

Participant Requirements

- ✳ Must operate in a patrol environment.
- ✳ Must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of 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.
- ✳ Must meet the physical requirements contained in the Annual Health & Medical Record form physical in a backcountry environment. Parts A, B and C must be handed in when the full payment is due.
- ✳ Youth, 14 – 18, must have their Unit Leaders permission. The Unit Leader must take into account the Scouts physical capabilities for high adventure activities as well as their maturity. Having attended National Youth Leadership Training is encouraged for all youth.
- ✳ Must have fun.



Course Fees

Total cost is \$110. Applications are accepted on a first-come first serve basis determined by when the application is received at Council Service Center.

The payment is non-refundable. However it may be used another year or transferred to another participant with your approval.

Limited scholarships are available. Contact the course director for more information.

Each participant may incur additional cost for personal gear. Money will be given to each patrol for food during the practical weekend.

You will be instructed according to the program syllabus and provided the Okpik Cold Weather Camping book. This will give you all the material needed to "Bring it Back" to your unit.

Upon course completion you will receive an Okpik neckerchief, Okpik woggle, Okpik participant cubes and an Okpik participant patch.

More importantly you will receive the knowledge and understanding of how to thrive in the fourth season of camping, and the passion to pay it forward.

Okpik Cold Weather Camping Blackhawk Area Council



Session 1

November 9, 2019 at Camp Lowden

Session 2

December 14, 2019 at Cherry Valley Firehouse

Session 3

January 18, 2020 Cherry Valley Firehouse

Practical Weekend

February 1 – February 2, 2020 Camp Lowden

There will be patrol meetings scheduled during this time. Dates and locations will be determined by your patrol members.

Course Objectives

The objective of this course is to help Scouting units extend their camping season to all 12 months of the year. It is expected that the participants of this course will go back to their units and share the knowledge and skills learned in this course.

"Non Semper Erit Aestas" "It Will Not Always Be Summer"

Our Train the Trainer program will provide you with the knowledge and materials to conduct winter camping training within your units. This program covers the skills and techniques needed to ensure a successful, fun, and safe cold weather camping experience. These include physical first aid and emergency procedures, shelter building, traveling in snow, and making equipment.

Cold weather camping mistakes can be deadly. The skills learned in the Okpik Program will make cold weather camping an enjoyable, safe Scouting experience. Because of this the course is limited to adults and experienced youth only, at least 14 years old, approved by their Unit Leader and the Course Director.

Attendance at all three classroom sessions and the practical weekend campout are required to complete the course.



You belong here!

Course Director

Hello from the course director! I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to attend this unique training course offered by the Blackhawk Area Council.

I guarantee this will be the “coolest” training you have ever taken.

Please contact me with any questions at okpik@blackhawkscouting.org



The dates are set.
The times are set
The places are set.

All we need is “U” to have “F N”.

Stay “C.O.L.D.”

