Polar Day Camp

Saturday February 22nd, 2020
Camp Decorah 9:00am–3:30
REGISTRATION 8:30am-9:00am

Come and Join the adventure of the
Great Northwest
Looking for the YETI

Must Pre – register
On-line
Who: All Lions, Tiger, Wolves, Bears and Webelos.

What: Join us for the Council’s Annual Winter Day Camp. A day spent outdoors in the 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 the Food Pantry. choice of hot dog chili dog or chili will be provided as well as other sides.**

When: Saturday February 22, 2020 Registration/Check-in will be from 8:00 to 8:30 am.

Where: Camp Decorah, W. 7520 Council Bay Rd. Holmen, WI

Why: Activities like a winter day camp help keep the pack active and healthy. Boys and Girls 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 8, 2020 plus two can goods for each person. **After February 8, 2020 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 online no later then February 18, 2020.

Registration/Roster online GatewayScouting.org

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.
Important Information:

Fees are not refundable. A maximum of 250 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 a health 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.

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Activities: The Theme this year will be

- Building a Yeti (Snowman Building Contest)
- Sling Shots
- B.B. Gun Shooting
- Sledding
- Hiking
- Ga Ga Ball
- Other winter activities

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

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 and staying overnight, we will be offering lodging. We will be showing a movie on Friday Night and offering popcorn and water and have a small breakfast in the morning. Their will be an additional charge of $5.00 per person.
A Few Suggestions for the 2020 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 pairs 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 scouts 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 scouts 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 a 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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