



Okpik 2018-2019

Cold Weather Camping Training

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 & Sleeping Systems; Cooking, Meal Preparation, & Planning; Equipment & Sleds; First Aid & 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 provides an opportunity to try out what has been learned in a safe environment. Think Klondike Derby for adults and senior Scouts!

Okpik teaches you how to have fun in the cold!

Who: Okpik training is open to all levels of Scout leaders and all experienced Scouting youth who are 14 years old by the date of the Indoor Session. Scout youth must be 1st class rank 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 to complete the course and earn the coveted Okpik Cubes!

When and Where:

1. Indoor Session – Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Location to be determined

6:30pm Registration
7:00pm – 9:30pm

2. Outdoor Session – Saturday, January 19, 2019

Von Oven Scout Reservation
701 S. West Street
Naperville, Illinois

8:00am Registration
8:30am – 1:00pm

3. Overnight Session – Friday-Saturday, February 8-9, 2019

Camp Big Timber
37W955 Big Timber Road
Elgin, Illinois

Arrival: Friday 5:00pm
Departure: Saturday 4:00pm

4. Patrol Meetings:

Each patrol will have 2 meetings. Date, time, and location determined by each patrol.

Registration and Cost: Register online at scoutingevent.com/127-20293# from now through December 11, 2018. The cost is \$80 per person. The fee covers registration, materials, snacks during sessions, and a food allowance for the overnight session.

For questions, contact:

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