Build Yourself a Winter Camping Adventure You’ll Never Forget!

Equipment

North Wind will provide a fully equipped and provisioned winter camping program for each Scout who participates. Equipment to be provided will include:
- **Clothing** including mittens and liners, boots and liners, socks, hats, pants, suspenders, and gaiters.
- **Sleeping and Shelter** provisioning including sleeping bags, ground pads, lanterns, and shelter materials such as parachutes, tarps, tents, shovels and polar domes.
- **Food and cooking** equipment including stoves, water bottles, cooking equipment, and a full provisioning of food for three meals.
- **Activity equipment** including crew sleds, skis, poles and snow shoes.

Develop self-reliance, resourcefulness, learn teamwork, co-operation and responsibility by applying winter camping skills.

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Activities
Winter camping means staying active and healthy. North Wind will feature a great deal of physical activity for all ages. These activities include:
- Making snow sculptures and snow snakes
- Winter cooking
- Ice fishing, Frisbee golf, and snowshoeing
- Cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and tobogganing
- Astronoming in the winter sky and building a snow fort
- Learning about winter nature and building winter survival kits
- First aid and ice crossing safety
- Photography, compass use, and GPS
- Building non-snow shelters and matching fire building
- and much more...

Program
During the winter of 2002, North Wind will be open to Scouts aged 13 and older and to Venturers. Here is the outline for the program:
Friday Night: Scouts, and their accompanying leaders, in crews of 10 will receive training on winter camping essentials and each Scout will be issued a full set of equipment and clothing for the weekend. Crews will sleep indoors in the Keepers Lodge.
Saturday: After a hearty breakfast, the crews will trek to a remote camping area and build a shelter, then spend the day in outdoor camping activities. They will spend the day in the great outdoors, and prepare their meals. Crews will sleep in their shelters on Saturday night and return to Keepers Lodge on Sunday morning.
Sunday: The program will include a big lunch, recognitions, and the great fun of learning and accomplishment.

Introduction
Viking Council is excited to announce an exciting new winter camping program for Scouts and Venturers of all ages called North Wind. This new program is made possible by a generous donation to the Viking Council. The donation was made in memory of Scoutmaster Lawrence Cagney. The construction of the new winter camping lodge at Stokely Scout Camp and the purchase of the winter camping equipment needed for the program is being funded by the camp's endowment.

Training
Camping in winter requires thorough preparation and training. The Scout motto of being prepared applies even more so to winter camping. Scouts who come to North Wind will learn the following key skills:
- Winter first aid
- Techniques for managing the cold
- Staying warm through food, hydration, insulation, and activity
- Food - simple menus, easy to cook and high in calories
- Personal hygiene and keeping dry
- Learn to thrive in any weather condition!