



We Offer:

- * Millions of acres of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness to explore
- * A highly skilled Interpreter to accompany your group
- * Training in cold-weather camping skills
- * State-of-the-art sleds, tents, skis, snowshoes, and other cold weather camping gear
- * Supplemental cold-weather clothing and sleeping systems
- * An opportunity for each participant to experience the excitement of dogsledding
- * Emergency radio communication
- * Special OKPIK, Zero Hero, and Bizhiw participation emblems
- * Shower and sauna facility
- * Heated cabins
- * Dining hall for your meals on base
- * Fully stocked trading post of souvenir items and outdoor clothing and gear
- * Over 80 years of outfitting experience



Timber Wolf
Canis Lupus



Custom Programs

The OKPIK program is very flexible. If you wish to plan a special skiing or a dog sledding trek we can accommodate you! We will work with your group to tailor your special expedition. Perhaps you would rather spend more time at the base and day trips. Many options are available in addition to the planned trip listed in the enclosed application form. Just ask us!



Approximate Mileage to OKPIK

Chicago	650	Indianapolis	810
Cleveland	992	Kansas City	760
Des Moines	530	Milwaukee	567
Detroit	884	Mpls./St. Paul	245
Duluth	132	St. Louis	814
Eau Claire	295	Sioux Falls	413
Fargo	315		

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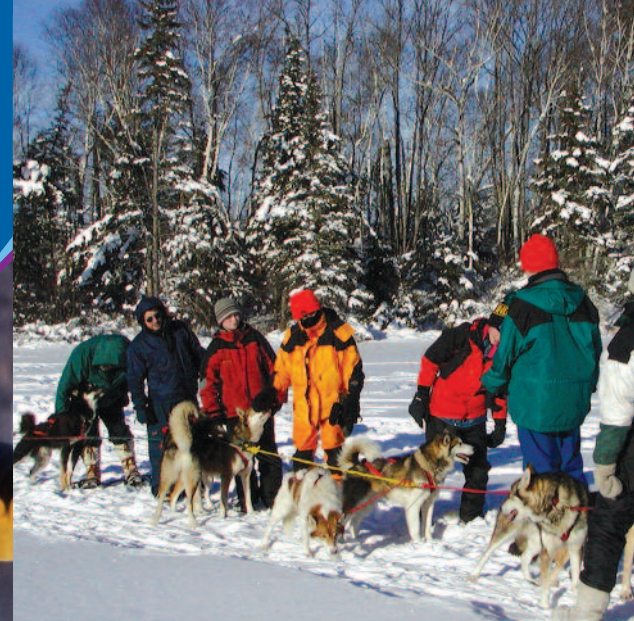
We Deliver Wilderness Adventure



OKPIK (ook' pick) is the Inuit word for the Snowy Owl and also the name and symbol for the Northern Tier High Adventure cold weather camping programs at the Charles L. Sommers base in Ely, MN.



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OKPIK

Winter Adventures

- Cross Country Skiing
- Winter Camping
- Snowshoeing
- Ice Fishing
- Shelter Building
- Dogsledding



OKPIK Adventures



Cross Country Skiing

We offer skiing on the frozen lakes of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, and on wooded trails in the Superior National Forest.



Snowshoeing

This is the traditional method of travel utilized by the Native Americans and the trappers that followed them. It is still an efficient, silent, and fun way to travel the winter wilderness.



Winter Camping

We teach the skills and provide the equipment to make your winter camping experience fun and safe. You will be surprised to discover how comfortable you can be outdoors - even at -40 degrees F! While camping, you can snowshoe, ski, ice fish, follow animal tracks, howl with the wolves, and enjoy the serenity and beauty of the winter north woods.



Ice Fishing

Learn the skills of ice fishing for pike, walleye, or lake trout. Nothing tastes quite as good after a day of dogsledding, skiing, or snowshoeing as freshly caught fish. They are especially tasty in the winter!



Dogsledding

Nothing is quite as exciting as driving a team of sled dogs along a frozen lake or through the snow covered forest. Each participant in the OKPIK program will have the opportunity to experience dogsledding.



Mature, motivated, and conditioned crews may choose the option of a challenging dogsled expedition and drive their own team. Your crew can travel farther into the winter wilderness with your gear loaded in a dogsled while you ski along.

Shelter Building

You can build your own quinzee, Polar Dome™, or thermal shelter out of snow and natural materials. A snow shelter will be a cozy 30 degrees even if the outside temperature is far below zero.



The Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base is where the cold-weather camping program of the Boy Scouts of America was developed. We are experts in wilderness adventure and the only National Boy Scouts of America OKPIK program!

Each group participating in OKPIK will receive written material and on-site training to ensure a safe and fun winter adventure. We also offer other special training opportunities for adult leaders and older youth. Please refer to the enclosed reservation sheet for details.