

**DEPART** Meet at Wedgwood Presbyterian Church parking lot at **6:30 AM** Saturday, February 7. The troop will depart at **6:45 AM** sharp to meet the 8:30 Snow Cat. We will not wait for you. Other Cats leave the parking lot at 10:00 and 5:30, but the 8:30 departure is better (see below).

**LEADERSHIP**

**ADULT:** Tom Colligan, sponsor (206) 849-7039 **SCOUTS:** Eric Clark

**PROGRAM** **Snowshoe, X-C Ski, Snowboard, Alpine Ski, Inner Tube, etc.** We drive to Exit 62 on I-90, meet the Sno-Cat at the Crystal Springs Snow Park, and get towed by the Cat, or (for rookies and wimps) ride the Cat into the lodge. All meals are provided, and the "program" is to have fun in the snow in the mountains. For those who want it, Snowsports Merit Badge will be available. Contact Bill Pickard if you are interested. There will also be time for games, etc. as well in the lodge. Any Boys who have not reached First Class should come prepared to work on it with their **Patrol Leaders** and older scouts. There are several (very fast to normal speed) rope tows for snow sports participants. There are miles of trails for X-C skiing and snowshoeing. For better skiers, one way to get in is to put on skis and be pulled in behind the Cat. There is limited room in the Cat, so anyone who can ski in should plan on being towed. This is really fun, so skiers and skilled boarders can try it. If you can't maintain your balance – its best to ride. People being towed will **wear their packs** while being pulled. There are bunks for 97 people, so we will be there with a bunch of other outdoor enthusiasts - lots of potential Hearts and Risk players! As soon as we get there, take your pack upstairs and claim a bunk. Do not leave any gear in the ground. To catch the first Snow Cat we leave very early. That way, we'll arrive at the lodge in the AM, stake our claim to bunks, and eat lunch, dinner, breakfast, and lunch and leave in the afternoon on Sunday. We'll participate in communal chores like clean-up and dish washing. The SPL will need to ensure that everyone is signed up ASAP after getting there.

**ROUTE** I-90 to Exit 62, go right, 1/2 mile to the Crystal Springs Snow-Park lot. Troop will provide two (2) permits for 'official' drivers beforehand. The Cat driver is NOT a reliable source of passes. Vehicles should be prepared for Snow/Rain/Mud etc. conditions (i.e. chains/traction devices, brooms, scrapers, - leave your wipers up, etc.)

**EQUIPMENT** This trip is an overnight trip, but we will be staying in a big Cabin. Come prepared for snow-boarding or skiing, or working in the snow. If you want to inner tube, you must bring your own tube, and follow strict rules. This means warm, NON COTTON layers, probably a good idea to bring a raincoat if we build snow caves. There are mattresses on bunks, but bring sleeping bags, toiletries, flashlight, and outdoor toys. If you are going to sleep near Bill, bring ear-plugs. **Since the tow is a rope tow, bring tough mittens or leather work gloves you don't care much about.** People who ignored this in past years had shredded gloves and melted parkas from the abrasion of the rope. MITTENS with leather shells ARE BETTER THAN GLOVES. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT you 1) BUY cheap leather work-gloves at a hardware store. 2) PUT YOUR NAME ON EVERYTHING – INCLUDING SKIS, BOOTS, POLES, GLOVES, SLEEPING BAGS (stuff gets lost, mixed up, and your Lange boots look like everyone elses – there are 100 people there), AND 3) PACK ALL GEAR IN **ONE** BACK PACK. Everyone gets one article of luggage. They have snacks available to everyone during the day. If anyone has small shovels (for snow caves, tell us and bring them).

**FOOD** Will be provided up there. All we have to do is clean up.

**FEE** This trip will be heavily subsidized by the Troop Treasury because it is a fairly expensive trip without the subsidy. (This is why we do fund raisers) The cost of the program including transportation, parking, rides in and out, lift tickets for 2 days, meals, lodging will be **\$20.00** per person. There will be NO Day-of-Trip additions to the party because we must submit a roster to the Mountaineers well ahead of time. There will also be no refunds once we commit to a number. ADULT FEE is \$90, no subsidy.

