

Operation Icicle FAQ

Q: What is Operation Icicle?

A: Imagine a week of summer camp. Think of all the fun and exciting things to do in that one week. Now compress that all into a winter camp without the need cook or bring any unit gear and crank up the fun! Operation Icicle is all that and more. The week is an opportunity for Scouts to learn leadership, communication, teamwork, work on advancement, and to have fun in the winter! Let's face it, this is the Scouts' vacation. They should have fun on their vacation. Plus, did we mention the New Years Eve bash?!

Q: Who can attend?

A: Scouts BSA, Ventures', Explorers and Registered adults

Q: I can't attend for the whole week, can I still join?

A: Yes, we have single day winter treks available for limited days throughout the camp week. There is not an option for a multi-day overnight.

Q: Do we have to come as a troop or unit?

A: Operation Icicle participants can register as a unit or as an individual. (See provisional camping information)

Q: Does our unit or scout need to bring any troop gear?

A: No. The only gear that will be needed is personal gear as seen in the packing list in the leader guide

Q: What program can we expect?

A: Program includes both merit badge and not merit badge opportunities. This includes both camp wide competitions, theme nights, outpost adventures and more. More detailed information can be found in our program guide.

Q: Do we need to have Okpik or cold weather camping training?

A: No. Camping is done in heated cabins however daily program is held both inside and out

Q: How are meals prepared/what will we be eating?

A: All meals are served and prepared by staff in the main dining hall

Q: Does the 32-person per capacity include leaders?

A: Yes. If a unit anticipates more than 32 individuals the group will be split between two igloos

Q: Are there scheduled downtime or open program times for additional advancement?

A: Yes. In addition to scheduled morning and afternoon sessions, open times are scheduled throughout the week at camp to allow for additional camp wide activities and down time.

Q: My scout has special accommodations or needs, is that a problem?

A: Not at all. Please discuss these needs with the Camp Director so we can ensure the scout has a great experience.

Q: Is financial assistance available for Operation Icicle like a traditional summer camp would have?

A: Yes, financial assistance is available through our Campership Program. Forms can be filled out within the participant registration on the website.

Q: Are there any additional fees for select programs or areas?

A: No. All programming is included in the registration cost. While the camp does have a trading post, it is recommended that no large amounts of money (no more than \$100) should be brought.

Q: Can my scout bring a phone or other electronics?

A: While scouts may bring a phone, they are encouraged to keep them in their cabins throughout the day. All other forms of electronic devices should be left at home.