

Okpik 2025 / 2026 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. This course will teach you how to enjoy safe and fun outdoor activities in cold weather.



Course Sessions:

- 1 Virtual orientation session
- 1 In / Out classroom session
- 1 Outdoor training session
- 2 Patrol meeting sessions
- 1 Outdoor overnight

Course Topics:

Cooking Systems
Clothing Systems
Equipment & Sleds
First Aid
Leave No Trace
Sleep Systems
Tents & Shelters
Winter Naturalist
Winter Photography

Who should take Okpik:

Okpik training is open to all levels of Scout leaders and all experienced Scouting youth who are 13 years old by the date of the Indoor Session. Scout youth must be First Class rank or above. Participants must attend all sessions and patrol meetings to complete the course and earn the coveted Okpik Cubes!

Dates and Locations:

Virtual Orientation:

Tuesday December 9th 2025

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Meeting invite will be sent

Indoor / Outdoor Classroom:

Saturday December 13th 2025

Registration 8:00 - 9:00 AM

Course time 9:00 -1:00 PM

Camp Big Timber

37W955 Big Timber Road, Elgin, IL

Outdoor Training:

Saturday January 10th 2026

Registration 8:00 - 9:00 AM

Course time 9:00 AM -1:00 PM

Von Oven Scout Reservation

701 S. West Street, Naperville, IL

Outdoor Overnight:

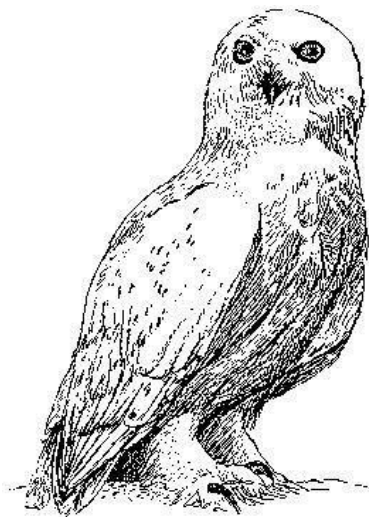
Friday February 13th - 14th 2026

Registration begins 5:00 PM Friday

Course time Friday evening - Saturday 4:00 PM

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Early bird course fee: \$90

If registered by 10/30

else \$100 - Register today!



Each patrol will meet twice.

Date, time and location to be determined by each patrol

For more information:

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2025 / 2026 Course Director



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