

Snow Camp

Date: FRIDAY February 17 through SUNDAY February 19th, 2006
Mandatory meeting on SUNDAY, Feb 12, 7pm at the Atkinsons'

Where: San Jacinto Mountain **OR** Rock Creek Campground – This is rated an **ADVANCED TREK**

Qualifications: Been on at least one *intermediate* backpack trek/ Attended meetings on cold weather camping.

Description: We will leave Encinitas **PROMPTLY AT 7:00 AM** (get there earlier) from Sports Authority parking lot.

PLAN A: *Providing we have adequate snow....* We will drive to Palm Springs Aerial Tramway and take the tram up to Long Valley. From there we will hike on snow shoes approx 3.0 miles to Round Valley and camp Friday and Saturday nights. We will bring tents, but also will make snow shelters Saturday. We will have breakfast and hike back to Long Valley on Sunday. We should be taking a NOON tram down and be home by 3 PM

OR

PLAN B: If there is no snow at San Jacinto, we will drive to ROCK CREEK CAMPGROUND which is north of Bishop (6 hour drive). The hike will be about the same distance. Same activities. In this case we will return about 7 PM on Sunday.

Trek Emphasis: Cold weather/snow camping, snow shelter construction, and hiking at altitude (over 9,000 feet).

Special Equipment: **NO COTTON CLOTHING.** **NO COTTON CLOTHING.** Usual backpack gear to include SNOW SHOVEL, SNOW SHOES, candle and clothing and sleeping bag for weather in the teens with SNOW. !! Snow shoes can be rented, just make arrangements early to reserve your pair.

Bring a snow saucer if you have one.

Waterproof your boots well in advance. Full leather boots with Sno-Seal paste wax work well. Spray on sealants don't hold up and Nylon/Fabric boots are nearly impossible to seal effectively. Gators over your boots are highly recommended additional protection.

Trek Leader: Al Atkinson **Assistant Leader:** Dan Peterka

Cost: \$45 / scout (\$21 of which is for the tram or gas if we have to drive to Bishop). Sign up and pay by Monday night prior to the trek. Scouts not paid by Monday night **may not be able to attend.** **You will also need to rent/buy your own snow shoes and shovel**

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I give permission for _____ to attend the **February 17- 19** backpack trek to San Jacinto, Round Valley **OR** Rock Creek Campground. I am paying the \$45 with cash/ check/scout account. **I will verify that my son does not bring cotton clothing on this trek. I will be sure he has either snow shoes OR cross country skis.** I understand this is a trek at a 9,000-foot camping location and will involve hiking over and camping in the snow. I can drive to / from and have _____ seatbelts.

Parent/guardian

date