



WINTER LODGE LEADER GUIDE 2021-2022

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WINTER LODGE PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

Due To Covid-19 we have reduced the capacity:

- Scouts BSA, Aubrey; Two troops with maximum capacity of 45 participants per Troop.
- Scouts BSA, Nantich: One troop with a maximum capacity of 60 participants.
- Cub Scouts, Aubrey: 4 packs with a maximum capacity of 30 participants in each Pack.

Lodges are operated December through March.

Cascade Pacific Council operates two lodges on Mount Hood:

Lodge	Location	Overnight Capacity	Day Capacity
Aubrey Watzek	Highway 35 at White River crossing	90	120
Nanitch	Government Camp, park 1 mile up Timberline Road	60	0

April- September off season rental

- ◆ Lodges are available for rental by groups (churches, clubs, service clubs, etc.) from April through November. Contact the Volunteer Service Center (503).225.5759 for rental rates and availability.
- ◆ Units can reserve the lodge for Family Camping, Troop planning weekends. These lodges have quick access to Alpine slides, hikes, summer skiing, and rafting.

SIGNING UP FOR UNIT LODGE DATES

- ◆ The lodges are full most weekends, and some dates are particularly popular. To provide fairness for everyone, a lottery **system** has been established for the 2021-2022 winter season.
- ◆ **All units MUST plan to maintain COVID safety within their units. No units should mix with other units to prevent spread of COVID and to provide better contact training.**
- ◆ See www.cpcbsa.org/COVID for guidelines.

THINGS TO BRING FOR AN OVERNIGHT STAY (SCOUTS BSA):

- ☒ Sleeping bag
- ☒ Pillow
- ☒ Games (board games, cards, etc)
- ☒ flashlight
- ☒ Sled for transporting gear to lodge from the parking lot (not for use on tubing hill)
- ☒ Warm clothing, sufficient to have replacements if clothing gets wet
- ☒ Warm Boots - for walking through deep snow.
- ☒ Snacks / Food
- ☒ Plates, cups, utensils, etc. (the lodges have some pots & pans)
- ☒ Unit First Aid Kit
- ☒ **Sanitation:** You are expected to not only clean your dishes but also sanitize with bleach.
 - Review the three-sink method outlined your Scout Handbook.

THINGS TO BRING FOR DAY USE STAY (CUB SCOUTS)

- ◆ Games, boardgames, cards, etc.
- ◆ Sled for transporting gear to lodge from the parking lot (not for use on tubing hill)
- ◆ Warm clothing, sufficient to have replacements if clothing gets wet
- ◆ Warm Boots - for walking through deep snow
- ◆ Snacks / Food
- ◆ Plates, cups, utensils, etc. (the lodges have some pots & pans)
- ◆ Unit First Aid Kit
- ◆ **Sanitation:** You are expected to not only clean your dishes but also sanitize with bleach.
 - Review the three-sink method outlined your Scout Handbook.

WHAT TO LEAVE HOME:

Because this is a BSA property, there are restrictions on items not safe for young children and items that are not consistent with Scouting standards:

- ☒ Alcohol is not permitted
- ☒ **Pets are not permitted**
- ☒ Tobacco use must only occur in your car in the parking lot
- ☒ Noisy devices (stereos, etc) are discouraged
- ☒ Fireworks and firearms are strictly prohibited
- ☒ RVs cannot be accommodated
- ☒ ATVs and snowmobiles are not permitted
- ☒ Tubes only; tubes are provided at the lodges
- ☒ Any type of sled, toboggan, or other sledding equipment is not permitted on the tubing hills

RESERVATION INFORMATION

Registration:

This season, registrations are subject to a lottery. Given COVID challenges, we will assign dates to units. Payments will be made by phone.

COST:

CUB SCOUTS: Fee is \$150 per unit per day, payable at time of reservation. This covers 30 people (youth and adults) your own kitchen and dining area, your own restroom and area for changing, and storing gear.

