



2026 Polar Bear Winter Merit Badge Camp at Camp Boddie January 16-18

During this camp weekend, scouts will have a great opportunity to earn merit badges and spend the weekend on the shores of the Pamlico Sound. All activities provide advancement opportunities. Food is provided for this event, so bring your appetite. The fun and fellowship are like nothing you've experienced! We are extremely glad you signed up, "C'mon in the waters fine" for the Polar Plunge!

Merit Badges you can earn: Note: we will not go over cap on the number of participants for each Merit Badge. You must complete the registration in Tentaroo before the close date so we do not have to do this during check in and as it causes issues putting the final MB information in Tentaroo. *"Be Prepared"*

Note: We will need leaders to help attend each MB class to have 2-deep leadership protection and we may also ask for help with transportation as we are offering classes offsite at my BCCC campus and the Airport.

Completed requirements will be available in Tentaroo within 2 weeks after camp.

Cost: \$65.00 per Scout, \$25.00 for Adults (note: staff will pay \$15 to cover their cost of food to help keep the cost down for scouts so please thank them.)

Friday Night Activity: for scouts to enjoy socializing and making friends.

- Eagle Scout Training Prep for youth to help with their template and how to attend Eagle Board. 8-9 pm
- Understanding High Adventures for youth so they can hear what happens and pictures of the events. 8-9 pm
- Game Night at the Reception Center. (they need to bring their own cards or board games) 8-9:45pm
- Leaders Meeting/Cracker Barrel at the Dining Hall 9 -10 pm

Saturday Night Activity: the scouts taking Communication MB on Saturday will oversee the campfire ceremony that will honor our Elders.

Merit Badges: please see the list on page 4. You will find what is offered, who is the counselor and when it is taught.

Adults: Courses offered for paid adults attending:

- Adult CPR Training cost of \$25. You must go register in Tentaroo at the same time when you register for camp. If you just want to attend this training and not camp, you will need to talk with me so I can get you registered.
- We are also offering Stop the Bleed Certificate training to help ensure our scouts go beyond needing First Aid.
- Adult Planning for High Adventure

Check-In Procedures:

- Arriving on Friday: Please check in at the Hodges Building for your campsite assignment. Registration is from 4-8 pm on Friday.
- Arriving on Saturday: If you are arriving on Saturday only check-in will begin at 7:00 am. Breakfast will be served at 8 am. It would also help if you email me so I can be prepared when you arrive.

Weekend Schedule for the Polar Bear Merit Badge Camp Schedule

FRIDAY:

- 4-8 pm Check In
- 8:00-9:00 pm:
 - Eagle Scout Training Prep for Youth at Hodges
 - Planning for High Adventures for youth at Hodges
- 8:00-9:45 pm:
 - Game night at the Reception Center

SATURDAY

- 7:15 am Flag Ceremony in front of dining hall (Need a Troop to volunteer)
- 7:45 am Breakfast at the Dining Hall
- 9 am - Noon Merit Badge Classes
- Noon Lunch at the Dining Hall
- 1:30 -4:30 pm Merit Badge Classes
- 5:15 pm Flag Retreat (Need a Troop to volunteer)
- 5:30 pm Dinner in the Dining Hall
- 7:30 - 9 pm Ceremony at the Dining Hall to honor First Responders
- 10pm In camp and then 11pm Lights out

SUNDAY

- 7:30 am Polar Bear Plunge begins (Scouts will take their plunge in rotations and must wear appropriate water shoes and clothing)
- 7:50 am Flag Ceremony (Need a Troop to volunteer)
- 8:00 am Breakfast at the Dining Hall
- 8:30 am Church Service in Dining Hall directly after Breakfast (Need a Troop to volunteer)
- 9 am - Noon Merit Badge Classes
- Noon - Lunch at the Dining Hall
- 1:30 -4:30 pm Merit Badge Classes
- 4:30 Pack up and Leave Happy!

Check out and Camp Clean Up:

Each camp site will be assigned an area for cleanup during the Friday Evening Leaders Meeting. You must get the Quarter Master to approve your work before you leave and obtain your patches. No trash is to be left in campsites.

Forms check list for Units:

- Unit Roster if attending as a Troop or Crew
- Merit Badge Worksheets for those required on the Excel Spreadsheet.
- Medical Form Parts A and B
- Verification forms of any prerequisite courses

What to Bring:

- Scout Uniform
- Polar Plunge—you will be required to have water shoes for safety and wear appropriate clothing.
- Pencil/Pen and Writing Pad
- Merit Badge Pamphlet and /or Worksheets if the Counselor requires them found on the Excel Spreadsheet.
- BSA Medical Forms A and B
- Hiking Boots or Comfortable Hiking Shoes
- Toiletries
- Water Bottle
- Towel
- Camp Chair
- Sleeping Bag/Pillow
- Clothing appropriate for weather
- Tent (appropriate for winter weather)

Camp Director: Cynthia King and Assistant: Anthony Bailey Camp email: polarbearcamp@gmail.com

Health & Safety Director: Duncan Fugundas

Quarter master: (Also, Freddie Small will check the camp before the troops check-out)

Cook Crew Chief: Robbie King rkingbsa2005@gmail.com

