

Troop 212 Winter Camp at Tahquitz
February 25-26-27

We will meet in the parking lot Friday, the 25th, at 7:00pm. We will be traveling in Class A uniform. Plan on dressing in layers, with warm boots, and have your flashlights, jackets, hats and gloves in the car with you, because when we arrive at Camp Tahquitz it will be COLD, and there may be some little bits of snow on the ground, but more than likely there will be ice patches. We are estimating the temperature to be around 30 degrees when we arrive, with later overnight temperatures to be in the low 20's. Daytime temps in the 40's. Once we arrive Friday evening, we will moving into our assigned cabins to stay in, but it will take some time to warm them up, depending how long it takes for the Patrol Leaders to light the wood only fire in the pot belly stoves.

If you wish to attend, please bring the money and permission slips to the meeting on Monday, February 21st. We will be cooking outdoors, Patrol Style, as usual. Food shopping will be at Stater Brothers on Thursday, February 24th. Trip cost is \$65 per person. (\$30 cabin, \$20 food, \$15 auto fuel). If there is no snow, mountain biking (with helmets, required) may be an option, so all drivers need to bring their bike racks this trip. We will be using the flat bed trailer for some bikes this trip and other required equipment. Cabins assignments will be determined the night we collect the permission slips and money, so the Patrol Leaders will know how many to plan menus for, and we can let the Camp Ranger know well in advance. We have 4 cabins, each having the capacity of 8 for sleeping, using bunk beds, which have wood platforms, so plan on needing a foam pad or air mattress. One cabin will be assigned to the adults. The remaining 3 cabins will be assigned to the boys. Bring money for Sunday's Lunch in Mentone on the way home.

We plan to return from this trip on Sunday, about 4:00 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 Sunday pack up time, general weather conditions, and even traffic conditions. Parents not going, click on Spot from the Troop's web page for our approximate location and judge our arrival from there. We will be traveling in high country and on a road that may not be plowed, conditions may include snow or ice, so drivers please bring your tire chains this trip. Please see the troop web page for [permission slip](#).

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

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)
- 2 pairs of pants and 2 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 Sunday lunch stop
- 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
- Day pack
- Trash or compactor bags (to keep gear dry)

OPTIONAL

- Walking stick/ski poles
- Snow shovel, snow claw, pruning or wood saw
- Chair or butt pad
- Thermos or insulated bottle

DRIVERS

- Fresh antifreeze
- Antifreeze window wash
- Chains and adjusters
- Flares
- Food/water
- Tarp
- Shovel
- Flashlight
- Ice scraper (for windows)
- Jumper cables