

## Finding the Big Dipper, the North Star, and the Little Dipper

Use this aid for **Bear Elective 1: Space – Requirement a**: Identify two constellations and the North Star in the night sky.

1. To locate the Big Dipper, look in the north sky.
2. Look for a constellation that looks like a big ladle. See the picture below for an example, but be aware that the orientation of the constellation might be different than shown in the picture.
3. Imagine a line from the two stars at the end of the “bowl” of the Big Dipper.
4. Follow that line to find the bright star at the end of the handle of the Little Dipper.
5. That star is the North Star. The North Star always points to true north.

