



2015-2016 OKPIK - Cold Weather Camping

Dec. 8th, 2015 & Jan. 9th & Feb. 12-13th, 2016 - [Information flier](#)

[Okpik Youth Permission Slip](#) - Parental Consent Form

For 2015-2016 our session dates will be:

Indoor Session: Tuesday, December 8, 2015 - LDS Church, Geneva

Outdoor Session: Saturday, Jan 9, 2016 – Von Oven Scout Reservation, Naperville

Overnight Session: Friday & Saturday, Feb 12-13, 2016 - Camp Big Timber

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Purpose: To provide an opportunity for experienced youth and Scout leaders to gain the unique skills necessary for successful cold weather camping. The intent of Okpik is to help Scout troops extend their camping season to all 12 months of the year. It is anticipated that participants will return to their units and share their acquired knowledge and skills.

Program: Activities include: Clothing System; Hypothermia; Sleeping System; Cooking; Equipment & Sleds; First Aid; Travel Safety; Winter Naturalist; Winter Photography; Stoves, Fire building, Leave No Trace; Tents & Shelters; Cross Country Skiing; Frisbee Golf; Snow Snakes; Compass; Reindeer Games; Snowshoes; Centipede. Activities may vary depending upon weather and conditions.

Requirements: Registration is limited to the first 60 paid participants. Youth participants must be 14 years old by the date of the Indoor Session; be a First Class, Star, Life, or Eagle Scout; and be approved by their home Troop Scoutmaster. All participants must submit a completed Annual Health & Medical form at the Indoor Session (parts A, B). Youth participants must also submit a completed permission form at the Indoor Session. Participants must attend all sessions and patrol meetings to complete Okpik.

Registration/Fees: Online registration only. Registration fee is \$70 until Nov. 20, 2015. Fees increase to \$80 after Nov. 20, 2015.

Registration fees can be made online or offline (by credit card, cash or check to either Three Fires Scout store locations). If paying by check- please include the event code “OKPIK-1-6801-630-20” in your check memo area.

Proposed Schedule (subject to change):

1. Indoor Session – Tuesday, December 8, 2015 - LDS Church, Geneva

0N429 Old Kirk Road
Geneva, IL 60134

6:30pm Registration
7:00 – 9:30pm

2. Outdoor Session – Saturday, Jan 9, 2016 – Von Oven Scout Reservation

701 S West St
Naperville, IL 60540

8:00am Registration
8:30am – 1:00pm

3. Overnight Session - Fri & Sat, Feb 12-13, 2016 - Camp Big Timber

37W955 Big Timber Road
Elgin, IL 60124

Arrival Fri 5:00pm
Departure Sat 4:00pm

4. **Patrol Meetings:** Each patrol will have 2 meetings. Date, time, and location will be determined by each patrol.

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