

OKPIK 2022-2023

COLD-WEATHER CAMPING COURSE

Okpik, (Inuit for Snowy Owl) pronounced as (OOK` pick) is THE cold-weather adventure program offered by the Boy Scouts of America. OKPIK is a course that will open up a new world of possibilities for your unit's camping adventures. You can enjoy your regular camping locations in new and exciting ways. You can trade the hard ground for the gentle cushion of sleeping on snow. This course is the answer to providing a great year-round program to your unit.



Topics

Planning & Preparation Equipment
& Sleds
First Aid
Winter Photography
Winter Naturalist
Stoves & Cooking
Tents & Shelters
Leave No Trace

Why

Learn how to enjoy safe and fun outdoor activities in cold weather. Be able to take skills back to share with your unit. Learn to work with the gear you already have and not need to spend a ton of money to make Winter Camping a reality in your unit. Experience leaders and scouts training side by side.

Who Should Take OKPIK

OKPIK Training is open to all levels of Scout Leaders and all Scouting youth that are 14 years old by the date of the Indoor Session. Scout Youth must be First Class rank or above. All participants must attend all sessions and patrol meetings to complete the course and earn the coveted OKPIK cubes!

VIRTUAL ORIENTATION

Wednesday, December 6th, 2022
Check-In 6:30pm
7:00pm - 9:00pm
Meeting Invite will be sent

INDOOR/OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Saturday, December 10th, 2022
Registration begins 8:00am
Course 9:00am – 1:00pm
Camp Big Timber
37W955 Big Timber Road, Elgin, IL

OUTDOOR TRAINING

Saturday, January 7th, 2023
Registration begins 8:00am
Course 9:00am – 1:00pm
Von Oven Scout Reservation
701 S. West Street, Naperville, IL

OUTDOOR OVERNIGHT

Friday February 17th – Saturday February 18th, 2023
Registration begins 5:00pm
Course Friday evening – Saturday 4:00pm
Camp Big Timber
37W955 Big Timber Road, Elgin, IL



Patrol Meetings:
Each Patrol will meet twice
Date, time, and location to be
determined by each patrol

Early-bird cost: \$85
After November 15th: \$95

Registration coming soon

More Information:
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