

~ OKPIK ~
WINTER SURVIVAL COURSE

OKPIK is the Indian name of the white snowy owl that lives deep in the woods! OKPIK is also the official name of the Boy Scouts of America winter survival course.

OKPIK participants start with learning winter survival skills, safety requirements of the outdoors, along with food and clothing basics. The camp provides complete sets of gear and clothing before the crew's head out for their overnight on cross county skis or snowshoes. Snow shelters are built and patrols settle down for a comfortable night in often sub zero weather. Can your unit handle the challenge! Everyone completing the OKPIK program will receive an official OKPIK patch!

Pine Tree Council will be offering two OKPIK options this year!

Four “**traditional OKPIK**” weekends offering a trained guide, all weather gear and equipment along with food and a program offering cold winter weather training and knowledge.

*For Pine Tree Council Troops and Venture Crews wanting to do an **OKPIK weekend with their own trained leadership**, but needing some help with equipment and winter camping information, the OKPIK equipment consisting of trail sleds, outdoor clothing, snowshoes and/or cross country skis, and cooking equipment will be available to rent for use at Camp Hinds on weekends when the OKPIK traditional program is not being offered. A training guide on cold weather camping and survival will be available to use as a training resource at unit meetings to prepare for your OKPIK weekend.*

The OKPIK staff invites you to join them staff for an energizing winter get-away!

2004 Traditional OKPIK DATES

OKPIK – Weekend 1 Jan. 23 - 25
OKPIK – Weekend 2 Jan. 30 – Feb. 1
OKPIK – Weekend 3 Feb. 6 - 8
OKPIK – Weekend 4 Feb. 13 – 15

Cost for the “traditional OKPIK” weekend is \$75.00 for in council Scouts and \$90.00 for out-of-council Scouts.

For Units wanting to do OKPIK under their own leadership ~

1st - Check to see what weekend cabin rentals and equipment are available

2nd -Reserve space and equipment, an equipment rental form is available with cost outlined based on the amount of equipment needed.

3rd – Using your PTC OKPIK planning guide, organize and plan units meetings to prepare for your OKPIK weekend including food preparation, cold weather survival techniques, equipment needs and more!

More information and reservations can be made through the camping department at Pine Tree Council 797-5252 ext. 14.

See you at OKPIK!



