

# Polar Day Camp

February 16 - 17, 2018



# Camp Decorah



- Who:** All Lions, Tiger Cubs, Wolves, Bears and Weblos.
- What:** The Council's Annual Winter Day Camp. A day spent outside in the fresh winter air doing activities like sledding, playing in the snow, crafts, and much more. Some events will be inside but most of the day will be spent outside. We will have hot chocolate available to warm up with. **Please bring a reusable cup, one can of non-cream soup for our commissioners soup. A hot lunch will be provided.**
- When:** Saturday February 17, 2018. Registration/Check-in will be from 8:00 to 8:30 am.
- Where:** Camp Decorah, Holmen, WI
- Why:** Activities like a winter day camp help keep the pack active and healthy. Boys join Scouting for outdoor activities and look forward to winter fun with their fellow Scouts.
- Gear:** Scouts and leaders should have proper winter outdoor clothing and come dressed for the weather. All participants must be wearing boots, a hat, gloves/mittens, snow pants, and a winter coat. **Do not forget your water bottle and reusable hot cup. Everyone is asked to bring a can of non-creamed soup for the commissioners soup.**
- Packs must also have a completed copy of each Scout's health form.**
- Fees:** \$26.00 per scout by February 2, 2018 plus two can goods for each person. ***After February 2, 2018 the registration fee will be \$31.00.*** One will need to be a non-creamed based soup for the commissioners soup and the other will be donated to a local food pantry. Registration after this date we can not guarantee that we would have the needed supplies for activities and food. The fee is non-refundable. The fee covers program expenses, craft supplies, insurance, lunch and a patch. There is no cost for adults.
- Registration:** Registration and fees are due to the Council Office no later than February 2, 2018. Registration/Roster with fees will be accepted by mail, electronically, or in person at the Council Office.
- Adult:** One adult per five Cub Scouts with a minimum of 2 adults per group. One of those adults needs to be current on Youth Protection Training. Tiger Cubs need to attend with one adult partner.

**Activities:** The activities and events are winter based and are dependent on the weather and how much snow we have at the time. Some of the proposed planned activities are:

Bobsledding

Snow Bowling

Wagon Tour of Camp

Broom Ball

Snow Shoeing

Story Time

Rocket Building.

Time and weather may not allow for some of these activities but we will try to accommodate and provide a fun and enjoyable day at the Olympics.

**Lunch:** A warm lunch will be provided in the Dining Hall for all participants and guests.

**Lodging:** For units that would like to extend their time winter camping at Camp Decorah we will be providing some opportunities:

1. If your unit would like to rent a lodge you can contact the Council office for availability and costs of the lodges. You can choose to either arrive early or stay an extra day.
2. For units that want to arrive early on Friday evening we will be offering the Dining Hall as a place to lodge on the floor. Bunks will not be available in the Dining Hall. You would be encouraged to bring mats or air mattresses. We will be showing a movie on Friday Evening and a small breakfast in the morning. There will be an additional charge of \$6.00 per person.

## **Important Information:**

Fees are not refundable. A maximum of 300 participants can be accommodated at this event. When this number is reached the event will be closed. Turn in registration material and payment for your space as soon as possible. Registration must be accompanied by payment.

A roster listing the names and emergency contact information must be submitted at the time of check-in area the day of the event. A health form column is included to indicate each person on the roster has health a form. Health forms will be asked for and must be shown at check-in. They will then be returned to the unit leader for safe keeping.

## **Contact Information:**

Camp event host:	Eric Straus eastrauss5@gmail.com
Council Advisor:	Daniel Gatica Dgatica@scouting.org 608-799-5481
Council Office:	608-784-4040



## **A Few Suggestions for the 2018 Polar Day Camp:**

### **Footwear, Hats, and Gloves:**

Insulated boots with liners should be worn. Tennis shoes will not be allowed. Boots should be snug but not constricting so feet will stay warm. Wool or acrylic socks are recommended. Bring extra socks. Mittens are recommended because they are warmer than gloves. Two pair should be brought in case one pair becomes wet to keep hands warm. A warm hat which covers the ears is essential. Hats, mittens, and boots are required.

### **Coats and Pants:**

Please bring a heavy winter coat. Dress in layers with a sweatshirt or sweater under your coat. A majority of activities this year will involve snow. It is highly recommended every Scout is in snow pants. Do not forget about long underwear. A coat is required.

### **Lost Mittens:**

As Scouts move in and out of buildings and from events they will be taking off and putting on clothing to maintain their comfort. Please label all Scouts belongings with their first and last name and what Pack they are from. Lost and Found will be in the Dahl Family Service Center and then will be moved to the Scout Office after the event.

### **Travel:**

While traveling to and from Polar Day Camp the Cub Scouts should not be wearing all their winter gear. A heated car will cause the boys to sweat and overheat. The moisture created from sweating will then hurt the insulating value of the clothing causing the boys to get cold quickly. Please do not have the boys wearing full snow attire on the ride there. There will be time to change on arrival. Also please remember to let someone at home know your travel plans.

### **Safety Tips:**

Dehydration is real concern in the winter. Please make sure everyone is drinking water. Vaseline ointment can be applied to lips, noses, and hands to prevent chapped skin. Shivering is the first stage of hypothermia. Do not be afraid to go in and warm up when you need to.



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## Unit Information

Pack Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact for Event: (Must be Attending) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Information:

Make checks payable to GAC.

Registration:

Number of Scouts: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$26.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ x NC \_\_\_\_\_

Late Fee:(After 2-2-18 \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Lodging in Dining Hall:

Number of Scouts: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodging:

Lodge

Contact the Council Office for availability on a first come basis.

Mail: Gateway Area Council Phone: 608-784-4040

2600 Quarry Rd Fax: 608-784-4047

La Crosse, WI 54601

Electronically: clgarthw@bsamail.org

Credit Card: Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Three Digit Code on back of Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Remove from Unit Account:

Please deduct the fees from our unit account: \_\_\_\_\_