TROOPS, CREWS: Fee is \$350 per unit up to 30 people (youth and adults). For each person over 30 the unit will be charged and additional \$20. The maximum capacity per reservation is 45 people (youth and adults). Sleeping area, Kitchen area, Bathrooms, and use of lodge

REFUNDS:

No refunds will be made. The ONLY exception is when ODOT closes the highway. Winter weather conditions are not reason for refund.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:

Participants must be registered members of Scouting units, or prospective members (of the correct age and gender). Units must have unit accident insurance in effect at time of activity. Cascade Pacific Council units have insurance provided thru the council.

Cub Scout Family Days: Cub Scout Family Snow Days will permit siblings or family members of Cub Scout age to attend as well.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

May we camp outside? Extra Scouts camping outside overburdens lodge facilities, crowds the tubing hills, and is not part of the lodge program. Please do not plan to camp outside. If you desire an outdoor winter camping experience, Camps Baldwin offers a snow camping experience.

May we bring our pet? Significant liability risks, sanitation, and negative interactions with wildlife, along with the allergies or phobias of other participants all generally make Scout camp an inappropriate place for domestic animals. Any exceptions must be pre-approved by Council Headquarters using the Special Needs form and accompanied by documentation describing the specialized tasks the animal has been specifically trained to do.

Pets: No participants or visitors may bring pets of any kind to camp, including dogs of any size, leashed or not. On occasion and with prearranged permission from the council office, permanent or resident staff may be allowed to have their pet confined to non-program areas and otherwise leashed.

Service Animals are dogs, miniature horses, and pigs trained to do specific tasks that their owners cannot do for themselves. When service animals are allowed, they must always remain leashed and wear identifying gear. Unless necessary, they will not be allowed in food preparation or serving areas. Their sanitation must be provided by the owner or troop.

Support Animals and Therapy Animals: "A "comfort" or "emotional support" animal, or one that provides aid without performing a specific task or duty, means that it does not meet the definition of service animal. If the animal is not individually trained to do work or perform a task, it is considered a pet under the ADA. Obedience training alone is not a sufficient qualification to make a service animal." (Disability Rights Oregon, 2019). To ensure the safety of campers and staff, in all but the most extreme circumstances even with documentation, and then only with pre-approval, support, comfort, and therapy animals will not be allowed in camp.

Ref: <https://droregon.org/topics/service-animals/>

Where may I smoke? Smoking is only permitted in your vehicle in the parking lot. Fire is a constant concern, as is litter and exposure to children of smoke.

Are there flush toilets available? Yes, there are flush toilets in each lodge.

May we bring our ATV or snowmobile? ATVs are specifically not permitted to be used on any Cascade Pacific Council property at any time. Snowmobiles are not permitted at the winter lodges.

MORE INFORMATION: If this guide does not answer all your questions, please direct specific questions to 492.camping@scouting.org or call 503.225.5759.

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE SCHEDULES

Lodge Unit Dates arrival/departure schedules:

Please adhere to the following arrival/departure schedules. Lodges are used on consecutive days, and these times are in place to allow for units to get into and out of the buildings, sleeping areas, kitchens, trails and parking lots without overcrowding.

Friday arrivals are set at 6pm to allow the lodge hosts time to arrive and prep the lodge. Even on holidays, **do not arrive early**, as the lodge will **not** be open until the appointed time.

DAYTIME-ONLY SCHEDULE:				CUB SCOUT PACKS	
	Arrive	Kitchens available after	Clean & Check-Out of Kitchen by	Depart by	
Daytime Users	9am	9am	2pm	4pm	
DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY – THE LODGE WILL NOT BE READY FOR YOU					

OVERNIGHT SCHEDULE:						
Arrival	Arrive	Kitchens available after	Quiet Time Lights Out	Clean & Check-Out of Dorms by	Clean & Check-Out of Kitchens by	Depart by
Friday night	6pm	6pm	11pm	12 Noon	2pm	4pm
Saturday night	4pm	4pm	11pm	10 am	12pm	2pm
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Council-organized event schedules:

The event organizers will publish a schedule for each specific event. Typically, they will begin Friday evening after 6pm, with departure by 4pm on Saturday or Sunday.

DETAILS ABOUT THE LODGES

Aubrey-Watzek Lodge

Aubrey-Watzek Lodge (Aubrey) was built in 1971, and is located just west of White River near the Highway 35 crossing at the White River bridge.

