

Matinecock District

*Suffolk County Council
Boy Scouts of America*

"POLAR BEAR" Camporee

January 27, 28, 29, 2012

Baiting Hollow Scout Camp, Calverton, NY

COST PER PERSON: \$10.00

Payable to: B.S.A. Suffolk County Council

Payable at Roundtable

**Registration Deadline:
January 12, 2012 (at Roundtable)**



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Use your winter camping skills as your troop participates in the fun of the Matinecock District's Polar Bear Camporee.

- Scouting skills competition is a part of every station as patrols haul their sleds along the Klondike Trail.
- It will be culinary skills versus weather conditions as entries are prepared for the *BEST SOUP* competition.
- The Great Race on Sunday morning (conditions permitting) will determine the fastest sled teams in two age divisions.
- Both "This is Scouting" and "Youth Protection Training" (for those adults who need to update their records to re-register) will be offered on Saturday. Please see the schedule for times.

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

1. The participation fee is \$10.00 per person. Fill out the registration form and submit it to the Camporee staff at the January Roundtable, Or send it to the council service center along with your check or credit card info.
2. A lottery will be held for available cabins. Please see attached form.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS THURSDAY JANUARY 12, 2012 AT THE LEADERS ROUNDTABLE MEETING.

Important Event Information:

1. Any youth not properly dressed for the weekend will be asked to leave the event. The district staff want this to be a safe event for all and must insist on this. Scoutmasters please check your youth before departing your home location.
2. Patrol size for the camporee events is a minimum of 3 youth and a maximum of 8. There will be no exceptions to this.

3. All participating patrols must have a sled!! Pray for Snow...or else wheels will help them go.
4. In the event we do not have snow, there will be NO steerable wheels allowed on the sleds. You must have FIXED axles both front and rear!! NO EXCEPTIONS. You will be disqualified if your sled has steerable wheels.
5. The Great Race will have two age categories: Age 14 and under and 15 and over.

BEST SOUP COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

1. Soup must be made at the camporee.
2. A list of ingredients must accompany the soup when it is turned in.
3. We do not need a large quantity of the soup, just enough to judge it.
4. Containers for the soup competition entries was brought must be picked up from the dining hall by 9:00 a.m. Sunday or they will be discarded.
5. Only ONE entry per unit please.

CONTACT THE CAMPOREE ADMINISTRATOR-JEFF DUNCAN (516-901-7763 OR jeffery@optonline.net) with any questions.

POLAR BEAR CABIN REQUEST FORM

TROOP/CREW # _____

UNIT LEADER _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

INDICATE YOUR CABIN PREFERENCE

_____ **SHINNECOCK CABIN \$75.00**

_____ **ADIRONDACK CABIN \$75.00**

_____ **PENATAQUIT CABIN \$75.00**

_____ **TUOCS CABIN \$75.00**

_____ **ADIRONDACK LEANTOS \$50.00**

- **NOTE: A CHECK FOR CABIN FEE MUST BE ATTACHED AND WILL BE RETURNED IF YOU DO NOT WIN A CABIN IN THE LOTTERY.**
- **PLEASE INDICATE WHICH CABIN YOU WOULD PREFER.**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY!

CABIN WON _____

IF NOT DATE CHECK RETURNED _____

Matinecock District, B.S.A., Polar Bear Camporee

Registration and Check-In

1 - Troops may check-in Friday, January 27th at the dining hall between 7:00PM and 9:00PM. No troops should plan to arrive prior to 7:00pm, and those that plan to arrive after 9:00 p.m. should make special arrangements with the Camporee Administrator-Jeff Duncan 516-901-7763.

2 - Saturday, January 28th, check-in will be from 7:00am to 9:00am at the dining hall.

3 - *At check-in, please have the following ready and prepared:*

A. 1 copies of the registration form.

B. An electronic copy of the troop roster (list all boys and adults in the camp).

C. Notify the staff in writing of any special medical problems or considerations.

D. Any additional financial obligations and fees should be paid at this time.

4 -Only Scoutmasters should check their troops in. Upon completion of item #3 above, you will be given specific instructions and information regarding your troops assigned campsite.

5 - Upon receiving your campsite information, your senior patrol leader should direct the troop to your campsite. The distance from the main parking lot to your campsite will **be less than one mile**. The Scouts should hike to their campsites. No cars will be permitted in the camping area!

6 - It is suggested that each patrol utilize their sleds to carry patrol and troop equipment to the campsite.

7 – Campsites were assigned based on unit size.

8 - *The first aid station is located in the dining hall.* Water is available near the dining hall. All campsites have a latrine nearby.

9- Due to conditions which may be encountered on Friday, your assigned campsite may be changed. Please understand these changes would be made in the interest of safety.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the camporee administrator. The staff want both your boys and yourself to enjoy the weekend. This is your camporee! Feel free to offer suggestions prior to the weekend.

Matinecock District *“Polar Bear Camporee”*

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Final Schedule

Friday, January 27th	7:00 to 9:00pm	Registration at Dining Hall
Saturday, January 28th	6:30am	Reveille
	7:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast and Clean up
	7:00am – 9:00am	Registration at dining hall
	7:30am – 9:30am	Set up camp sites
	9:30am – 10:00am	<i>Official Polar Bear Opening</i>
	10:00am – 5:00pm	Polar Bear Events
	10:30am	Youth Protection Training at dining hall
	12:00noon – 1:00 pm	Lunch
	2:00pm	This is Scouting Training at dining hall
	5:00pm – 5:30pm	Skit/song signup at dining hall
	5:00pm – 5:30pm	Soup turn in at dining hall
	5:30pm – 7:30pm	Supper, cleanup & prepare for bonfire
	7:00pm- 8:00pm	Catholic Services
	8:15pm – 9:00pm	Bonfire (Skits, Songs & Fun)
	10:00pm	Taps – Lights Out
Sunday, January 29th	7:30am	Reveille
	8:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast and Clean Up
	9:15am – 9:45am	Scout-led worship-service
	10:00am – 11:30am	“ The Great Race”
	11:45am – 12:15am	Awards, Presentations, & Closing
	12:15am – 12:45pm	Pack up & Site Inspections
	12:45pm	Head for Home

Let the Scouting Spirit make this Polar Bear the best yet! At the Polar Bear Bonfire each troop will participate with one skit and two Songs. Troop 12, our hosts will run the program! It is important that all (troops, Scouts, and leadership) participate...so you may want to insure participation with handouts!

Please make sure all are prepared for a successful Polar Bear Bonfire with a flashlight, hat, gloves, and warm dry clothing! Boots are a must...insulated, waterproof, sneaker type hiking boots are OK, but as you know, regular sneakers will not properly protect in winter camping...they freeze!

Questions-contact Jeff Duncan 516-901-7763 or jeffery@optonline.net.