

Troop 212 Winter Camp at Tahquitz
January 10-11-12, 2025

We will meet in the parking lot Friday, the 10th, 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 icy patches, not snow, on the ground, so we will tread carefully! We are estimating the temperature to be around 30 degrees when we arrive. Daytime temps in the 50'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 a day hike.

If you wish to attend, please bring the money and permission slips to the meeting on Monday, January 6th. We will be cooking outdoors, Patrol Style, as usual. Food shopping will be at Stater Brothers on Thursday, January 9th. Trip cost is \$75 per person. (\$30 cabin, \$20 food, \$15 auto fuel, \$10 equipment storage fee).

We will be using the flatbed trailer for firewood. We would like to request everyone bring some firewood this trip. This will be loaded on the flatbed Friday evening at the Church parking lot.

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 5 cabins this year, 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 three cabins will be assigned to the scouts. Bring money for Sunday's Lunch in Mentone on the way home. This trip we have heated bathrooms and plenty of fresh water at the camp.

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.. Please see attached Permission Slip.

Gear

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

- Warm jacket for night, wind breaker for day.
- Rain gear (top and pants) or poncho
- Insulated snow pants, possibly.
- Fleece pants
- Fleece sweater
- 2 pairs of pants
- Turtle neck
- Gloves or mittens
- Thermal underwear

- Several pairs of socks NO COTTON
- Brimmed Hat or base ball cap
- Beanie cap
- 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
- Hydration pack or water bottle
- Mess Kit (utensils, bowl, INSULATED NON METAL mug, etc)
- Whistle
- Money for Sunday lunch stop
- Matches
- Emergency fire starters
- Pencils, Pens, Notebook
- Rope – 10 Feet
- Zero degree winter bag or 2 sleeping bags
- Insulation pad (wool/polyester blanket optional)
- Day pack

OPTIONAL

- Walking stick/ski poles
- Chair or butt pad
- Thermos or insulated bottle

DRIVERS

- Fresh engine antifreeze
- Antifreeze window wash