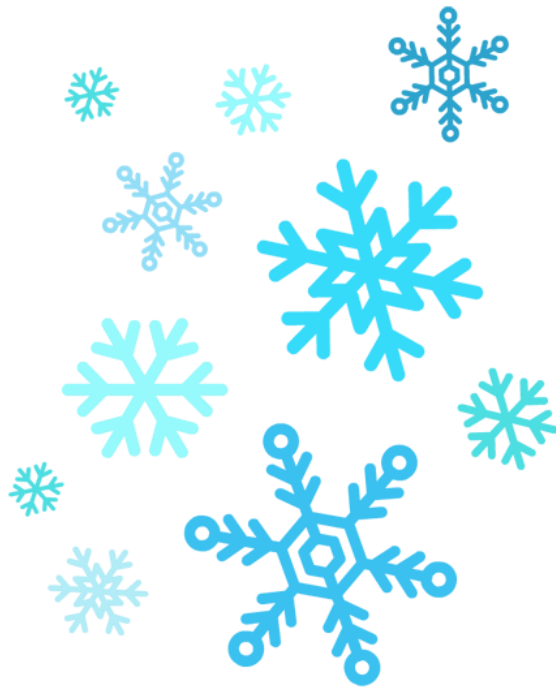


Two Mountains District 2023 Polar Bear



February 10 – 12, 2023

at

Camp Acahela

This will be the 16th Annual Two Mountains District Polar Bear!

Polar Bear will begin Friday afternoon/evening with setting up campsites between 4:00-8:00 PM.

Campsites will be first come first served (exception of cabins) and check in with the registration table (located in the dining hall) immediately upon arrival before going to your site.

ALL MEDICAL FORMS MUST BE WITH THE UNIT LEADER

No Scout/scouter will be allowed to stay overnight without a current medical form for that individual. No exceptions.

Cabins will be available for rent on a first come first served basis, directly from the Council office. To reserve a cabin contact the Council office. The Dining Hall is unavailable to units for sleeping quarters and meal preparation but will remain open and staffed all weekend in the event of any emergency.

There will be a SPL/leader meeting Friday evening at 8:30 PM in the Dining Hall to discuss final details and logistics. Saturday morning will start with breakfast at your site followed by flag raising and opening ceremonies beginning promptly at 8:45 AM in front of the Dining Hall. After the opening, patrols will have their sleds inspected and then they will begin the Klondike events located throughout the camp. The Klondike events will be timed starting when the patrol finishes the sled judging until they "ring the bell". The morning events will keep with the themes of scout skills, patrol method, and plain fun!

Lunch will be provided in the Dining Hall(Please note any allergies on the registration sheet), followed by afternoon program and a team building event at 1:30 PM, then closing ceremonies at 5:00 PM followed by dinner prepared by units. At 7:30 PM a Scouts' Own Service and finally our Campfire and Awards Ceremony will be in the Dining Hall. Units will then return to their campsites for the night.

On Sunday morning units should clean up their campsites following the Leave No Trace principles and be out of camp no later than noon. This event is open to registered Boy Scouts, Venturers and leaders only. Webelos may visit for the day on Saturday, Webelos are welcome to stay even until the Campfire and Awards. No Cub Scouts are allowed to stay overnight. No pets are allowed in camp.

The cost for this great event is only \$15 per person, which includes Saturday lunch, unit participation ribbon, award ribbons, the 2023 Polar Bear patch and your campsite fees. The registration deadline is Saturday, January 28, 2023. Please submit your registration form with a check to NEPA Council BSA to the Council office by this date. Fees are not refundable. Registrations received after January 28 will be \$20 per person. There will be no charge for Webelos attending and they will receive a patch. Please pre-register Webelos attending.

Please make sure your Scouts are properly dressed for this winter outdoor event and that they have the appropriate gear for winter camping.

SCHEDULE

Friday, February 10:

4:00-8:00 PM Registration/set up at sites

8:30 PM SPL meeting at Dining Hall

9:00 PM Leaders' Meeting and cracker barrel at the Dining Hall

11:00 PM Lights Out

Saturday, February 9:

7:30 AM Reveille/Breakfast at sites

8:45 AM Flag Raising/Opening Ceremony at the Parade Field-Come with loaded sleds

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Sled Inspection/Klondike begins

12:00 PM Lunch in Dining Hall

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM Afternoon events begin in Lower Parade Field

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Team Building Exercise in Dining Hall

5:00 PM Flag Retirement

5:15 PM Dinner in Campsites

7:30 PM Scouts' Own Service in Dining Hall

8:00 PM Campfire & Award Presentations

Sunday, February. 10:

Morning Depart from sites on your own; please leave by noon and practice Leave No Trace!

PATROL SLED

Each patrol will need a sled, as we have used in the past. Plans for a sled can be obtained from Paul Kutish (kutish3216@aol.com)

Each sled must contain the following:

7 pieces of rope each four feet long

Fuel for fire

Six triangular badges

4 Splints

Blanket to be used as stretcher

Blindfolds (one for each scout)

Compass

2 - 6ft wooden poles

Sled Judging & Egg Distribution

Activity: Each patrol will have their sled evaluated to see what supplies the patrol has according to the supplied list. 10 seconds will be added for each item missing. **After inspection the Event Administrator will give each patrol an egg where the goal is to not crack the egg throughout the morning activities.**

Patrol Supplies: Items needed to be a patrol and to complete the Klondike.

