

Troop 212 Winter Camp 2011 at Sequoia National Park

January 15th ~ 17th Cost \$35 / \$20

We will be going to Lodgepole Campground in Sequoia National Park and we are expecting cold weather and a lot of snow. There is currently 8.3 feet of snow at the campground.

We will have a packing demo on Monday night January 10th for all who plan to attend.

We will meet in Fellowship hall Friday night at 7:00pm for a bag check. This will take between 60 and 90 minutes depending on the boys. Bring a note pad and pen to take notes. If your bag does not pass inspection, you will have an opportunity to correct it and bring the missing items on Saturday. All bags will be left at Church. Saturday we will meet at Church at 6:00am to load gear, circle up and leave by 6:30am. We will **NOT** be traveling in uniform on this trip. Plan on dressing in layers and have your jackets, hats and gloves at the top of your pack. **Please be prompt and eat breakfast before showing up.** There will be one *scheduled* stop on the way to Sequoia National Park for fuel and a bathroom break. Most scouts use this opportunity to load up on snacks, please take this into account. Once we get into Sequoia National Park we will not have cell phone service. Please refer to the SPOT link on the troop web site for status updates. We will spend 2 days and 2 nights sleeping on the snow. Pack up Monday morning and have a fast food lunch on the road. In addition to the cash on the way up, scouts will need money for Monday's Lunch. We are planning on being back at the church around 6:00pm.

Items you will need. Remember there will be a bag check on Friday night. **If you don't pass, you don't go!** Having the correct gear will be the difference between having a great time and being cold and wet.

Pack everything in plastic bags! We will be traveling to snow and things can get wet.

- Warm Sleeping Bag (Recommend a 0 degree bag), Two sleeping bags will also work.
- Warm blanket for extra insulation either on top or between you and the snow.
- Self Inflating/Foam Sleeping Pad is best or an air mattress
- Warm Winter Jacket, Insulated Pants (Ski or Snowboard style), Warm socks (Minimum of 8)
- Insulated Winter Boots, Long Underwear
- Gloves or Mittens, Warm hat that covers your ears, ski mask, scarf
- Water Bottles or Canteens, Flashlight
- Poncho, Personal Gear (Soap, Comb, Chapstick, Tooth brush), Scout Book, pen, notebook
- Scouts and Scouters need to bring their mess kit (plate, bowl, utensils and cup)
- Extra plastic garbage bags for wet muddy gear on the return trip.
- Money for Lunch on Monday.

Optional items:

- Sun Glasses/Goggles, second sleeping bag
- Money for snacks on Saturday

If you wish to attend bring \$35 / \$20 to the meeting on January 10th with a signed permission slip. Food shopping will be at Stater Brothers on Thursday January 13th at 7:00pm. [Plan menus](#) for Saturday Lunch and Dinner; Sunday Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner; and Sunday Breakfast.

Patrol leaders, you will be receiving additional money for food shopping on this trip as your body will burn through more calories on a winter camping trip. Plan hearty meals. The extra money is not for junk food and soda!

We plan to return from this trip on MONDAY, about 6:00 PM. The exact time is unknown because trip return times are always influenced by things beyond our control, such as how efficient we are during Monday pack up time, general weather conditions, and even traffic conditions. Use the SPOT link on our home page for a general idea of where we are. **Adults**, we will be traveling in high country and road conditions may include snow or ice, so **drivers please bring your tire chains this trip** and see Winter Driving Tips on the Reminders page of the Troop Web Site. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Mike Morse at (714) 349-6453. Scouts and Scouters please see the reminders page for permission slip, maps, cold weather camping guide, cold weather sleeping bags and winter driving tips.

CLOTHING (As a general rule, **stay away from cotton**. Polyester, polypropene, or wool is best.)

- Warm jacket (Day high 30°f/Night low 10°f)
- Rain gear (top and pants) or poncho
- Insulated snow pants (unless you rain gear bottoms with fleece pants)
- Fleece pants (or 2)
- Fleece sweater (or 2)
- 3 pair of pants and 3 shirts (one will get wet while digging/playing in the snow)
- Turtle neck
- 2 pairs of gloves or mittens (one pair WILL get wet)
- Thermal underwear (Keep one set of thermals or fleece and socks only for sleeping in!)
- 8 pairs of socks NO COTTON
- Brimmed Hat or base ball cap
- Beanie cap
- Snow (insulated) boots
- Extra shoes (keep dry for the ride home)
- Bandanna and/or face mask

PERSONAL GEAR

- Sunglasses and/or goggles
- Pocket Knife
- Flashlight (small is best)
- Extra Batteries (battery performance decreases in cold weather)
- Sunscreen and Chapstick
- Personal First Aid Kit
- Compass
- Small baggy of Handy-wipes, Toothbrush & paste
- Toilet paper & trowel
- Hydration pack or water bottle (filled with water)
- Mess Kit (utensils, bowl, INSULATED NON METAL mug, etc)
- Whistle (non-metal)
- Money for Monday lunch stop
- Tarp or ground cloth
- Matches to light stoves
- Emergency fire starters
- Pencils, Pens, Notebook
- Rope – 10 Feet
- Zero degree winter bag or 2 sleeping bags

- Insulation pad (wool/polyester blanket optional)
- Small towel
- 6 “tea” candles
- Day pack
- Emergency food
- Trash or compactor bags (to keep gear dry)

OPTIONAL

- Money for snacks on Saturday
- Walking stick/ski poles
- Light sticks
- Heaters (bag type: no open flame)
- Snow shovel, snow claw, pruning or wood saw
- Chair or butt pad
- Thermos or insulated bottle
- Marking tape (plastic survey tape)

DRIVERS

- Fresh antifreeze
- Antifreeze window wash
- Chains and adjusters (Even 4x4s)
- Flairs
- Food/water
- Tarp
- Shovel
- Sleeping bag
- Flashlight
- Ice scraper (for windows)
- Jumper cables

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