

Winter Camp 2018 - Information Sheet

For Scouts and Parents!

Welcome, if you have received this in an email, we have you registered for Winter Camp. Here is some important information for you about camp!

Arrival and Departure

Please arrive at 3:00 pm on Sunday, February 18th for check in. Please do not arrive any earlier as the staff will be busy with last minute preparations. Check in will be at the Rotary Training Center, which is the large white farm house on Plains Road across from the Camp Hinds entrance.



On Friday, February 23rd, the campfire program and closing will start at 6:00 PM. Parents and guest will be welcome starting at 5:30 PM. All campers are dismissed after the campfire to return home on Friday evening at approximately 7:00 PM. Scouts will receive a packet containing advancement records, patches, medical form, etc. at the end of the campfire.

Camp Fees:

The total fee for Winter Camp is \$330 or at the early bird rate of \$300 if paid in full by January 12th. Most of you have paid the \$50 deposit at this time. A limited amount of campership money is available. Payments can be made at <https://scoutingevent.com/218-2018WinterCamp> or you may mail payments to Pine Tree Council 146 Plains Road, Raymond, ME 04071 and make reference to Winter Camp on the check!

Registration for Merit Badges:

Below is a list of merit badges being offered. You may sign up for one badge each period. To sign up go to: <http://www.friendsofhinds.org/scss> and click on the "Winter Camper" button. Please complete the merit badge sign up within three days of receiving this letter. You will be notified by email when your account is ready. If you have trouble logging in, please email dzaharis@gmail.com

Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4
Disability Awareness MB	Architecture MB	Animation MB	Communications MB
Shotgun Shooting MB	Energy MB	Citizenship in the Community MB	Exploration MB
Snow Sports MB	Forestry MB	Scouting Heritage MB	Sustainability MB
Woodwork MB	Home Repairs MB	Engineering MB (Double Period)	

Merit Badge Pre-requisites:

Every year many Scouts go home with partials on their merit badges because they fail to do the pre-requisites. Although the Scouts can finish up with another counselor, it is much easier to do the pre-requisites before winter camp so the badge can be completed at camp. See the web site for detail.

Health Forms:

Health forms are required for all winter campers and staff! Campers must complete a BSA Annual Health and Medical Record form, which requires a doctor's physical within the last 12 months prior to Winter Camp. Usually your health form from summer camp works! If possible, please email a copy of your physical to dzaharis@gmail.com. Also bring an extra photocopy with you when you check in.

Special Diets:

If you need a special diet, please contact the cook before February 4th to determine what foods we can provide and what items you may need to bring for yourself.

What to Bring For Merit Badges:

Bring a notebook, pen and pencils and appropriate merit badge books. Merit badge books may be purchased for approximately \$5.25 including tax at Pine Tree Scout Shop, from www.ScoutStuff.org, or at the Trading Post at Winter Camp.

Additional information for individual merit badges will be posted at:

<http://www.camphinds.org/wintercamp>

During winter camp we will be spending time indoors and outdoors, including one evening sleeping out, so cold weather gear is very important. Please refer to the following list for appropriate clothing and equipment:

What to Bring:

- Copy of your health form and any prescription medications.
- Class A uniform for the evening meals.
- Shirts and Pants
- Outdoor pants (two pairs recommended) – wool is preferred, snowmobile pants or suits, ski pants are acceptable alternatives. Cotton jeans and sweatpants for outdoor wear are NOT recommended.
- Warm winter coat
- Winter waterproof boots or packs are a MUST
- Inside shoes, sneakers or slippers
- Winter hat that covers your ears
- Wool mittens or warm winter gloves (several pairs)
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Sunglasses
- Toiletries – soap, comb, towels, face cloth, deodorant, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste
- Sleeping Bag rated for cold or very cold
- Extra blankets
- Pillow and sheet for bed inside
- Waterproof ground cloth and sleeping pad for overnight
- Vittle Kit (knife, fork, spoon for outdoor meals)
- Small backpack for clothing and equipment for overnight (some available if needed)
- Spending money for trading post
- Merit Badge Prerequisites & Merit Badge pamphlets as needed (See website for details)

Please MARK all gear and equipment! We will have storage for large items when not in use.

Please **DO NOT** bring:

- Footlockers – They do not fit under the bunks. Pack your gear in a duffel bag, suitcase or backpack.
- Radios, CD Players, iPods, iPads, or other electronic type equipment
- Cell phones
- Video games
- Any valuables

Make sure you visit the "**Winter Camp Information Page**" at:

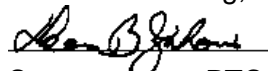
<http://www.camphinds.org/wintercamp>

Questions:

If you have any questions feel free to email me at dzaharis@gmail.com. We look forward to your arrival and company.

Thanks for being a Winter Camper!

Yours in Scouting,



Scoutmaster – PTC Winter Camp

Be sure to visit:

www.friendsofhinds.org/scss

and select the "**Winter Camper**" button to sign up for your merit badges.

Then click on the "**Winter Camp Information Page**" button or go to <http://www.camphinds.org/wintercamp>
To find out about:

- General Winter Camp Information
- Camp Rules
- Staff List
- Directions to camp
- What to bring
- Schedule of the week
- Menu
- Merit Badge Schedule
- Merit Badge Prerequisites
- and more

Download forms:

- Medical Form
- Directions
- Schedule
- Menu
- Camp Rules
- Winter Camp Flyer