Okpik 2016-2017

Cold Weather Camping Training

What: Okpik aims to provide participants with the skills and knowledge to enjoy an outdoor experience in cold weather; to help Scout units extend their outing season to all 12 months of the year; and to share their acquired knowledge and skills with their units. These skills are taught over five sessions using the patrol method.

Okpik sessions cover: Cold Weather Clothing Systems and Sleeping Systems; Cooking, Meal Preparation and Planning; Equipment & Sleds; First Aid and Hypothermia; Travel Safety; Winter Naturalist; Winter Photography; Stoves, Fire building, Leave No Trace; Tents & Shelters. The overnight session introduces participants to a variety of winter activities and games and an opportunity to try out what they learned in a safe environment. Learning is done using the Patrol Method. Okpik also teaches you how to have fun in the cold! Think Klondike Derby for adults and senior Scouts!

Who: Okpik training is open to all levels of Scout leaders and experienced Scouting youth (Boy Scouts, Venturing, Varsity and Sea Scouts) who are 14 years old by the date of the Indoor Session. Boy Scout youth must be 1st class or above.

All participants must submit a completed Annual Health & Medical form at the Indoor Session (parts A & B). In addition, all youth participants must submit a completed Activity Consent form at the Indoor Session. Participants must attend all sessions and patrol meetings in order to complete the course and earn the coveted Okpik cubes!

When and Where:

1. **Indoor Session – Tuesday, December 13, 2016**
   LDS Church, Geneva
   0N429 Old Kirk Road — 6:30pm Registration
   Geneva, Illinois — 7:00pm – 9:30pm
2. **Outdoor Session – Saturday, January 21, 2017**
   Von Oven Scout Reservation
   701 S. West Street — 8:00am Registration
   Naperville, Illinois — 8:30am – 1:00pm
3. **Indoor Session – Friday-Saturday, February 10-11, 2017**
   Camp Big Timber
   37W955 Big Timber Road — Arrival Fri 5:00pm
   Elgin, Illinois — Departure Sat 4:00pm
4. **Patrol Meetings:**
   Each patrol will have 2 meetings. Date, time, and location TBD by each patrol.

How to Register and Cost: Registration is online only at www.threefirescouncil.org from now through December 13th. Cost: $80 per person. The fee covers registration, materials, snacks during sessions, and a food allowance for the overnight session.

Questions - Contact:
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