If you have additional questions, please contact the Camping & Activities Desk at (801) 582-3663.

Tracy Winter Camp Leader Orientation Guide

Welcome to Tracy Winter Camp located at the Tracy Training Center approximately 2 miles east of the toll booth on Millcreek Canyon Road (3 800 South).

Please take a few moments to read this guide in preparation for your overnight camp.

LEADERSHIP

Each troop provides its own adult leadership. At least two registered adult leaders should accompany each group. Two-deep leadership could also be provided by one registered adult leader and one parent.

YOUR RESERVATION

When you made your reservation, you should have paid for the number of people attending and selected your accommodations (bunkhouse or tent site) for the overnight.

If you did not select your accommodations, please contact the Camping & Activities Desk immediately at (801) 582-3663.

If your group size changes, please change your reservation *before* you come to camp. In some cases, there may not be room in bunkhouses to accommodate late additions. We will accept "at the door" reservations, but cannot guarantee accommodations in these cases.

You can change your reservation on-line by logging into the camp reservation system; by calling the Camping & Activities Desk at (801) 582-3663; or by stopping by one of our service centers in person.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Participants stay overnight in our bunkhouses or in their own tents.

IF YOU CHOSE A BUNKHOUSE…

Please observe that bunkhouses have a maximum capacity. Exceeding the bunkhouse capacity may violate the fire code.

If your group size is less than 50% of the bunkhouse capacity, another small group may be booked into the same bunkhouse. If your group size changes, please modify your reservation before coming to camp to ensure that there is still room in the bunkhouse.

Each bunkhouse has bunk beds with mattress pads. Cabin capacity varies from 12 to 18 people. Cabins have electrical outlets and a wood burning stove. You need to provide your own firewood.

IF YOU CHOSE A TENT SITE…

You will need to provide your own tents. Because the ground will be frozen, please be prepared with a sturdy hammer or other blunt instrument for driving and removing tent stakes.

Fires are permitted in campsites in metal containers at least 18 inches off the ground. You will need to provide your own container and firewood.

CLOTHING

Air temperatures during winter camp are rarely above freezing (32°F). Occasionally, overnight temperatures fall below 0°F.

Prior to departing for camp, please be sure that each participant has warm clothing, a warm hat and gloves. We strongly recommend layering clothing with a waterproof layer on the outside.

Winter boots are also strongly recommended. If they are not available, extra shoes and socks are a must.

TOUR PLAN

Great Salt Lake Council units do not need to file a tour plan for this activity. Units from other councils should file a tour plan at their council service center.

TUBING HILL

The tubing hill is a favorite activity area at winter camp. It is also the most dangerous. The Tubing Hill Safety Rules were approved by the risk management committee and will be in effect at winter camp. They are as follows:

1. Only one person per tube. Only one tube at a time. No chaining.

2. When riding a tube you must ride with your feet first.

3. When returning to the top of the hill walk up the trail and not on the tubing hill.

4. At the top of the hill, wait until you are cleared before going down the hill.

5. Only inflatable tubes are to be used.

6. The stems on the tubes are to be facing down when the tube is in use.

7. As soon as you stop at the bottom of the hill, move quickly out of the way.

8. Do not build jumping ramps.

National guidelines *recommend* helmets for tubing activities. While not required, units should consider bringing helmets when desired.

The tubing hill is open only when camp staff are present to monitor the flow. Scouts should refrain from tubing at other times.

These items are PROHIBITED on the tubing hill.

Snowboards are also prohibited.

These items are APPROVED on the tubing hill:

Inflatable truck inner tubes or their commercial counterpart.

An air compressor will be available at camp to inflate your tubes. However, you must provide your own tubes.

CHECK IN AT CAMP

You may check in at the Tracy Training Center beginning at 5:00 PM. Please bring a completed BSA medical form (parts A & B) for each participant and a completed unit roster. We also recommend that you bring a copy of your reservation receipt, especially if you have made changes in the 24 hour period preceding your camp.

CAMP SCHEDULE

Friday

5:00 PM	Check-in at Tracy Lodge
6:00 PM	Dinner (West Area)
6:30 PM	Dinner (East Area)
7:00 PM	Activity Areas Open
9:45 PM	Activity Areas Close
10:00 PM	Campfire Program in the Lodge
11:00 PM	Quiet Time

Saturday

7:30 AM	Breakfast (East Area)
8:00 AM	Breakfast (West Area)

8:30 AM	Activity Areas Open
10:00 AM	Rocket Launching on Taylor Lake
11:30 AM	Activity Areas Close
Lunch	(West Area)
	Pack Gear (East Area)
12:00 PM	Lunch (East Area)
	Pack Gear (West Area)

Camp ends with the conclusion of the lunch service. In consideration of other events that will take place at the facility in the afternoon, we ask that you please plan to depart no later than 1:30 PM.

FOOD

Our winter camp staff will prepare and serve your meals in Tracy Lodge. Meals provided are: Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and Saturday lunch. All utensils, plates, cups, etc. are provided.

TRADING POST

A small trading post will be available in the Tracy Lodge during winter camp. A small selection of snacks, drinks and souvenirs will be available. Model rockets may also be purchased at the trading post for those boys who want to build and launch rockets.

ACTIVITIES

Tracy Winter Camp is designed to be an activity camp rather than a merit badge camp. However, there are a few opportunities to work on merit badges. Scouts can complete the **Fingerprinting, Leatherwork, Art and Wood Carving merit badges** at Winter Camp. They can also complete a requirement for the **Space Exploration merit badge** if they choose to build and launch a rocket.

The following activities will be available at Winter Camp (not all involve merit badges):

Wood Carving, Tubing, Cross Country Skiing, Snow Shoeing, Rifle Shooting, Finger Printing, Rocket Building.

Reserve CROSS COUNTRY SKIING and SNOW SHOEING time when you arrive at camp.

Other activities allow you to come and go as you please.

Those who choose ROCKET BUILDING as an activity will need to build the rocket on Friday night so that the glue has time to dry. The rocket launch will take place at 10:00 AM. on Saturday on Taylor Lake. Please note that we cannot guarantee that every rocket launched will be recovered.

The FINGERPRINTING merit badge is relatively simple and can be completed in 45 – 75 minutes depending on the number of participants. We recommend that boys start this activity at 7:00 PM on Friday or at 8:30 AM on Saturday.

Our fantastic WOOD CARVING area is available for everyone. Those who want to earn a merit badge as part of it should identify themselves to the woodcarving leaders. A short class with be held on Saturday morning to discuss the information needed in addition to the carvings.

The RIFLE SHOOTING and TUBING area are open during activity time to anyone who wants to participate. Come as you wish.

CHECK OUT

Before you leave, be sure to pick-up your patches, medical forms and any merit badge cards from the camp director.

REFUNDS

The council expends resources prior to camp in order to provide staff, food and equipment for camp. Participants, therefore, must make a financial commitment in advance of camp.

Cancellations made at least one month before your scheduled camp date will receive a full refund.

Cancellations made within one month of your camp date will receive a 50% refund AND before you arrive at camp.

No refunds will be given for cancellations made at camp or for no-shows..

EVALUATION

Your opinion concerning our council camps is important. At check out you will recieve an evaluation form.

We hope that you will take time to share your unit's experience with us so that we can continue to improve our programs and better meet your needs.