



WINTER LODGE LEADER GUIDE 2016-2017

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WINTER LODGE PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

Cascade Pacific Council operates three lodges on Mount Hood:

Lodge	Location	Overnight Capacity	Day Capacity
Aubrey Watzek	Highway 35 at White River crossing	144	244
Nanitch	Government Camp, park 1 mile up Timberline Road	70	200

Lodges are operated December through March.

Lodge Unit Dates overview

- ◆ At Lodge Unit Dates, units reserve space and attend as a unit. They share the lodges with other units. Most units that stay at Nanitch and Aubrey take advantage of the tubing hills right outside the lodge. There are also many other winter recreation opportunities in the Mount Hood area.
- ◆ Lodge Unit Dates serve many unit types including Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing Scouts, Explorers, Soccer & Scouting units, and Scoutreach units. Each group-type is pre-assigned dates to separate age groups, which allows for greater safety on the tubing slopes.
- ◆ Aubrey and Nanitch are staffed by two to three winter lodge hosts. These volunteers open and close the lodges, check in units, and provide safety training and oversight during lodge weekends.
- ◆ See the section ‘signing up for unit lodge dates’ later in this guide for details about placing reservations for unit lodge dates.

Council-organized lodge events overview

- ◆ A few council-organized events are held at the lodges each winter. These events are open to members of specific unit types such as:
 - * Venturing weekend
 - * LDS Venturing weekend
 - * Exploring weekend
 - * Scoutreach events
- ◆ These events are staffed by an event committee and a Winter Lodge Host. Units need to bring adults to provide leadership and supervision for their own youth members.
- ◆ These events are filled on a first-come-first-served basis. Reservations for council-organized lodge events are made online at www.cpcbsa.org/register.

Lodge rental overview

- ◆ Lodges are available for rental by groups (churches, clubs, service clubs, etc.) from April through November. Contact the Volunteer Service Center (503.225.5759 or camping@scouting.freshdesk.com) for rental rates and availability.

SIGNING UP FOR UNIT LODGE DATES

- ◆ The lodges are full most weekends, and some dates are particularly popular. To provide fairness for everyone, an **online reservation system** has been established.
- ◆ There are a number of projects that need to be completed each season to prepare the lodges for winter use, such as cutting firewood, loading wood into storage areas, and cleaning the buildings thoroughly. Units that participate in pre-scheduled service days are recognized with 1) discounts on winter lodge fees and 2) early access to the reservation system to select winter dates early. Project dates and details will be posted at **www.cpcbsa.org/winterlodge**
- ◆ Dates for 2016 are anticipated to include:
 - Several summertime Saturdays to work on Nanitch lodge
 - Several summertime Saturdays to work on Aubrey lodge
 - September 17 – Wood cutting & stacking day at Aubrey & Nanitch lodges
 - October 15 – Cleaning days at Aubrey & Nanitch lodges

Available dates for units

- ◆ Dates for Unit Lodge use are available online at **www.cpcbsa.org/winterlodge**. The list is updated in August for the following winter season.

THINGS TO BRING FOR A DAY TRIP:

- Snacks/Food
- Skis if skiing at local ski resorts or cross-country trails
- Snowshoes if snowshoeing on local trails
- Plates, cups, utensils, etc.
- Games (board games, 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

THINGS TO BRING FOR AN OVERNIGHT STAY:

- 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

WHAT TO LEAVE HOME:

Because this is a Boy Scout 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

COST:

CUB SCOUTS: Fee is \$ 10 per person per day, payable at time of reservation. The number of spaces you reserve should be as close as possible to the number of youth and adults planning to attend as the payment is non-refundable and non-transferable. All reservations and payments are made online at www.cpbsa.org/winterlodge.

TROOPS, TEAMS, CREWS: Fee is \$20 per person per night, payable at time of reservation. The number of spaces you reserve should be as close as possible to the number of youth and adults planning to attend as the payment is non-refundable and non-transferable. All reservations and payments are made online at www.cpbsa.org/winterlodge.

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.

Siblings and children other than registered Scouts in the unit are **not** permitted to attend winter lodge unit days; **no exceptions** are made to this policy; except Cub Scout Family Days.

CHANGING A RESERVATION: If you used your user account when placing your reservation, you can go back and modify your reservation. For additional assistance, please contact the Volunteer Service Desk at 503.225.5759 or camping@cpcbsa.org.

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 and Cooper offer snow camping.

