

Winter Camping and Travel Training – 2017

Winter brings a special stillness to the local mountains. The year-round camper knows that the pests of summer – insects, most animals, other people – have gone to ground for the season. While the snowy peaks may appear close and inviting, that same camper knows that the weather and trail conditions require special preparation, skills, and equipment.

The objectives of this training are to acquaint the adult Scouter with an understanding of the winter environment and to emphasize those backpacking skills which are necessary to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

This High Adventure training begins with a seminar Saturday, November 4, 2017, 8:00 am to about 6:00 pm, at the Cushman-Watt Service Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles. There will be a 45-minute lunch break; attendees may bring lunch or purchase it from a near-by take-out. Rolls and coffee are furnished. The seminar is conducted as a series of presentations and demonstrations. The emphasis is on preparing for, and dealing with, a mountainous winter environment, be it rain, cold, snow, or some combination. Sessions cover: the physical demands of winter conditions; snow travel hazards & equipment needs; health & safety; navigation and route finding; menus; food & water needs; and personal clothing & equipment. The desirability of having a "Plan B" and the necessity of providing for unexpected changes in the weather or trail conditions are explained. A syllabus that covers the materials discussed will be given to each participant. Participants are invited to attend the Snow and Ice Travel seminar that follows it (see the separate training bulletin).



The weekend field trip provides the opportunity to demonstrate these specific skills in a winter environment. A weekend backpack in Mt. San Jacinto State Park will be discussed (about 5 miles, round trip, from 8,600 to 10,000 feet). Snowshoes will be worn while backpacking. The trip is scheduled for February 3 and 4 2018; a forecast of insufficient snow or extreme weather conditions will cause rescheduling. Each person is responsible for obtaining the specialized equipment needed for the trip.

A fee of \$20.00 is charged for the training. Registration is required by October 21, 2017. You will be sent a confirmation, or a notice of cancellation if there are fewer than 5 sign-ups by that date. Completion of this training is recognized by the award of a special patch. Completion of this training is a requirement for earning the High Adventure Leader Award.

Completion of Adult Leaders Backpack Training (ALBT) is a **requirement** to taking this course.

Hike Aid 3, "Full Dimension High Adventure Training", has a complete discussion of the training programs of the LAAC-HAT. It may be downloaded from the Council High Adventure website at <http://glaac-hat.org/HikeAids.html>. Questions about any of them are to be directed to Anthony Green; Vice Chair-Training: (310)626-5688 (C); e-mail, agreen.bsa@gmail.com. Questions about this training should be directed to Dennis Cline, Course Director, at (310) 792-0544; e-mail: jdcline49@msn.com

Online registration with check, paypal or credit card is available at <http://glaac-hat.org/register> or mail the following with your check.

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Please register me for attendance at this GLAAC-HAT training program. A check for **\$20.00**, payable to the Boy Scouts of America-GLAAC, is enclosed. I understand that I may incur other nominal expenses in order to complete it.

Name: _____

Telephone (Res.): _____ E-mail: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Unit No.: _____ District: _____ Position: _____

ALBT completion date: _____ ALBT card number: _____

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