

**Troop 11 Ski Trip
February 8-10, 2008
Hoyfjellet Lodge
10125 Bunny Hill Rd., Soda Springs CA 95728
(530) 426-9909**

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Instructions – We will be staying at the Hoyfjellet Lodge in Soda Springs (on the road to Sugar Bowl). As you may guess, at \$85 for 2 nights with 2 breakfasts and Saturday dinner, it's not the Ritz, but it's a lot of fun. Here is what you *need to know*:

Before you go

- Be sure and coordinate with Paula Bolio about carpooling. Parking is limited so please try to arrive in a full car
- Check-in is at 4 and without traffic it takes me 2 ½ hours to get there. Plan accordingly. There's no rush (just traffic). There are no activities planned for Friday evening
- Rent skis in the Bay Area. Any rentals at the mountain will require parent present with signature and credit card
- Pack Friday night dinner for your Scout. If your driver is stopping for dinner on the way, make sure your son has money for it.
- Also make sure your scout has money for lift tickets (see Mark Dukas' email) and snacks
- Bring sun block and dress in layers

What to bring (besides your personal kit and ski equipment)

- Sleeping Bag- no sheets on the bunks
- Towel and washcloth
- Pillow
- Soap/Shampoo
- Snow boots to walk about 200 yards from the parking lot to the Lodge
- Talkabout radios if you have them, so we can stay in touch on the mountain
- Cards, games, books, and of course, your Snow Sports merit badge book!

Directions- ***Make sure you follow these directions. You will never find the place on your own!***

- Check-in is 4 to 10:30 PM. The snow-cat stops running after 10:30.
- Take interstate 80 East, and just before you reach Donner Summit look for the "Sugar Bowl Next Exit" sign. Exit at the Norden/Soda Springs off ramp. Turn right on Highway 40 eastbound toward Sugar Bowl.
- Call the lodge (530) 426-9909; either by stopping at the gas station on your left and using the pay phone, or if it works, your cell
- Tell them that you are coming (so they can meet you with the snow cat) and get directions. They will tell you something like the following:
 - Proceed 1.2 miles toward Sugar Bowl. Turn left into an entrance with a sign, facing the opposite direction, which says "Central Sierra Snow Lab" (I'm not kidding).
 - If the sign is buried look for a cleared area for installing chains directly opposite the entrance on the right hand side of the road.
 - The lodge employees will give you further instructions if necessary when you call
- **When you arrive, park as tightly together as possible; otherwise the people who arrive later will have no place to park**
- If you leave your skis with your car, lock them inside
- The snow cat will take your gear to the lodge. You will enjoy a short walk up a snow covered path (remember those snow boots) to get there yourself.