

TROOP 883 TRIP PERMISSION SLIP

OKPIK: Winter High Adventure



Departure: Friday, January 15, 2016

We will depart from BWI at some point early on Friday morning.
Your Scout will need to miss school only on this day.

Return: Tuesday, January 19, 2016

We will return to BWI at some point in the afternoon/early evening.
School is closed on Monday, January 18 and Tuesday, January 19.
Neither of these dates will require the Scout to miss school.

Tentative Schedule:

Friday, January 15

Depart BWI for Minneapolis. Drive to Northern Tier in Ely, MN. We will eat dinner, have our gear issued, and get ready to set out in the morning.

Saturday, January 16

Scouts travel by snowshoes or skis (depending on current snow and ice conditions) further out into the wilderness, pulling their gear on sleds (pulks), and camping a minimum of 2 nights in the woods. Typically, they travel 7-12 miles over the course of their trip, setting up camp in two different places along the way. This is an excellent way to develop advanced winter camping and travel skills and to see a greater part of the area. All crews receive a brief introduction to dog sledding and may also choose to add ice fishing and other winter activities to their trek.

Sunday, January 17

Out on the ice

Monday, January 18

Return to base camp. Check in gear. Clean up for the trip home. Lunch and awards ceremony. Travel from Ely to Minneapolis. Evening activities at the Mall of America. Hotel accommodations that night.

Tuesday, January 19

Depart Minneapolis for BWI.

Details:

Minimum age is 14 by the time of arrival at base. Maximum crew size of 8 and minimum crew size of 6.

Participants will receive the standard OKPIK Award and may purchase the appropriate Trek Award if at least 2 nights are spent out on the ice and change campsites at least once.

Crews have the potential to earn the "Zero Hero" award for camping outside when the temperature is 0° F or colder.

This trek counts toward the "Triple Crown" for those who have attended other BSA High Adventure programs (Philmont, Florida Sea Base, Northern Tier, Summit).

More Details:

We will provide more details as the outing gets closer.

Cost:

Approximately \$1,100 to \$1,200.

Due Date:

In order to reserve spot on a crew, you must commit (including a \$100 deposit) on or before February 9, 2015.

Cancellation Date:

Regardless of the reason, once you sign up, you are committed to attend the program unless you can find a replacement.

Adults are needed to accompany the group and provide transportation.

