

Okpik 2026 / 2027 Cold Weather Course

Okpik, (Inuit for Snowy Owl) pronounced as(OOk` pick) is the cold-weather adventure program offered by Scouting 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 8th 2026
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Meeting invite will be sent

Indoor / Outdoor Classroom:

Saturday December 12th 2026
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 9th 2027
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 12th - 13th 2027
Registration begins 5:00 PM Friday
Course time Friday evening - Saturday 4:00 PM
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37W955 Big Timber Road, Elgin, IL



Each patrol will meet twice.
Date, time and location to be determined by each patrol

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