

Welcome to Okpik Vermont 2026

We are looking forward to seeing you at Mt Norris at the end of January. I have attached a comprehensive list for a winter campout. You will not need to bring all of these items, but many will be useful (in other words, if you don't have them all don't sweat it). Check in will be from 5-7pm on Friday evening with our program beginning at 7pm. When you check in (remember your BSA med form parts A and B) you will be advised where you are sleeping. Everyone will have access to a heated cabin both nights. Participants are encouraged to build a winter shelter and sleep in it on Saturday night, but it is not required.

It is likely to be cold at Mt Norris, so please do bring adequate layers to spend several hours outdoors, and cold weather sleeping gear. It is a very good idea to bring shoes or slippers to wear in the dining hall while we do classroom work, to prevent boots from getting sweaty. We are providing all three meals on Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday. Please eat before arrival or bring your dinner for Friday night (staff will be fed on Friday). We will have a cracker barrel on Friday night as well. Building winter shelters can be hard work and you are likely to get wet, so plan to bring extra clothing. Winter is the one time to overpack a bit.

I hope you are all excited to expand your cold weather camping skills, and share some great food, fun, and fellowship with other Scouters. If you have specific questions I have failed to answer, feel free to reach out to me at maxhamvt@comcast.net Yours In Scouting,

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