

February Winter Trip

The annual Winter Hut Weekend will soon upon us. The tradition was started at Lonesome Lake Hut and was expanded to include Carter Notch Hut. This year we will look to continue to build the HUT TRADITION that was started years ago and camp at the Zealand Falls Hut located in Zealand Valley of the White Mountain National Forest in NH. No Tents needed! The hike to the hut is 5.8 miles. Bring snowshoes if you have them. The area views are SPECTACULAR....stay tuned; you don't want to miss this event!

All scouts will meet at 7:00 and depart from the Parish Center on Saturday February 11th at 7:15 am. Scouts will return from the event for pickup at the Parish Center at 3:00 pm on Sunday February 12th. All scouts should eat breakfast before they depart and should bring a bag lunch on Saturday as there will be no meal stop on the ride up north.

Don't forget your sled on this trip. Sledding is a main feature of the trip. For safety, scouts are encouraged to bring a ski helmet or sport helmet if they have one. Interested scouts can also try their hand at cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

Like previous hut trips, we'll be able to use the Zealand Falls Hut's gas stove for our gourmet menu. The Hut also will allow us to use their pots and pans for cooking. We'll stop for a fast food lunch on the ride home. Meal planning will be done by scouts at the February 2nd troop meeting. Remember, as with all camping trips, if you sign up to go, and something comes up at the last minute, you must make arrangements to provide your assigned food items to your patrol leader.

While no tents are required, scouts should bring their full complement of winter camping gear (see website checklist), including sleeping pad and sleeping bag. You can also find pictures from previous trips on the website under the 'photos' tab.

There is a \$50 fee for this camping trip to pay for the cost of the luxurious hut accommodations. A permission slip and payment for this event are due no later than **December 22nd. We need to enforce this deadline for this camping trip as the Troop will need to confirm numbers and make its payment in full in the following days.**