Event Administrator Supplies: Checklist of items will be provided by the event coordinator, eggs.

KLONDIKE EVENTS

Nature Scavenger Hunt (Ongoing Morning Event)

Activity: Patrols will be given a list of nature items to collect and present back when completing the other events of the Klondike.

Patrol Supplies: Scout book or nature manual to help identify plants.

Event Administrator Supplies: Nature list (enough copies for each patrol) and plastic bags for patrols to collect items.

Fire Building

Activity: The classic skill to survive when stranded in the winter. Simply build a fire and burn the string. Sounds simple but be forewarned it's not!!!

Patrol Supplies: Fuel for the fire and way to ignite.

Event Administrator Supplies: Sticks to hold two strings across fire pits.

Note: No accelerants are allowed (gas, turpentine, oil etc.). A time deduction will be made from your score if you start the fire with something other than matches or a lighter such as flint & steel.

First Aid

Volunteering Troop to setup and run scenario.

Patrols will need to fashion a stretcher out of their poles and blanket.

Log Raise

Activity: Your patrol must tie a timber hitch around the log, throw the rope over the anchor point and tie off to the stake with a clove hitch, the log must be off the ground for 15 seconds.

Patrol Supplies: Knowledge of timber and clove hitch.

Event Administrator Supplies: Rope, log, Stake, a raised anchor rope.

Bait Casting

Activity: Each Patrol member will have to catch the "BIG ONE".

Patrol Supplies: Your best shot!

Event Administrator Supplies: Minimum of 2 fishing poles with weight (no hook). A target or landing area that is marked. Patrol must each land the weight in the target.

KLONDIKE EVENTS CONT.

Kim's Game

Activity: A classic favorite that we haven't done in some time! Each patrol will be given a set time to review 20 items in a box. The box will be removed, then the patrol must write down as many items as they remember.

Patrol Supplies: Teamwork and good memories!

Event Coordinator Supplies: 20 items in some form of box or container that can be easily covered, stop watch or similar timing device, paper/pencil for patrols to write down the items they recall. Multiple set ups preferred.

Tomahawk Toss

Activity: You and your patrol must guide the path of the tomahawk. At least half of your patrol must successfully hit and stick into the target while throwing a tomahawk.

Patrol Supplies: Scout Spirit and tomahawk throwing precision.

Event Coordinator Supplies: Caution tape to make a tomahawk course. Tomahawk, isles, and targets will be provided.

Blind Tent Pitch

Activity: The patrol must erect the tent supplied while being blindfolded. One patrol member will be able to see.

Patrol Supplies: Team Coordination and bandanas/blindfolds.

Event Administration Supplies: Minimum of 2 tents and equipment to erect.

Bull's Eye

Activity: Each member of the patrol must hit at least 3 targets to complete the event.

Patrol Supplies: YOUR BEST SHOT!

Event Administration Supplies: Slingshots, ammunition (beans), safety glasses, caution tape, targets.

Giant Skis

Activity: Your patrol must work together to traverse the Acahela swamp using the Giant skis. All patrol members must participate

Patrol Supplies: Great patrol spirit and teamwork.

Event Administrator Supplies: Giant skis

KLONDIKE EVENTS CONT.

Light the Match

Activity: Using a hatchet, strike a match igniting it. Each patrol member must participate.

Patrol Supplies: a steady hand.

Event Administrator supplies: Hatchets and matches. Logs to hold matches.

Atomic Isotope

Activity: Transport the radioactive waste into a containment chamber

Patrol supplies: Team work

Event coordinator: Lengths of rope, a small inner tube or large rubber band, 2 #10 cans, a soft ball.

Ring the Bell

Activity: Each patrol member will be given a piece of rope to lash together a ladder. One Scout will then climb the ladder in order to ring the bell to signal they have finished the Klondike.

Patrol Supplies: Steady hand, great eye.

Event Administrator Supplies: Multiple pieces of rope for lashings. 6 long poles and 12 short poles for ladder steps (3 set-ups)

2023 Polar Bear Attendance Roster

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Fees: \$15.00 per person if paid before 1/28/23; \$20.00 per person thereafter.

Troop Number: _____

Unit Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Number attending(Scouts and adults): _____ X \$15 if before 1/28/23, \$20 if after

Total fee: _____

Food allergies: _____

Adult Leadership for Polar Bear:

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Please fill out the youth attendance roster on the reverse side of the page.

Make Checks Payable to NEPA Council BSA.

Please Contact Christal Basham, Two Mountains District Executive, at

christal.basham@scouting.org or 570-207-1227 Ext 233 with any questions.

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Scouts Name, Rank, and Age

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Unit Leader Signature:

District Executive Signature:

SIGN AT POLAR BEAR) _____

Please Note: Medical Forms for each participant must be with the unit leader