**RETURN** Return Early Sunday Evening (approx 7 pm) – we will take the last snow cat out on Sunday afternoon, drivers will have mobile phones and boys will call on the way in for pick-up.

**SIGN-UP** **Limited to 25.** Closes on Monday, January 19th because we need to sign up then to insure a reservation. Several scouts have already emailed their intent of going, those scouts are included in the count. Signed permission slips and the \$20 per scout fee is due on Monday, Jan 26th.

**Meany Lodge Guest Guidelines & Advice**  
*to make your and the stay of all guests more enjoyable*

GO TO [WWW.MEANYLODGE.ORG](http://WWW.MEANYLODGE.ORG). The following tidbits are from their website.

**Parking & Transportation:**

Drivers need to put the correct parking credentials on their vehicle when they arrive at the Crystal Springs parking lot – Snow Park Permit /w Groomed Trails sticker or two 1-day Snow Park Passes. The cat driver has a limited supply of permits.

If we leave exactly at 7:00, and drive in normal conditions, we should be there with 15-30 min to spare. If the weather is REALLY rotten, we'll miss it, but life will not end. The cat ride to the lodge may last an hour. The cat is un-heated and you may be asked to walk a segment of the route. Dress accordingly.

All skiers and boarders at the Intermediate level and above are expected to be towed in and out.

**Your Luggage and Gear:**

All gear brought to Meany should be carried in a backpack. We encourage packing LIGHT as you may need to carry your gear out in the event of a snow cat breakdown. You get one piece of luggage plus your ski equipment.

You must bring all your own winter sports gear. The lodge does not loan or rent skis, snowboards or any other gear. The lodge staff is not allowed to make repairs or adjustments to any gear. The Mountaineers are not responsible for the loss (by any means) of any gear.

**Outside & On the Slopes:**

Guests must comply with all posted instructions and the directions of Tow Operators and Winter Sports instructors at all times.

Sledding or inner-tubing may be done only in designated areas, with a responsible adult observing. Lodge staff will advise guests on the designated areas.

Outside the direct observation of the Tow Operators, Meany slopes are "Partner Skiing Only". Guests are not to ski the back side of the hill alone or when the area is posted as "CLOSED".

When an observer is not at the top of the hill, skiers will not be allowed on the tow past the  $\frac{3}{4}$  mark on the large tow.

**Meany Lodge - Inner Tube/Snow Sliding Policy & Procedures**

The purpose of this policy & procedure is to outline when, where and how guests will be allowed to engage in inner tubing and other snow sliding activities on the Meany Lodge campus.

**When and Where Inner tubing/snow sliding are allowed at Meany**

Inner tubing is allowed on the section of the ski hill referred to as the Lower Lane only at those times when skiers are not allowed on the ski hill. To prevent build up of excess speed and to insure stopping in the available run out area, inner tubing is restricted to no higher than the Quarter Pole. Inner tubing is not permitted on any other portion of the Meany ski hills. Typically inner tubing is permitted on the Lower Lane only on Friday evenings when the Lodge is rented by non-profit groups.

During normal lodge operations, inner tubing is permitted only in the following areas, as snow conditions permit safe use for that purpose:

Down hill of the coat rack below the groomed ski hill

The lodge access road

The inner tubing run by "wood room" door

Across the snow cat access track, below the North ski run.

Arriving guests will be briefed on the tubing runs that are open during their stay. All other runs will be off-limits. Guests found using off-limit runs will be invited to return to the open tubing areas.

***[NOTE TO TROOP 166: The Mountaineers have NEVER had any problems with Troop 166, but they HAVE a long history of problems with other Scout Groups, particularly with regard to inner tubing. We will talk about this at the meetings before we go, but we expect that all Scouts and Guests associated with Troop 166 will follow all rules and comport themselves in a safe, respectful and appropriate manner at all times. We will have a buddy system in effect at all times. Keep your buddy out of trouble.]***

**Equipment permitted for inner tubing/snow sliding:**

The following devices may be used for inner tubing:

Passenger car inner tubes with short rubber valve stems

Inflatable devices specifically designed for snow sliding

Plastic sleds/saucers designed for snow sliding

Truck type inner tubes with metal valve stems are not permitted.

