



Boy Scout Troop #25 Ice Fest Campout 2018

What: Ice Fest/Campout
Who: All registered Scouts
Where: Camp Minsi, Pocono Summit
When: February 17-18, 2018

We're very excited about the upcoming IceFest at Camp Minsi. Over 400 Scouts and Scouters (from 32 units representing 4 states and 13 BSA councils) will be in camp on Saturday for a great day full of winter fun and ice fishing on Stillwater Lake!

The IceFest programs will run from 9:00AM to 5:00PM on Saturday, February 17th. Check-in and gathering will start at Dining Hall at 9:00AM and the event will officially kick-off promptly at 10:00AM. When you arrive at Camp Minsi we will be directed to check-in and gather at the Dining Hall for a mandatory safety briefing before going onto the ice. **We will NOT go on the ice until we have checked-in and received a safety briefing.**

The IceFest program costs **\$5** per person plus \$10 for food for lunch/dinner – this includes an event patch and refreshments (hot cocoa, coffee, tea, etc.) for all participants.

The Dining Hall will be the main hub and "warming hut" for the day. They will have a roaring fire, heaters, hot drinks, informational displays, special presentations, and other activities going on all day long. The main access point to the lake and the activities on the ice will be from the beach at Waterfront (just off the main parking lot).

Units are on their own for lunch. We can cook our own food or can purchase food from the Dining Hall (\$1 hotdogs, \$2 cup of chili, \$1 bag of chips, \$1 bottled drinks). We are also stopping for breakfast at McD's on our way home so please send along some \$ for your scout.

Be prepared and dress appropriately – the weather is currently expected to be sunny and between 30°F and 35°F. Wear layers, get a good hat that covers your ears, and bring extra gloves and socks. Please see the attached page for a list of required packing equipment.

For question about times, gear or general information, please feel free to give me a call.

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Winter Camping Equipment List

Note on Uniforms: When participating in the Winter Camps we do not require our scouts to wear their class A uniform

Note on Clothing: Scouts should dress in **layers** to keep warm; this includes socks. Layers of clothing next to the skin should be changed at least daily (socks twice daily) because sweat makes them wet, and boys with wet clothing can quickly get chilled. **Cotton is not recommended** for underclothing, socks, and shirts because when wet it provides **no insulation** at all. Clothing (and all personal gear) should be **labeled** with boy's name.

As always, Scouts should pack their own gear (with parental supervision) so they know what they have and where everything is. Here is a checklist for a winter weekend camping trip.

- Hat that covers ears or hat with earmuffs
- Insulated gloves (2 pairs in case one gets wet or lost), waterproof or water resistant
- Heavy jacket or parka, waterproof or water resistant
- Socks, 2 pairs, non-cotton; **wool** or smart wool worn over sock liners
- Long Underwear
- Heavy boots (required)**
- Long sleeve shirts
- Hooded sweatshirt
- Pants, 2 pairs
- Sleepwear (sweats or similar, stocking cap)
- Personal wash kit (washcloth, soap, **toothbrush, toothpaste**, comb)
- Water bottle or canteen
- Mess kit and silverware
- Sleeping bag (provided)
- Extra blanket can be used under or **inside** the sleeping bag
- Flashlight with working batteries, extra batteries, spare bulbs

Optional Gear

- Pillow-optional (can be stuffed with clothing to make pillow)
- Personal first aid kit
- Chap stick and/or lotion
- Handwarmers**
- No electronics