



2025 Polar Bear Winter Merit Badge Camp at Camp Boddie January 17-19

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 be asking adults to sit in on classes to ensure classroom management and we may also ask for help with transportation as we are offering several classes offsite and the BCCC campus.

Completed requirements will be available in Tentaroo 2-3 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.)

We may need leaders to help drive scouts off camp to where merit badges are held.

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

- Movie night with popcorn at the Hodges Building. 8-10 pm
- Or Game night at the Reception Center. (They will need to bring their own cards or board games) 8-10 pm
- Leaders Meeting/Cracker Barrell at the Dining Hall 9 -10 pm

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

Merit Badges: please see the list on page 4. You will find what is offered, who is the counselor/professor, and when and where 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. (Kristen)
- Adult Leader Training for Leave No Trace. (Andrew)
- Adult Tread Lightly (Andrew)
- Adult Planning for High Adventure (Scott P)
- Adult Youth Protection Training (Andrew)

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

7:30-9:30 pm Movie night in Hodges and Game night at the Reception Center (need to bring your own cards or board games)

9 pm Adult Leader Meeting at the Dining Hall

10 pm must be in their campsite and then 11pm Lights Out

Saturday

7:30 am Polar Bear Plunge begins (Scouts will take their plunge in rotations and must wear appropriate water shoes and clothing)

7:50 Flag Ceremony in front of dining hall

(Need a Troop to volunteer)

8 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 Flag Ceremony

(Need a Troop to volunteer)

7:45 am Breakfast at the Dining Hall

8:15 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!

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)

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Cook Crew Chief: Robbie King rkingbsa2005@gmail.com

Quartermaster: Scott Mastranunzio

