

ERIE SHORES COUNCIL CAMP ALASKA GUIDELINES

OVERVIEW...

Erie Shores Council Camp Alaska is a unique opportunity for a troop/patrol/Crew to experience real winter survival. Careful preparation and education can pay off in a challenging, safe, and successful outing.

PROGRAM AGE REQUIREMENTS...

This program is open to all Scouts BSA Troops and Venturing Crews.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES...

BEFORE THE EVENT

- Register your troop for the event. Let Erie Shores Council know when and where you plan to hold your Camp Alaska campout. Registration can be done online at www.erieshorescouncil.org/CampAlaska
- In preparation for the event, over the course of multiple troop meetings, Scouts and leaders should actively discuss, learn, and demonstrate knowledge of the following practices...
 - Appropriate types of clothing, bedding, and camping equipment for winter camping
 - Planning and preparation for building emergency shelters in cold wilderness situations
 - Cleanliness in cooking and care of the campsite
 - Proper practice in the care of food, menu planning, and proper sanitation
 - Proper types of fires and their uses
 - Proper skill in the use of wood tools (Totin' Chip)
 - Proper training in cold-weather first aid

DURING THE EVENT

- Conduct an outdoor campout for a **twenty-four (24) hour (minimum) period** between the dates of December 1 and March 31.
- The troop/patrol should not leave the campsite or area for any other activity or indoor space during their 24-hour stay.
- Units may not use manufactured tents. Scouts may use Visqueen plastic, tarps, or native materials for shelter.
- A minimum quarter-mile pack-in distance is suggested. Apart from drinking water, units may only bring what they can backpack in one trip.
- The menu must be prepared and food purchased by the Scouts. Cooking should be done individually or in teams of two.
- **Leave-No-Trace camping should be practiced during the entire event, carry out what you bring in, and follow the BSA Outdoor Code!**

AFTER THE EVENT

- A Camp Alaska patch is available from the Iott Scout Shop for a nominal fee to all Scouts and leaders who complete the experience.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES...

- BSA Fieldbook: Chapter 13
- <http://www.macscouter.com/keepwarm/index.asp> (Information to prepare for winter outings.)