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Northern Tier National High Adventure Programs OKPIK - Cold Weather Camping Ely, Minnesota

OKPIK (Inuit for Snowy Owl), the premier winter camping program of the Boy Scouts of America, has taught scouts to thrive in the subzero temperatures of Northern Minnesota for 40 years. Learn how to sleep underneath the stars at twenty below, ski silently across secluded wilderness lakes or learn to mush a team of sled dogs. OKPIK provides nearly all the gear necessary for a successful winter camping expedition.

Programs to Choose From:

OKPIK Weekend - The historic two-day introduction to fundamental winter camping skills, includes shelter building, skiing, snowshoeing and ice fishing.

Cabin Stay - Get the OKPIK experience without the cold nights! Explore the woods during the day and stay in a heated cabin each evening.

Dogsled Treks - Two types of three-day dogsledding trips are offered: take out long runs during the day while staying each night in a cabin or camp out on the ice with 18 dogs for two nights.

OKPIK Treks - Head out into the wilderness for longer treks. These 3+ day trips feature snowshoeing or skiing and are best for more experienced and mature scouts.

WEBELOS OKPIK Weekend (WOW) - OKPIK's newest program is customized for the needs of 9 and 10 year old WEBELOS and their adult partners.

Additional Program Opportunities:

Holiday Stay - OKPIK's most popular program held from Dec 27 - Jan 1. Celebrate the New Year with one of the most unique experiences in Scouting. Also check the website for the February holiday offerings.

Cold Weather Leader Training - Learn new skills and program ideas to take back to your Troop, District or Council during this 5-Day Workshop held in early January. Minimum age of 16 by the time of attendance.

Mid-Week Treks - We are flexible. If you have a trip idea you'd like to try out, give us a call!

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