.

The Polar Bear Award can be earned by any Buckeye Council registered Boy Scout, Venture Scout, Explorer or adult leader. Webelos Scouts camping with a Boy Scout Troop, except during scheduled camporees, are also eligible for this award.

The Polar Bear Badge is not an honorary badge. In order to earn this award, the candidate must have tent camped in the outdoors for four (4) days and nights (96 hours) during the period extending from the first full weekend in November through the last full weekend in March. These four nights need not be consecutive but must occur within the state of Ohio and must be under the two-deep leadership of registered adult leaders.

Tents should be carried by the candidates to his or her campsite and meals should be prepared in the outdoors; however, these qualifiers are left to the discretion of the unit leaders and based on the safety and welfare of the candidates.

The 1st year badge is worn just beneath the right pocket of the official shirt. It is centered with the top of the badge touching the bottom of the pocket. The subsequent years' bar awards are worn as shown:

