

OKPIK

COLD WEATHER CAMPING - WINTER 2026

Keep outdoor activities and camping going all 12 months of the year! This "Train the Trainer" program will prepare you to share the knowledge and skills to conduct cold weather activities and camping with your units. Learn about Cold Weather Travel, Sleep Systems, Equipment and Tents, Cooking and Nutrition, Snow Shoes, Cross Country Skiing and Outdoor Cold Weather Games.

WHAT IS AN OKPIK EXPERIENCE?

- ❄ Hands-on, patrol based cold weather camping adventure
- ❄ Learning from experienced cold weather campers
- ❄ Developing skills to lead safe & fun cold weather campouts
- ❄ Learning to be comfortable in cold weather
- ❄ Learning how to take your unit on cold weather adventures
- ❄ Sharing the joys of cold weather with fellow Scouts & Scouters

THE OKPIK PROGRAM

First Aid	Clothing Systems
Equipment Making	Sleep Systems
Cooking & Nutrition	Cold Weather Games & Activities
Tents & Shelters	Nature
Cold Weather Travel	Snowshoes & Cross Country Skiing

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

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REGISTER AT:

www.scoutingevent.com/456-110396



SESSION INFO

SESSION 1: October 4, 2026

SESSION 2: November 22, 2026

SESSION 3: December 6, 2026

1:00pm Check-In & Sessions are 1:30pm-5:30pm

First United Methodist Church

1903 Euclid Ave, Arlington Heights, IL

PRACTICAL WEEKEND - Jan. 16-17, 2027

7:30am Check-In Jan. 16th & end noon Jan. 17th

Camp Frank S. Betz

3858 Snow Rd, Berrien Springs, Michigan

COURSE FEES

\$65 – Through 9/12/26

\$75 – Beginning 9/13/26

- All participants must be at least 14 years old & First Class Rank
- Attendance at all 3 Sessions & the Practical Weekend are required to complete the course

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