**Procedures for inner tubing:**

On Friday evening the Lower Lane will be prepared for inner tubing with 2 groomer widths to direct sliders to a safe run out area.

Before the lodge opens to general guests the lodge chair or the designee will assess snow conditions and determine which areas will be open for inner tubing during that operating period.

Unless otherwise coordinated, tubing will be done only during daylight hours.

Participants will ride one person to a tube or other device.

A parent or other responsible adult will supervise all tubing activities.

**PERMISSION AND MEDICAL RELEASE FORM:**

Scout \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in the Meany Lodge Outing on February 7-8, 2009 sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 166.

**YES NO** I will provide transportation for this trip.

My vehicle has seat belts for \_\_\_\_\_ passengers.

My vehicle has chains or traction devices, a shovel and a broom, and I have used all this equipment on this vehicle before or know how to install and use it. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

Auto Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License No: \_\_\_\_\_

**YES NO** I'm available to accompany the scouts on the outing.

**YES NO** I'm available to act as a mentor to the scouts in activities such as snow sports, cave building, hearts, Risk, inner tubing, etc. other \_\_\_\_\_ (circle as many as you like)

I hereby give permission for any and all medical attention necessary to be administered to my child in the event of an accident, injury, sickness, etc., under the direction of the people listed on this form or the adult leaders listed on the trip bulletin until such time as I may be contacted. This release is effective for the time during which my child is participating in a Troop 166 Boy Scout outing, including traveling to or from overnight activities. I also hereby assume full responsibility for payment of any such treatment.

Parents' or Guardians' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



The Mountaineers

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# MEANY LODGE GUEST INFORMATION

PLEASE PRINT. ONE PERSON PER CARD. COMPLETE BOTH SIDES!

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Last Name First Middle

Mailing Address (Street + Apt or PO Box)

City State Zip

Birthdate Home Telephone Work Telephone E-Mail

EMERGENCY CONTACT Relationship Day/Eve Telephone

Date of Guest Activity Description Member Sponsoring (if applicable)

Lodge  BAKER  KITSAP  MEANY  SNOQUALMIE  STEVENS

Type of Activity  Overnight  Day Use  Other \_\_\_\_\_

A signed Release and Indemnity Agreement is required for all persons participating in Mountaineers courses, activities, and ski programs, including use of lodge ski tows. Before using tows, this form must be completed and signed (by a parent or guardian for persons under age 18) and returned to the lodge cashier or chairperson. It is required of all members and guests. Members without completed forms will be asked to leave.

## MEANY LODGE GUEST RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby state that I wish to participate in courses and/or activities offered by The Mountaineers, a non-profit corporation. I recognize any outdoor activity may involve certain dangers, including but not limited to the hazards of traveling in mountainous terrain, accidents or illness in remote places, force of nature, and the actions of participants and other persons. I further understand and agree that without some program providing protection of its assets and its leaders, The Mountaineers would not be able to offer its courses and activities.

In consideration of and as part payment for the right to participate in the activities offered by The Mountaineers, I agree to RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY The Mountaineers and its members from any and all liability, claims and causes of action arising out of or in any way connected with my participation, or the participation of any minor that I am signing on behalf of, in any activities offered by The Mountaineers. I personally assume all risks in connection with these activities. If I am signing on behalf of a minor, I further agree to HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY The Mountaineers and its members from all liability, claims and causes of action which the minor may have arising from the minor's participation in activities.

In regards to participation in ski activities, I have been informed that the use of tow grippers is not permitted in the American National Standard Safety Code (ANSI), and I expressly assume any and all risks if I/the minor use(s) them. I agree to RELEASE AND INDEMNIFY The Mountaineers and its members from all rights, claims, and causes of action I/the minor may have arising out of or in any way connected with my/the minor's use of the tow grippers.

The terms of this agreement shall serve as a release and indemnity agreement for my heirs, personal representative, and for all members of my family, including any minors. (Parents or legal guardians must sign for all persons under eighteen (18) years of age.)

**I have read this release and indemnity agreement and have fully informed myself of its contents before I have signed it.**

Signature of Participant Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian If Participant Is Under 18 Years Of Age Date