



# OKPIK COLD WEATHER CAMPING

## SESSION 1

November 9, 2024

Location: ETC

1915 MacArthur Rd, Waukesha, WI

## SESSION 2

December 7, 2024

Location: ETC

1915 MacArthur Rd, Waukesha, WI

## SESSION 3

January 4, 2025

Location: CLL

N4350 Boy Scout Rd, St Cloud, WI

## SESSION 4

February 8 & 9, 2025

Location: CLL

N4350 Boy Scout Rd, St Cloud, WI

## COURSE FEES:

EARLY FEE

**\$125**

Before 9/12/24

REGULAR FEE

**\$135**

After 9/16/24

LATE FEE

**\$145**

After 10/1/24

\$50 down payment to reserve spot

30 participants needed for course – max of 60

Applications are accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis—space limited

Each participant may incur additional cost for personal gear

Patrols will be responsible for purchasing food in session #4

### OKPIK CONTACT

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## COURSE OBJECTIVES

The objective of this course is to help Scouting units extend their camping season to all 12 months of the year. It is expected that the participants of this course will go back to their units and share the knowledge and skills learned in this course.

“NON SEMPER ERIT AESTAS”  
“IT WILL NOT ALWAYS BE SUMMER”  
“WINTER IS COMING”

Cold weather camping mistakes can be deadly. The skills learned in the Okpik Program will make cold weather camping an enjoyable and safe Scouting experience.

The Okpik Program will provide you with the knowledge and materials to conduct winter camping training within your units. This program covers the skills and techniques needed to ensure a successful, fun and safe cold weather camping experience include:

- Physical First Aid
- Emergency Procedures
- Shelter Building
- Traveling in Snow
- Making Equipment

Attendance at all three classroom sessions and the practical weekend campout are required to complete the course.

## PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS

- Adults and Youth (14-17 years old)
- Must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America. This includes Youth Protection that is current through the end of the course
- Must have completed the basic training courses for your unit’s position
- Annual Health and Medical Record form (parts A and B) must be handed in when the full payment is due
- Must operate in a patrol environment
- Having attended National Youth Leadership Training is encouraged for all youth
- Must have fun!

## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Instruction is according to the program syllabus and provided the “Okpik Cold Weather Camping” book. This will give you all the material needed the “Bring it Back” to your unit.

More importantly participants will receive the knowledge and understanding of how to thrive in the fourth season of camping and the passion to pay it forward.

Upon course completion you will receive:

- Okpik neckerchief
- Okpik woggle
- Okpik participant cubes
- Okpik participant patch

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