

# 2009 OKPIK COLD WEATHER CAMPING TRAINING

The Boy Scouts of America official cold weather camping training course



Lots of snowshoes



Relaxing



Winter at Northwoods



Lots of good hot food to eat



Ladies Snow dome



Sled designs from OKPIK training

What is OKPIK? A training program to help you learn outdoor cold weather camping skills. It is for Boy Scout adults and Venture adults, Scouts (minimum rank of first class), and all Venture youth. In Michigan 9 months out of the year (Sept-May) the temperature can drop below freezing at night. Learn the skills and knowledge of OKPIK, and you will enjoy camping comfortably all year long.

## Learn these winter camping skills:

- ◆ Clothing: How to dress for cold weather camping.
- ◆ Learn the definition of **C. O. L. D.**
- ◆ Snow Shelters: Skills taught will be construction of thermal shelter, the snow piled quinzhee, and the cut block igloo. Snow shelter builders will sleep in their shelters!
- ◆ Cross Country Skiing skills and snow shoeing (skis and snowshoes are provided)
- ◆ Learn how to make your own sled very inexpensively to carry gear
- ◆ Geocaching and Land Navigation...Ice Fishing...Night time ski hike, and more
- ◆ Learn how to plan, cook, and eat the right foods for cold weather winter camping
- ◆ Participants who complete the course (earn a cool looking patch) and will be able to instruct others to prepare for your next winter camping or polar bear campout.

## Plan now to attend!

### Session 1: Saturday, January 10, 2009 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Camp Kiwanis, Mason

This session will be held indoors. Training will teach cold weather camping skills, demonstrations, equipment displays. Everyone attending the indoor session receives the Okpik handbook, a three ring binder with copies of training information, and lunch. Those attending the outdoor session will, form patrols, set menus, and complete plans for the outdoor session.

### Session 2: Friday - Sunday, Jan. 30-31/Feb 1, 2009 Northwoods Reservation

Friday evening registration 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Stay indoors      Saturday: Outdoor activities and polar bear camping  
 Sunday morning: Closing ceremony and recognition

Cost: Early Bird Fee \$40 if paid by December 31, 2008 (Includes Indoor training, all meals, patch, OKPIK book, use of ski and/or snowshoes, and program materials). Indoor Training only on January 10<sup>th</sup> is \$20 if paid by December 31, 2008. (includes OKPIK book, program materials and lunch for indoor training) Information 517-321-9400  
[info@chiefokemosbsa.org](mailto:info@chiefokemosbsa.org)

**2009 OKPIK COLD WEATHER CAMPING TRAINING  
REGISTRATION FORM**

Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Adult in Charge: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (Hm) \_\_\_\_\_ (Wk) \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Both Training Sessions January 10<sup>th</sup> and Weekend of January 30 to February 1**

Total Youth Participants \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40each (after December 31, 2008 \$45) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Adult Participants \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40 each (after December 31, 2008 \$45) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(900352) TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Indoor Training Session Only on January 10th**

Total Youth Participants \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 each (after December 31, 2008 \$25) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Adult Participants \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 each (after December 31, 2008 \$25) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(900352) TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: "Chief Okemos Council, Boy Scouts of America"  
Take out of unit Account # \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ (please print and must be on account)

Return by December 31, 2008 to Chief Okemos Council, 4000 W. Michigan Ave. Lansing 48917  
Fax: 517-321-7298 [info@chiefokemosbsa.org](mailto:info@chiefokemosbsa.org)

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OKPIK Course Directors are Jim Kliever and Dave Brigham

How many youth attending: # \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in below or attached your own roster

Names: (Please Print)	Age Rank	Names: (Please Print)	Age/Rank
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How many adults attending: # \_\_\_\_\_

Names: (Please Print)	Names: (Please Print)
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