May we bring our pet? No, pets are not permitted at any council property. Safety of campers (particularly children) is a primary concern, and although pet owners are sure their pet will not bite, that is always a possibility around new people and excited children. Another concern are the 'leavings' that pets generate which become a nuisance for other campers.

The **only** exception will be guide-dogs kept on leash and wearing their guide-dog vest at all times, with owners cleaning any deposits the guide-dog makes.

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 camping@cpcbsa.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
DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY – THE LODGE WILL NOT BE READY FOR YOU						

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 'Boy Scout' 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

- ◆ Aubrey Lodge sleeps 144 persons in six bunk rooms. 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.

Nantich 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

- ◆ Nanitch sleeps 70 persons in three bunk rooms. 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.

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

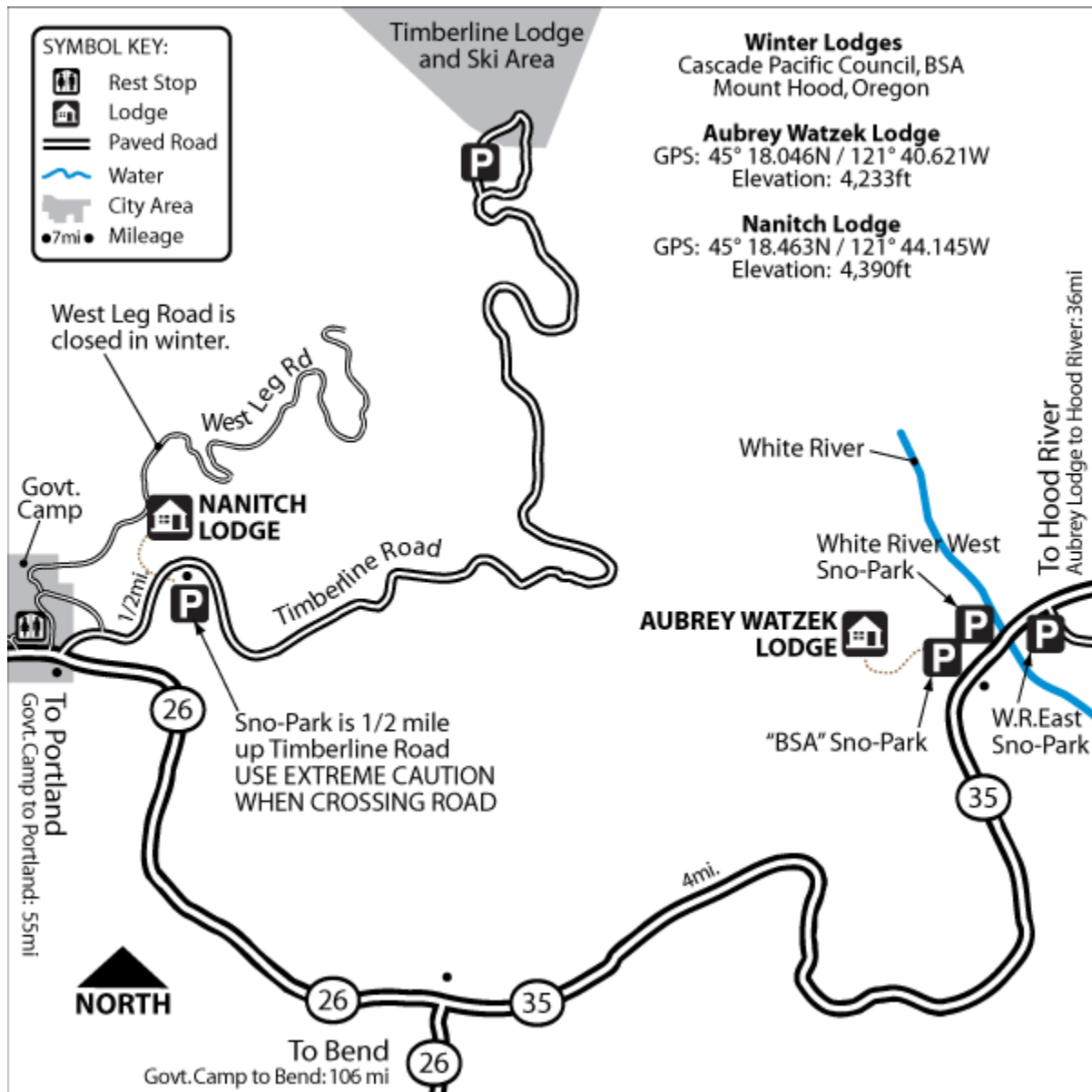
Snowshoeing

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.

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.

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, sno-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: **info@cpcbsa.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.