Parking

- ◆ There is a Snow-Park that holds about 20 cars about 100 feet west of the White River Bridge.
- ◆ There is also the White River West Snow-Park and the White River East Snow-Park nearby for overflow parking. Use EXTREME CAUTION if walking over the bridge from the east Snow-Park; it is recommended to drop all riders and gear in the parking lot and then have the driver only park the vehicle to minimize foot traffic on the bridge. **All Snow-Parks in this area REQUIRE SNOW-PARK PERMITS; they are patrolled by State Police and vehicles without permits can expect to be ticketed.**

The trail

- ◆ The trailhead is at the north end of the Aubrey Lodge Snow-Park. It is about 1/8 mile walk to the lodge. Although the path is mostly flat, you may anticipate deep snow and slow walking conditions. It is advisable to bring a sled (flat-bottom type) to slide gear to the lodge.

The lodge

- ◆ There are four separate kitchens in the lodge, each with a refrigerator, stove, ovens, and sinks. A few pots and pans are provided, but serving dishes and silverware are not.
- ◆ There is a large central room with a central fireplace, a basement drying room for drying clothing, and four bathrooms with flush toilets. There are no showers available.
- ◆ A wood-burning furnace heats this lodge. The lodge has electricity and electric lighting. A telephone is available for emergency use by lodge hosts; the phone will not be available for anyone other than lodge hosts.
- ◆ This lodge features wireless internet for leaders' use only. Some cell phones work at this lodge with spotty coverage.

Coed Capacity

- ◆ There are 6 bunk rooms, three on each side. The uppermost bunk rooms have been divided into smaller rooms of 3 beds. (Each unit will be assigned one side of the lodge)
- ◆ Female youth should be given their own Bunk room. Female adults (including 18-20 year Venturers) Also need their own bunk room.
- ◆ Youth Males need their own bunk room
- ◆ Adult Males need their own bunk room.
- ◆ Due to close quarters of the bunk rooms, YP requirements regarding age separation for 2 years is not required.
- ◆ Same sex Adults may stay in a bunk room with youth if, they have separated their area with tarps giving privacy to both adults and youth. (unless they are in a smaller room or space)
- ◆ Due to the complexity of sleeping, units may not change their numbers without contacting the council office a week prior. One extra person not planned for could throw off the necessary sleeping logistics.
- ◆ The Lodge Host is responsible for assuring that the sleeping guidelines are met. They have final say on any disagreements.

Nanitch Lodge

Nanitch Lodge was built in 1956, and is located just east of Government Camp, between the Government Camp rest stop and Timberline Road.

Parking

- ◆ There is a Snow-Park that holds about 20 cars; it is ¼ mile up Timberline Road. It is on the right (east) side of the road. Once parked, it is necessary to cross Timberline Road to get to the trail. USE EXTREME CAUTION when crossing the road; you are advised to **ALWAYS HAVE AN ADULT SUPERVISING ROAD CROSSINGS** at this location.
- ◆ All Sno-Parks in this area REQUIRE SNOW-PARK PERMITS; they are patrolled by State Police and vehicles without permits can expect to be ticketed.

The trail

- ◆ The trailhead is on the west side of Timberline Road, across from the Snow-Park. It is about 1/4 mile hike to the lodge. The first obstacle is a steep climb over snowplow drifts; plan for a steep 10-15 foot scramble to reach the trail. Once on the trail, hikers can expect deep snow and an uphill climb for about 1/4 mile to the lodge. Rest often so as to not become overheated or exhausted. It is advisable to bring a sled (flat-bottom type) to slide gear to the lodge.

The lodge

- ◆ There is one central kitchen in the lodge, with refrigerator, stoves, ovens, and sinks. It is necessary for everyone to share this kitchen, so cooperation and patience are necessary. A few pots and pans are provided, but serving dishes and silverware are not.
 - ◆ There is a central room with a fireplace, a basement drying room for drying clothing, and bathrooms with flush toilets. Showers are not available.
 - ◆ A wood-burning furnace heats this lodge. The lodge has electricity and electric lighting. A telephone is available for emergency use by lodge hosts; the phone will not be available for anyone other than lodge hosts.
 - ◆ Cell phones usually work well at this lodge.
 - ◆ Use of the 4th floor at Nanitch is at the discretion of the Lodge Host.

