

Polar Bear Plus!

Winter Backpacking

Friday Feb. 20th

For those interested even more fun and adventure, we'll be taking a group out to Butler on **Friday** night. This trip will not only provide a winter hiking experience, but will allow us to practice our backpacking skills in preparation for future extended trips. Participants will carry all of their gear with them on a 5.5 mile hike on camp Butler/Manatoc trails. Camp will be set up Friday night, packed up Saturday morning and set up again when we return to the Polar Bear camp site Saturday afternoon. Participants should bring their own food for an individually prepared breakfast and lunch on Saturday. We'll join the rest of the Polar Bear campers for a troop provided dinner Saturday evening. Sunday breakfast will also be provided by the troop.

Remember that we'll be **outdoors** for over 36 hours. Be prepared for the cold. Dr. Kezele and Mr. Dlugosz will meet with interested scouts to discuss necessary gear at the next couple of troop meetings. Individual backpacks, sleeping gear and mess kits will be required, but the troop has a number of tents and backpacking stoves available to use.

There is no additional cost for this activity – just sign up and pay the fee for the Polar Bear.

Itinerary

- Friday 6:30 pm - Meet at pool house
- Friday 7:00 pm - Depart for Camp Butler
- Friday 7:45 pm - Set up camp at Chittenden site
- Saturday Morning
 - Individually prepared breakfast at Chittenden site
 - Pack up camp
 - Set out on 5.5 mile hike on Butler/Manatoc trails
- Saturday Afternoon
 - Stop on trail for individually prepared hot lunch
 - End hike at Chittenden site – join Polar Bear in progress
 - Set up camp