

**Troop 212 Winter Camp 2013 at Mt Pinos, Frasier Park, CA, Chula Vista Camp Ground**

**Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, the 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Cost \$35 /\$15=\$50 Check, NOT CASH, made out to "Troop 212"**

**PLEASE READ COMPLETE LETTER AND NOTE CHANGES OF LOCATION, DEPARTURE DAY, AND RETURN DAY**

**In order to take advantage of changing conditions and opportunities, we will be going to Chula Vista Campground, Mt. Pinos in Frasier Park** and we are expecting cold weather and some snow. This is only about a two hour drive from Long Beach.

**Overall, this trip will be a great introduction to winter mountaineering,** travel, gear, shelters, prevention and treatment of hypothermia. As a bonus, we will be participating in Search and Rescue drill with the Mt. Pinos Nordic Ski Patrol.

**Activities will include:**

1. Winter water making
2. Snow anchors (how to secure your tent in the snow)
3. Emergency snow shelters (in almost any snow condition to show boys options THEN sleep in them)
4. Fire building in snow environments (including issue of "root fires")
5. Group insulation/preservation techniques (how to use group heat)
6. Snow shoeing and snow hiking

**If you wish to attend bring \$35 / \$15=\$50 check to "Troop 212" to the meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>** with a signed permission slip. Food shopping will be at Stater Brothers on Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. [Plan menus](#) for Saturday Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner; Sunday Breakfast.

**Patrol leaders may be receiving additional money for food shopping on this trip,** depending on how many Scouts are in each Patrol, as your body will burn through more calories on a winter camping trip. All the Patrol members are expected to participate in planning hearty meals for this event. The extra money is not for junk food and soda!

**We will have a packing demo/review on Monday night February 4<sup>th</sup> in order to ensure our "being prepared" for this event.** We will meet in Fellowship hall Friday night at 7:00pm and DEPART for the campground. We will NOT be traveling in uniform on this trip but please bring your uniform top and neckerchief for the photo. Plan on dressing in layers and have your jackets, hats and gloves on your lap in the car because it will be quite cold when we arrive at the Friday night camp. This is a walk in camp...we will park cars in the lot and have to carry gear to site (100 to 150 yards).

**We will spend 2 nights and 2 days sleeping on the snow.** We will pack up Sunday, late morning and have a fast food lunch on the road. Scouts will need money for Sunday's Lunch. We are planning on being back at the church between 3:00pm and 4 PM. We will not have cell phone service. Please refer to the SPOT link on the troop web site for status updates. The exact time is unknown because trip return times are always influenced by things beyond our control, such as how efficient we are during pack up time, general weather conditions, and even traffic conditions. Items you will need are on next page. Pack everything in plastic bags! We will be traveling to snow and we expect to deal with in coming weather, so things can get wet.

**Adults joining on this adventure need to be prepared as well.** 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. Each car will have to bring at least one 5 gallon jug of water. The troop leadership will have these ready for you to pick up during the troop meeting. In addition, each car needs to have an "Adventure Pass" (day/annual). Drivers that do not have these may borrow from other adults not attending. Please co-ordinate with Tommy Dyo during the Monday meeting. Scouts and Scouters please see the our web site for permission slip, maps, cold weather camping guide, cold weather sleeping bags and winter driving tips.

# Winter Gear List v1.3 rev 1/5/11

## **CLOTHING** (As a general rule, **stay away from cotton**. Polyester, polypropylene, 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 have rain bottoms with fleece pants)
- Fleece pants (or 2)
- Fleece sweater (2-3)
- 3 pair of pants and 3 shirts (one will get wet while digging/playing in the snow)
- Turtle neck (1-2)
- Gloves or mittens (at least two pairs...one pair WILL get wet)
- Thermal underwear (Keep one set of thermals or fleece and socks only for sleeping in!)
- Socks wool/poly **NO COTTON**: (6-8 pairs)
- 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 or lighter
- Emergency fire starters
- Pencils, Pens, Notebook
- Rope – 10-20 Feet

- 50 feet parachute cord
- 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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