

OKPIK

COLD WEATHER CAMPING

POTAWATOMI AREA COUNCIL, SCOUTING AMERICA



COURSE DATES

SESSION 1

 Saturday,
November 14, 2026

 St. John's Lutheran

SESSION 2

 Saturday,
December 5, 2026

 St. John's Lutheran

SESSION 3

 Saturday,
January 16, 2027

 Camp Long Lake

SESSION 4

 Saturday, February 6 -
Sunday, February 7, 2027

 Camp Long Lake

COURSE FEES

EARLY FEE

\$135

Until 9/18/26

REGULAR FEE

\$145

9/19/26 - 10/15/26

LATE FEE

\$165

After 10/16/26

- \$50 deposit required to reserve your spot
- Minimum 30 participants; maximum 60
- Space is limited; applications accepted on a first-come, first-served basis
- Participants may have additional costs for personal gear
- Patrols are responsible for purchasing food for Session 4

QUESTIONS?

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

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The Okpik Program is designed to help Scouts build the knowledge and skills they need to camp comfortably and safely in cold weather. It covers everything from proper gear and clothing to winter camping techniques, including:

- Physical First Aid
- Emergency Procedures
- Shelter Building

Participants will also learn about:

- Traveling in Snow
- Making Equipment
- Cooking in Cold Weather
- Winter Camping Skills

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 Scouting 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 attend National Youth Leadership Training is encouraged for all youth
- Must have fun!

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Instruction is according to the program syllabus and provided in 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 RECIEVE:

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

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