OKPIKATTAVIK 2020

February 21-23

J. Warren Cutler Scout Reservation

Put Your North Woods Winter Skills to the Test

Winter Travel: You'll pack your pulk with everything you and your patrol mates will need to camp over the weekend at Fawn Haven.

Winter Shelter: You can sleep in a tent or a hammock that you bring or you can use tarps to build a shelter if we have enough snow.

Winter Camping: You learned that winter camping requires different strategies to keep comfortable while you do the usual camping tasks. Putting it into practice will build your confidence to lead winter treks!

Winter Fun! Staying warm and comfortable is key. You'll be eating, sleeping, and keeping active. Expect to be on the move!

- Cook gear and stove.
- Any personal items you normally use including medication.
- New Medical Form (Parts A & B)

Participants will receive a final packing list in advance of the course.

!!! IMPORTANT !!!

There will be a shakedown meeting at the Scout Service Center on <u>Saturday February 8</u>. At that time, you get final gear recommendations and be given the funds to buy provisions for patrol cooking. If you cannot attend, please email us to make alternate arrangments.

And of course, you want the exclusive pocket patch!

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Okpikattavik 2017 Reservation Form – J. Warren Cutler Scout Reservation – February 21-23, 2020

Please reserve a space for:

Name: _____ **Council:** _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

E-mail: _____

OKPIK: $95/person (non-refundable after 2/14/2020)

Total Enclosed: _____

If registering at council office or by mail, make check payable to: "Seneca Waterways Council" Please write "Acct# 1-6801-939-20" in the memo field

Close your eyes. The air is cold and you hear a gentle rush of wind. You are warm because you are appropriately dressed for the weather conditions and your level of activity. You and your patrol mates have just returned from a hike and are ready for some food. As snowflakes brush your nose, you hear the water on the stove begin to boil and are looking forward to some cocoa and a nice hot meal. It's February and you're in the high hills at the J. Warren Cutler Scout Reservation. Does it get any better than this?

You're here to continue the journey you began when you decided to become a better winter camper. Listening and watching was one thing but doing and applying what you learn at Okpik really brings the instruction home. You'll gain the confidence to teach your scouts how not to just survive but thrive in the winter enjoying experiences that you get at no other time of year.

The personal accomplishment of the Okpikattavik course is rewarding but you're really here because you're looking forward to sharing the winter camping experience with your scouts.

Okpikattavik Provides:

- A limited number of snowshoes, winter shelters (for overnight experience), supplemental clothing and sleeping gear for added winterizing (preferably bring your own)
- An Advisor kit with handouts of suggested equipment lists and tips on preparing for your winter experience.
- Great food, because you bought and cooked it.
- Expert instruction
- Hands-on experience
- The rare and highly coveted Okpikattavik pocket patch!

Bring the following for Okpikattavik:

- Long underwear, socks, shirts, and sweaters (synthetic or wool that wicks!)
- Fleece or wool pants (plus shell) or 2 pair pants, 1 that fits over the other if possible). Please no blue jeans or cotton pants.
- Waterproof winter coat or shell.
- Insulated waterproof boots and a pair of shoes or boots to wear in the lean-to and lodge.
- Winter hat, and mittens or gloves (wool or fleece, waterproof shell).
- Face mask or neck gaiter that you can pull up over your nose.
- Sunglasses.
- Sleeping bag, pillow and ground pads.
- Tent, bivvy, hammock, tarps.
- Pulk or lightweight sled with tarp & rope

Register as early as possible. **This course is only offered every 3 years, so the time to register is NOW!**

E-mail: **okpik@senecawaterways.org** with any questions.

Please register no later than: **February 7, 2020** – No refunds after **February 14, 2020**

Fee: **$95 / person** Class Size: Limited to **30** Minimum age: **14** (exceptions must be approved by Okpik staff.)