

Troop 212 Winter Camp at Tahquitz
February 24-25-26

We will meet in the parking lot Friday, the 24th, 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 they remember their matches this time, it might go a little quicker.

Our cabin adventures at Tahquitz are ALWAYS fun, and this year we plan on adding a few more High Adventure opportunities. Our plan is to provide plenty of opportunity for advancement this trip, as well as having our snow shoes and cross country skis available. The scouts may have an opportunity to build a snow cave, if there is enough snow.

If you wish to attend, please bring the money and permission slips to the meeting on Monday, February 20st. We will be cooking outdoors, Patrol Style, as usual. Food shopping will be at Stater Brothers on Thursday, February 23th. Trip cost is \$65 per person. (\$30 cabin, \$20 food, \$15 auto fuel).

We will be using the flatbed trailer for required equipment....Loading load of this is schedule for Saturday, February 11th, at 9 AM, at the Scoutmasters garage. This should take only 30 minutes if we have enough helpers.

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. Late entries after Mondays collection may be disqualified from attending this adventure, so do not miss Mondays deadline. 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. Two cabins will be assigned to the adults. The remaining two 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

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

- ⑩ Warm jacket (Day high 40°f/Night low 20°f)
- ⑩ Rain gear (top and pants) or poncho
- ⑩ Insulated snow pants (unless your rain gear bottoms with fleece pants)

- ⑩ Fleece pants (or 2)
- ⑩ Fleece sweater (or 2)
- ⑩ 2 pairs of pants and 2 shirts (one will get wet while digging/playing in the snow)
- ⑩ Turtle neck
- ⑩ 2 pairs of gloves or mittens (one pair WILL get wet)

- ⑩ Thermal underwear (Keep one set of thermals or fleece and socks only for sleeping in!)
- ⑩ 8 pairs of socks NO COTTON
- ⑩ Brimmed Hat or base ball cap
- ⑩ Beanie cap
- ⑩ Snow (insulated) boots
- ⑩ Extra shoes (keep dry for the ride home)
- ⑩ Bandanna and/or face mask

PERSONAL GEAR

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

OPTIONAL

- ⑩ Walking stick/ski poles
- ⑩ Snow shovel, snow claw,
- ⑩ Chair or butt pad
- ⑩ Thermos or insulated bottle

DRIVERS

- ⑩ Fresh antifreeze
- ⑩ Antifreeze window wash
- ⑩ Chains and adjusters