Coed Capacity

- ◆ There are 4 bunk rooms on the third floor plus some space on the 4th floor.
- ◆ Female youth should be given their own bunk room. Female adults (including 18-20 yoa Venturers) Also need their own bunk room.
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LOCAL ATTRACTIONS & THINGS TO DO

There are lots of things to do around Mt. Hood; here are a few things to consider:

Local attractions / supplies:

Government Camp offers a few stores and local restaurants, and a gas station.

Ski-bowl offers downhill skiing and a restaurant. Ski-bowl is located at the west end of Government Camp on the south side of the highway. www.skibowl.com

Timberline Lodge offers downhill skiing and restaurants. Timberline lodge is located at the terminus of Timberline Road, which begins at the extreme east end of Government Camp. www.timberlinelodge.com

Mt. Hood Meadows offers downhill skiing and restaurants located about 15 miles east of Government Camp. www.skihood.com

Hood River is a city on the bank of the Columbia River which has a variety of restaurants and stores. Wal-Mart and Safeway and many other stores operate in Hood River. McDonalds, Dairy Queen, Taco Bell and several other restaurants are in Hood River. Several gas stations are in Hood River.

Rhododendron has a supermarket and a few restaurants including Dairy Queen and Subway.

Sandy has a number of stores and restaurants. Stores include Fred Meyer and other supermarkets; restaurants include McDonalds, Dairy Queen, Taco Bell and several other local restaurants. There are several gas stations in Sandy.

Winter recreation ideas:

Here are a few ideas that your unit might consider as extra activities while you are in the Mount Hood area, either as you stay at the lodge or on your way to or from the lodges:

