



Adult Leader Information

Thank you for registering for Northern Star Council's *Snow Base* Program. We are excited to be able to offer this program to you and your registered Boy Scouts and Venturers. Listed below is information that will help your troop better plan their *Snow Base* winter camping trip.

All Crews and Troops should plan to arrive at Tomahawk Scout Reservation between 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Friday night.

There is a lot to do Friday night (check out gear, pack food, pack sled, and winter camping orientation).

It is important to arrive on time. If you are running late please call the Snow Base Director at 715-815-0404

Forms to turn in upon arrival

- Snow Base Roster. Please fill out all fields.
- Health Form for each participant. (Part A and B only)

Schedule

- Upon arrival you will meet your Crew Guides for the weekend. These Snow Base Staff Members will lead you through your training, equipment issue, crew prep and packing.
- There will be a cracker barrel and presentation at 9:45 p.m.
- You will sleep in White Pine Bunkhouse Friday night.
- Saturday you will eat breakfast and leave base camp towards the camping destination and program.
- Snow Huskies Crews will return to base camp Saturday night and sleep inside.
- Dog Sledding Crews stay in the dog sledding lodge located in Navajo.
- Crews will return in time for Sunday lunch and banquet.
- The program will end Sunday with a recognition lunch. Departure between 1:30 and 2:00 p.m.

Fees

The program fee is \$77 per person for Spearhead and Expedition crews, \$65 per person for Snow Huskies crews, and \$195 per youth for Dogsledding (\$65 per adult). A non-refundable deposit of \$25 per person was due at the time of your reservation. The balance of your crew fees is due to Northern Star Council on December 1 for January participants and January 1 for February participants. Due to the limited number of spots available each weekend, equipment and lodging limitations, crews are responsible for the number of participants that they registered. All fees paid are non-refundable.

Participant Requirements

- For the Spearhead and Dog Sledding Program, participants must be at least in 7th grade (12 years old) or older.
- For the Snow Huskies Program, participants must be at least in 6th grade or older (11 years old).

Dietary and Special Needs

- Arrangements must be made with the Director at least 2 weeks in advance bhalloran@nsbsa.org

Leader Requirements

Scout troops and Venture crews need to provide two leaders for each crew. Some troops may elect to split their group into two crews. In this case, each crew will need to have two adult leaders.

Staff will not be considered adult leadership under any circumstances. The policy for “two-deep” leadership must be followed, including one registered leader who is at least 21 and one adult leader who is at least 18 years of age.

If a Venture crew has both male and female participants than the adult leadership for that crew must contain at least one adult male and one adult female, both age 21 or greater.

Equipment

Enclosed is a list of equipment provided by the program and a list of equipment the participants need to bring. Please distribute the lists to each participant and emphasize:

- The need for **non-cotton clothing**.
- All participants should bring a **plastic spoon** and a **plastic mug**.

Trading Post

Snow Base operates a camp store with souvenirs and some equipment.

Recognition

Each participant will receive the latest Snow Base patch!

Zero Hero Award

- If the temperature reaches zero degrees or lower while you are sleeping out, *Snow Base* has the council's Zero Hero 3" round patch and Zero Hero Segment available for purchase in the Trading Post.

Weather/Delays

Snow Base will remain open under most conditions. Please refer to the '*Severe Weather Policy*' memo included in this packet for further information.

- We ask that you call us if your unit chooses not to attend due to bad weather. Please call the Scout Service Center at 651-254-9158 between 8:45 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or call the Snow Base Director at the number below and leave a message.
- Also call the Snow Base Director if your unit is delayed in arriving at camp. Please call ahead so that we may adjust the camp schedule. 715-815-0404 (answered Friday 6PM – Sunday 3PM).

Emergency Phone #

The phone number for the Snow Base Director in case of emergencies is 715-815-0404 (answered Friday 6PM – Sunday 3PM).

Important Notes

- All Scouts in attendance must be registered with BSA or complete a BSA Application.
- Alcohol & illegal drugs are not permitted on camp property.
- Before you arrive, please review with your Scouts the guidelines for Winter Camping as outlined in the Guide to Safe Scouting.