



**WINTER MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL**  
**Over Sixty Years of Instruction in Ice & Snow**  
**Winter Leadership Award**  
**Application Form**

Winter Leadership Award Summary of Requirements:

This award is designed to test mountaineers in the most rugged weather. The Winter Mountaineering School Advisory Committee reintroduced this award at the 2010 program. The Sterling Silver award pin was designed by E. Gilbert Barker, Glen Falls Architect and member of the 1950 Cornell Outing Club, to provide the mountaineering community with a stimulus and recognition for safe, sensible, and serious enjoyment of the mountains in winter. The award is a symbol of those that love the mountains in winter, those with broad experience leading groups in winter, but above all, those with a sense of duty in the good name of mountain climbing, who can be depended upon to prevent others from jeopardizing their safety.

Obtaining the Winter Leadership Award includes the following steps:

1. Application Submission with fee.
2. Public presentation supporting the WMS program by applicant, where possible, at Outdoor Programs or at Winter Mountaineering School.
3. Have a minimum of three active seasons of winter climbing.
4. Have climbed 12 major peaks of four thousand feet or greater, including Marcy, Algonquin, Iroquois, and Gothics, and two trail less peaks, and have made twenty winter climbs of mountains over 4000 feet. Trips must be independent of each other. Multiple day trips are counted as one trip. The extra eight trips may be repeats of this first twelve Adirondack Peaks, and includes peaks in Vermont, New Hampshire, or Maine. Peaks or trips listed on prior WMS awards such as V and X badges are permitted. All ascents must be on skis, crampons or snowshoes. All ascents must be in a party of at least four persons strictly observing the safety rules taught at the school.
5. Have shown leadership, proper caution, discretion in situations where in the role of trip leader.
6. Have camped out away from enclosed or heated shelter three successive winter nights, or on two occasions two successive nights.
7. Certificated in Wilderness First Aid.
8. Personal Interview with a least one WMS Recognition and Awards sub-committee member to determine the applicant has conducted the required trips in a manner consistent with the safety precautions outlined in the ADK Winter Mountaineering Guidelines.
9. Be Nominated by two members of the Winter Leadership Award Sub-Committee (Currently Karen (BigK) Rosencrans Sub-Committee Chair, Richard C. Rosencrans) and/or two persons holding the Award.
10. The Award shall be awarded only with the majority approval of WMS Advisory Committee.
11. The WMS Recognitions and Awards Sub-committee shall rule on all points in question, and reserve the right to waive requirements as needed.

The sub-committee urges those aspiring to this award to maintain their own files of the trips, ie dates, companions, temperature, wind, trail and snow conditions, etc and submit with the application. It is also recommended for those near completion to file a preliminary application, for the guidance of both committee and applicant.

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In order to be considered for the award, complete this application and provide a check for twenty-five dollars payable to the Winter Mountain School Advisory Committee. Membership in the ADK is not a prerequisite, all applicants are welcome. Awardees will receive a patch and silver pin as shown on header. Send check and application to:

Winter Mountaineering School  
 Attn: Karen (BigK) Rosencrans, 7 Hedwig Avenue, Denville, NJ 07834.  
 And provide an email with the digital copy of the application to: [rosencra@gmail.com](mailto:rosencra@gmail.com)

The Winter Leadership Award includes the following steps:

- Application Submission.

Date:	
Name:	
Address:	
City-State-Zipcode	
Email:	
Phone:	

- Public presentation by applicant supporting the WMS program at Outdoor Programs or at Winter Mountaineering School programs.

Presentation Date:	
Topic of Presentation/Audience	

- The Applicant must have a minimum of three active seasons of winter climbing in calendar winter ie Dec 21 to March 21

Season 1 Active:	
Season 2 Active:	
Season 3 Active:	

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4.  Have climbed 12 major peaks of four thousand feet or greater, including

- Marcy
- Algonquin,
- Iroquois,
- Gothics,
- two trail less peaks named here:


and have made twenty winter climbs above 4000 feet. All trips to be listed in form below.

Trips must be independent of each other. Multiple day trips are counted as one trip. The extra eight trips may be repeats of this first twelve Adirondack Peaks, and includes peaks in Vermont, New Hampshire, or Maine. Peaks or trips listed on prior WMS awards such as V and X badges are permitted. All ascents must be on skis, crampons or snowshoes. All ascents must be in a party of at least four persons strictly observing the safety rules taught at the school.

#	DATE	PEAK	CONDITIONS	MEMBERS IN PARTY
1	Date:	Peak: Elevation:	Trail Foot Gear: Snow depth: Temp: Wind: Comment:	MEMBERS IN PARTY 1. 2. 3. 4.
2	Date:	Peak: Elevation:	Trail Foot Gear: Snow depth: Temp: Wind: Comment:	MEMBERS IN PARTY 1. 2. 3. 4.
3	Date:	Peak: Elevation:	Trail Foot Gear: Snow depth: Temp: Wind: Comment:	MEMBERS IN PARTY 1. 2. 3. 4.
4	Date:	Peak: Elevation:	Trail Foot Gear: Snow depth: Temp: Wind: Comment:	MEMBERS IN PARTY 1. 2. 3. 4.
5	Date:	Peak: Elevation:	Trail Foot Gear: Snow depth: Temp: Wind: Comment:	MEMBERS IN PARTY 1. 2. 3. 4.
6	Date:	Peak: Elevation:	Trail Foot Gear: Snow depth: Temp: Wind: Comment:	MEMBERS IN PARTY 1. 2. 3. 4.
7	Date:	Peak: Elevation:	Trail Foot Gear: Snow depth: Temp: Wind: Comment:	MEMBERS IN PARTY 1. 2. 3. 4.



8	Date:	Peak: Elevation:	Trail Foot Gear: Snow depth: Temp: Wind: Comment:	MEMBERS IN PARTY 1. 2. 3. 4.
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18	Date:	Peak: Elevation:	Trail Foot Gear: Snow depth: Temp: Wind: Comment:	MEMBERS IN PARTY 1. 2. 3. 4.
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5.  Have shown leadership, proper caution, discretion in situations where in the role of trip leader.

Describe example of Leadership Capability:	
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6.  Have camped out away from enclosed or heated shelter three successive winter nights, or on two occasions two successive nights.

Date of Trip 1	
Location:	
Date of Trip 2	
Location:	
Date of Trip 3 (if needed)	
Location:	

7.  Be certificated in Wilderness First Aid.(provide card if available)

Certified By:	
Expiration Date	

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For review by Recognitions and Award committee confirmation:

8.  Have conducted the required trips in a manner consistent with the safety precautions outlined in the ADK Winter Mountaineering Guidelines (per preliminary interview with sub-committee member)

Preliminary Review Date:	
Reviewed By:	

9.  Be Nominated by two members of the Winter Leadership Award Sub-Committee  
 Current Committee: Karen (BigK) Rosencrans Sub-Committee Chair  
 Richard C. Rosencrans  
 and/or two persons holding the Award.

Nomination Date:	
Nominated By:	

10.  Application reviewed and approved by WMS Advisory Committee.

Recognition and Award Sub Committee Submission Date:	
WMS Advisory Approved by:	
Date of Approval	

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