Astronomy

Cross-country skiing

Downhill skiing

Snow caving

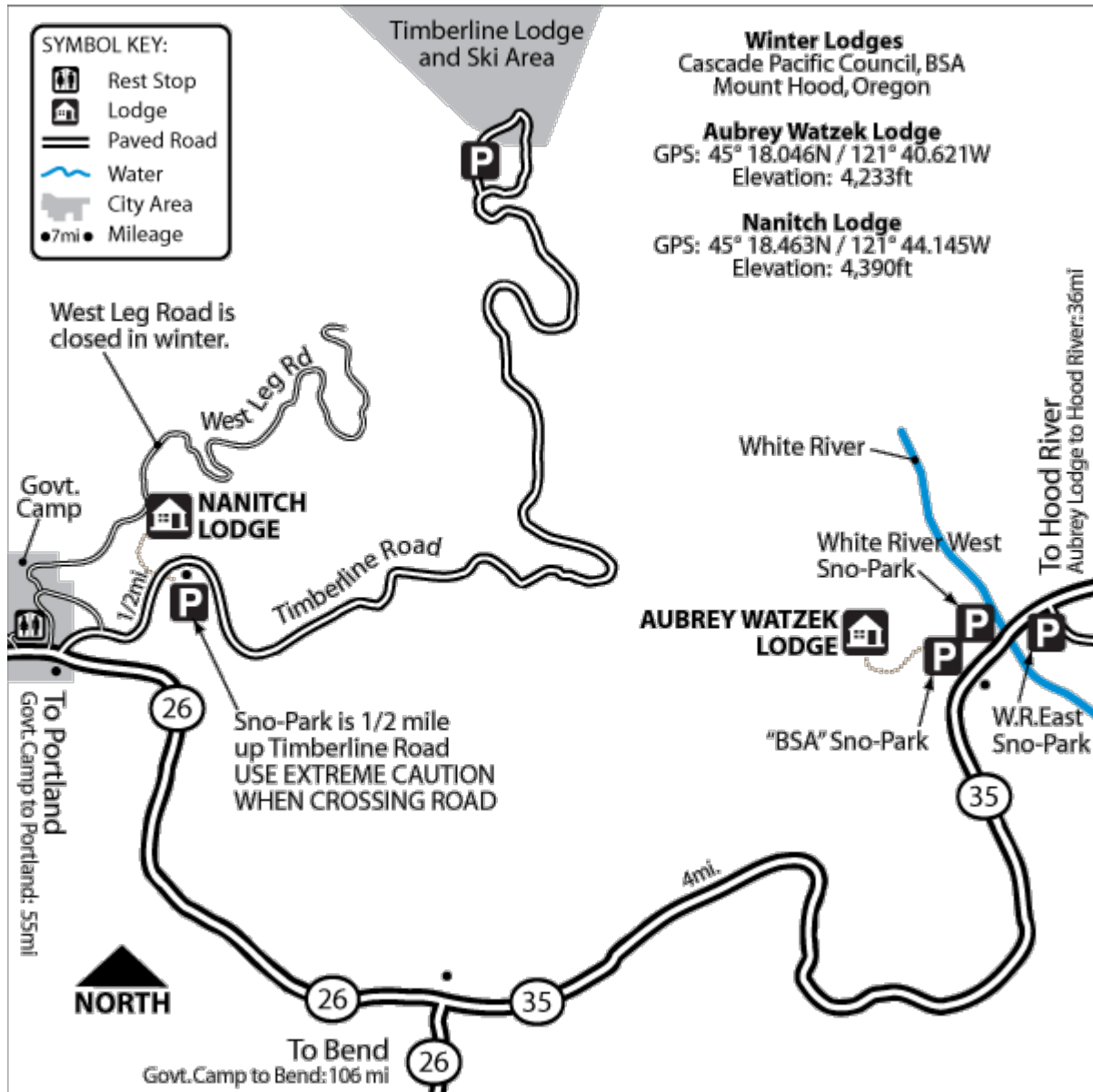
Snowshoeing

Winter GPS

Winter orienteering

Winter survival training

Map to the Winter Lodges:



LOVE THE LODGES? BECOME A WINTER LODGE HOST!

Winter lodge hosts

Aubrey and Nanitch are staffed by one or two winter lodge hosts. These volunteers open and close the lodges and provide safety training and oversight during lodge weekends.

Units of Winter Lodge Hosts get first choice on dates and lodges.

Role of winter lodge hosts

Facility operation & maintenance

Winter lodge hosts arrive early to open the lodge and prepare it for occupants. They follow a very specific step-by-step procedure to turn on water systems, electrical systems, and heating systems. These systems are dormant when the lodge is unoccupied to prevent freeze damage. At the end of each weekend, the lodge hosts follow another detailed closing procedure to drain pipes and winterize the lodge. **You should receive a call from our lodge host a week ahead of attending your stay. Be prepared to share your numbers of male and female youth, and Male and female adults attending for Scout BSA, Venturing, and exploring weekends.**

Safety

Winter lodge hosts provide a safety briefing to all participants upon arrival. This safety briefing is important. It provides rules for the lodge and tubing hills that, when followed by all participants, increases safety for all users.

Reporting

Winter lodge hosts report to the council office which units attended, the number of participants, any accident reports, and facility issues with the lodge. These reports help the council track usage and address facility issues.

Benefits of being a lodge host

SPONSOR A UNIT: Lodge hosts get to ‘sponsor’ a unit, which allows that unit early entry to the online reservation system to select dates early.

STIPEND: Lodge hosts are all volunteers, but do receive a small stipend which helps with their fuel, snow park permit, and other costs.

HOUSING: Lodge hosts occupy a small separate room in each lodge during their duty stay.

Requirements of being a lodge host

Lodge hosts must be 21 years of age or older and able to get to the lodges, including the physically-demanding hike into the lodge through snow. Assistant lodge hosts may be age 18 or older. Lodge hosts serve at least two weekends each season to continue active status. Lodge Hosts must be registered BSA adults with current Youth Protection, First Aid, CPR and AED training.

Becoming a winter lodge host

If you are interested in becoming a lodge host, please contact: **Todd.McDonald@scouting.org**.

New lodge hosts serve first as an apprentice host with veteran lodge hosts who will train them on the details of the lodges. As the lodge opening and closing procedures is complex, this process is important to the new lodge host. After a season as an apprentice, the new lodge host is ready to serve as an independent lodge host. Apprentice hosts serve as an apprentice at both Aubrey and Nanitch lodges before shedding their apprentice status.