

***Celebrate 250 Years of Discovery at
the 13th Annual Polar Bear!***
Hosted by Stamford Packs 11 & 15

Cub Scout Polar Bear February 7, 2026

Stamford Museum & Nature Center
151 Scofieldtown Road, Stamford, CT 06903



In honor of **America's 250th Anniversary** (1776–2026), this year's **Polar Bear** event celebrates 250 Years of Nature, Science, and Exploration — inspiring Scouts to explore the same spirit of curiosity that shaped our nation.

New for 2026:

- **Experience the Museum's brand-new Astronomy Center**, featuring a state-of-the-art Planetarium and Observatory.
- **Meet Ben Franklin and other costumed historical figures** who bring early American science and exploration to life!

Scouts will enjoy four hands-on activity stations — indoors and outdoors — focused on nature, science, and astronomy.

Open to all Cub Scouts (Lions through Arrow of Light), with special recognition for Arrow of Light Scouts.

Two sessions available (limit 100 youth per session):
Morning: 9:45 AM–12:30 PM or **Afternoon:** 12:45 PM–3:30 PM

Register early and join us for a day of winter fun, learning, and celebration — 250 years in the making!

Fees: \$20 Youth, \$12 Adults, \$12 Family Fee (non-participants)

<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1519>

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**FRANKLIN'S
LAB**

Electricity & Invention



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**JEFFERSON'S
SKY**

Astronomy & Discovery



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**WASHINGTON'S
WILDERNESS**

Nature & Navigation



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**HERSCHEL'S
COMET QUEST**

Star Observation
& Planetarium



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Franklin's Lab Electricity & Invention

Benjamin Franklin (1706–1790)
One of America's Founding Fathers, Franklin was also a brilliant scientist and inventor. He studied weather, created the lightning rod, and proved that lightning is electricity. Franklin also invented bifocal glasses, the Franklin stove, and even the first swim fins! He believed that curiosity and learning could make the world better — just like Scouts today who explore and invent.

Jefferson's Sky Astronomy & Discovery

Thomas Jefferson (1743–1826)
The third President of the United States was also a scientist, architect, and lover of the stars. Jefferson designed his own telescopes and kept careful notes about the weather, plants, and celestial events from his home at Monticello. He believed that exploring and understanding nature helped build a smarter nation. His passion for knowledge continues in every Scout who looks up at the night sky in wonder.

Washington's Wilderness Nature & Navigation

George Washington (1732–1799)
Before becoming the first U.S. President, Washington worked as a surveyor — mapping and measuring new lands. His outdoor skills, leadership, and love for nature helped shape our country. He explored forests, rivers, and mountains long before GPS existed! Scouts following a compass or trail are walking in Washington's footsteps — exploring the outdoors with confidence and respect.

Herschel's Comet Quest Star Observation & Planetarium

Caroline Herschel (1750–1848)
Caroline Herschel was one of the world's first professional female astronomers. She discovered several comets and worked alongside her brother William to map the stars. Despite living in a time when women were rarely scientists, her curiosity and dedication shone brightly. She reminds us that anyone — no matter who they are — can reach for the stars and make amazing discoveries.