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HEART OF NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL

Polar Bear Derby 2024 - Parent & Leader Guide



February 3, 2024
Shirley Rod & Gun Club
Kittredge Rd, Shirley, MA

'Camp Olympus'

A Cub Scout Event

Hosted by: Quinapoxet District

For any questions, or if you want to volunteer, contact:
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Basic Event Information:

DATE - PLACE - COST

Date: February 3rd, 2024

Location: Shirley Sportsman Club, Kittredge Road. Shirley, MA

Contacts: Kathleen Bourassa (kathytroop7@gmail.com)

Cost: \$6.00 per Scout (includes Patch)

Theme: "Camp Olympus"

SCHEDULE:

Saturday - 2/3/24	
8:00 AM to 8:45 AM	Check-In
9:00 AM to 9:15 AM	Opening
9:15 AM to 2:30 PM	Stations open
2:45 PM to 3:00 PM	Awards ceremony and closing

Information for Parents and Leaders

WHAT IS A POLAR BEAR DERBY?

A Polar Bear Derby is a wonderful array of winter outdoor games for Cub Scouts of all ages and ranks. The emphasis is on having fun outdoors rather than on competition. As always, there is lots of hot chocolate to warm them up!

WHO CAN ATTEND?

The Polar Bear Derby is **open to all registered members of Cub Scouts** within the Heart of New England Council. While **siblings are absolutely welcome to join**, it is noted that the activities are age appropriate for 5 to 10 year olds.

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR THE DERBY?

You can register on the day of the event during check-in or online at the Heart of New England website at: <https://commerce.hnebsa.org/event/polar-bear-derby-2024/>

WHO RUNS THE EVENTS?

Events are led by volunteers. Anyone that wishes to help at the event, please contact the event chairman Kathleen Bourassa at: kathytroop7@gmail.com All volunteers will receive a participation patch for their efforts

HOW ARE MEDICAL FORMS AND FIRST AID MANAGED?

As this is not an overnight event and parents must be present with their children, BSA medical forms are not required.

There will be a qualified nurse/EMT onsite for the duration of the event. **All injuries, no matter how minor, should be directed to the Health and Safety officer.**

DO I NEED TO WEAR MY UNIFORM?

No. Please wear clothing appropriate for New England weather and temperatures.

WHAT EQUIPMENT IS NEEDED FOR THE DERBY?

Only what you and your Cubs need to stay warm and dry, as well as anything you will need for lunch.

TAILGATE LUNCH

It has been a long standing tradition at this event that some of the parents cook a hot meal for lunch while the Cubs are out on their activities. The best Tailgate Lunch will receive a prize! What you cook will be judged on taste, creativity and how well it fits into the overall theme of the event.

TRASH

Trash in – Trash out. Please take your trash home with you. Please remember the Outdoor Code and leave the sportsman club cleaner than you found it.

General Rules and Guidelines

1. Please keep to the speed limit on Kittridge Road. The Shirley Sportsman Club wants everyone using their facilities to be respectful of their neighbors.
2. Two deep leadership must be obeyed at all times.
3. The Buddy System must be followed at all times
4. No use of drones unless permission has been granted by an employee of The Heart of New England Council.
5. No cutting of live trees or vegetation.
6. No Alcohol, illegal drugs, or smoking is allowed during the derby. Parents and adult leaders should be setting a good example for the scouts.
7. Service animals only. No pets or therapy animals are permitted on Heart of New England property or at any scouting events run by the Heart of New England Council.