

Camp Sawtooth - Winter Use

Snow begins to fall in October and is often deep by Thanksgiving. The camp is only accessible by snowmobile, snowshoe or cross country ski. When the snow begins to melt in late April through May; the camp, as well as access to the camp, become extremely muddy and difficult to access.

Weather Conditions: Snow may begin falling as early as October 1st or as late as December 1st. The weather will be cold and possibly snowy. Dress warm and in layers. Always check with the Forest Service on the avalanche conditions. Do not ski on the steep slopes on either side of the canyon. Know where your people are at all times. Dusk comes early in the winter, so plan to arrive with enough time for the trek to camp. Allow time to familiarize yourself with facilities before dark.

Cooking Equipment: The kitchen is fully equipped to prepare and serve meals for approximately 150. The commercial size propane stove will be available. Please use the propane with care to insure safety and availability for other winter camps.

Firewood: Available for campfires or for use in the Hawley Lodge fireplace and wood burning stoves. Please restock the firewood storage area in Hawley Lodge with firewood before leaving camp.

First Aid: A kit for minor injuries is located in the Turner's Rest restroom located on the first floor.

Phone: Not available during winter months. Some cell phone services are active at the camp. A public phone is located outside the North Fork Store on Hwy 75.

Camp Sawtooth Winter Guidelines

1. Forest Service regulations require all motor vehicles be backed into parking spaces for safe, fast emergency evacuation.
2. The camp will be clean when you arrive. It is your responsibility to leave the camp in the same, or better, condition upon departure. A check list is provided to insure the proper care of the camp.
3. Whatever you packed in, you must pack out. Empty the refrigerator, freezer and all food items. Also, pack out all garbage. Please do not use the dumpsters as there is no trash removal service in the winter months. Any trash left in dumpsters will attract bears as they come out of hibernation. Bears are destructive to the camp.
4. Do not slide off the roofs of the buildings.
5. Use only the west kitchen sink. Do not use any other plumbing or pour anything down the drain of other sinks. All pipes and drains have been winterized with antifreeze. You will need to winterize the west kitchen sink before you leave.
6. Furniture and mattresses are not to be removed from the buildings. If you rearrange the furniture or bunks, please put them back in place before you leave. We do not have a house keeping crew.
7. No trail bikes, motorcycles, ATVs or snowmobiles on campus. A snowmobile may be used to bring in supplies.
8. No pets allowed.
9. No alcoholic beverages and other controlled or illegal substances.
10. No smoking in the buildings or on the camp grounds. Smoking is allowed only across the bridge off campus.
11. No weapons are permitted on campus including--firearms, bows/arrows, hunting knives, slingshots, etc.
12. Quiet hours are from 10pm to 7am daily. Please be respectful of our neighboring campers. These hours are set by the Forest Service.
13. All Forest Service rules and regulations are to be followed.
14. Report all power failures to the Idaho Power. 262-788-8000.
15. Check with the Director or the Forest Service to see if there is a "No Burn" fire restriction.