

FRENCH CREEK COUNCIL 2024 OKPIK COLD WEATHER TRAINING

to be held at Custaloga Town Scout Reservation

7PM on Friday, January 31, 2025 through 12:30PM on Sunday, February 2, 2025

Check in will be from 6:00PM to 6:45PM

What is OKPIK? OKPIK is an indoor & mostly outdoor “classroom style” training experience designed to make the participant aware of all aspects of cold weather & winter camping. This training will give you the skills and confidence to lead a winter campout and ensure a safe and fun experience for all. You should consider attending this course to learn how to better train your troop to brave the elements of Winter.

The course will be based out of the Chow Hall at Custaloga Town Scout Reservation.

Who can attend OKPIK? Adult leaders. It is assumed that you have completed Outdoor Scoutmasters specific training as this course builds on that previously learned information. Senior Scouts who are at least **14 years of age** and **First Class** are encouraged to attend.

The early bird fee is \$60.00 for pre-registration by January 1, 2025. The fee will increase to \$75 from Jan 2 to January 24, 2025. Meals and snacks will be provided. All participants will be able to sleep in a heated cabin Friday night. Then on Saturday night, we hope that all participants will try sleeping in their own tents or at the Adirondacks.

Subjects to be covered

- Cold and how it affects you
- How to dress – leaders and youth
- Shelters and tents
- Sleeping systems and how to stay warm
- Food, nutrition and menus
- Winter travel – sleds, snow shoes and skis
- Cold weather first aid
- Ice travel, ice fishing and safety
- Chemical fluids for cold weather
- How to train your troop to do cold weather camping
- Back packing stoves and cookware
- Other miscellaneous tidbits

*Okpik Training is now available at Custaloga Town Scout Reservation! On all Winter activities it is vital that one of your Unit leaders is a **Trained** Winter camper with **Strong Knowledge and Skills** in keeping everyone **Safe and Warm**. With the Klondike Derby and Cub Scout Winter Activities, there is no better time than now to receive this **Awesome Training**.*



Upon Completion of this course, you will receive a FCC OKPIK pocket flap patch and Certificate
Extra Okpik flap patches will be available for purchase for \$5.00 each

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Name: _____ Troop # _____ District: _____	
Email: _____ Phone # _____ Council: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I am enclosing a check for \$60.00 made payable to French Creek Council	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Charge my credit card for \$60.00	
Card type MC / Visa / Other _____ Card numbers _____ Security Code _____	
Expiration Date ___/___/___ Signature _____	
Required Pre-Registration by FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025 FRENCH CREEK COUNCIL 1815 Robison Rd W Erie, Pennsylvania 16509 Phone: 814-868-5571 https://frenchcreek-bsa.org/	

I hope to see you, my fellow Scouts and Scouters, at this OKPIK training Experience!
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