

Winter Camping and Travel Training-2009

Winter brings a special stillness to the local mountains. The year-round camper knows that the pests of summer – insects, most animals, other people – have gone to ground for the season. While the snowy peaks may appear close and inviting, that same camper knows that the weather and trail conditions require special preparation, skills, and equipment. The objectives of this training are to acquaint the adult Scouter with these needs and to emphasize their importance to a having a safe and enjoyable experience.

This High Adventure training begins with a seminar Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009, 8:15 am to about 4:00 pm, at the Los Angeles Area Council Service Center. There will be a 45-minute lunch break; attendees may bring lunch or purchase it from a near-by take-out. Rolls and coffee are furnished. The seminar is conducted as a series of demonstrations and presentations. The emphasis is on preparing for, and dealing with, a mountainous winter environment, be it rain, cold, snow, or some combination. Sessions cover: the physical demands of winter conditions; snow travel hazards & equipment needs; health & safety; navigation & route finding; menus; food & water needs; personal clothing & equipment; and the desirability of contingency planning. Participants are invited to attend the free seminar, Snow and Ice Travel that follows it (see the separate training bulletin). The weekend backpack in Mt. San Jacinto State Park will be discussed (about 6 miles, roundtrip, from 8,600 to 10,000 feet). It is scheduled for Feb. 2009; a forecast of insufficient snow or extreme weather conditions will cause rescheduling. Some special equipment (rent/borrow/buy) will be needed.



A fee of \$10.00 is charged for the training. Registration is required by October 30. You will be sent a confirmation, or a notice of cancellation if there are less than 5 sign-ups by that date. Attendance at Adult Leaders Backpack Training is a **requirement** to taking this course. Completion of this training is recognized by the award of a special patch. It is required to earn the High Adventure Leader Award. A syllabus that covers the materials discussed will be given to each participant.

Hike Aid 3, "Full Dimension High Adventure Training", has a complete discussion of the training activities of the LAAC-HAT. It may be purchased at the Scout Shop or downloaded from the Council website. Questions about any of them are to be directed to Pete Matthews; Vice Chair-Training; 310-377-2162; e-mail, matthews_peter@msn.com

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Please register me for attendance at this LAAC-HAT training program. A check for **\$10.00**, payable to the Boy Scouts of America-LAAC, is enclosed. I understand that I may incur other nominal expenses in order to complete it.

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