OKPIK 2018 Adventure

What is OKPIK? – It is the premier Cold Weather Camping Program of the Boy Scouts of America. For over forty years the Okpik program of Northern Tier National High Adventure Programs has provided safe, exhilarating and challenging adventures for thousands of youth and adult participants. The name, Okpik, comes from the Inuit word for the Arctic or Snowy Owl which has been used as the symbol for the Okpik program since it began in the early 1970's.

Okpik Participants learn how to cross-country ski, snowshoe, ice climb, fat tire bike, ice fish, build snow shelters and enjoy life in extreme weather conditions and temperatures. All groups are accompanied by a trained staff instructor, called an Interpreter, who serves as a teacher of cold weather camping skills. The Okpik program fully outfits crews with group gear and almost all necessary personal clothing (see the included gear list). The goal of the Okpik program is to instruct crews on how to see low temperatures as an opportunity, not a barrier, to turn a 3-season camper into a year-round camper.

NEIC Crew Trip: December 27 – January 1

Cost: Estimated $600 (depends on crew size and gas costs)
Cost is lower with more people attending
Please contact Bill Strauss if you are interested and he'll discuss payments needed should we get the final crew spot

Minimum Age – 8th Grade at time of trip

Total Spaces: 16 total spots available. Act fast to secure your spot!

This year there is a pilot program where Northern Tier OKPIK is partnering with a council in Twin Lake, Michigan at Gerber Scout Ranch. The good news is that the drive is only 375 miles and they've added Ice Climbing and Fat Tire Biking – and camping will not be on a frozen lake.

Activities Include:

- Cross Country Skiing
- Snowshoeing
- Igloo Building
- Trekking
- Ice Climbing
- Fat Tire Biking
- Winter Survival Technique training

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