

Cub Scout Pack 1015 Winter Lodge
SCOUT SCOOP!
Camp Richardson Lodge South
Lake Tahoe City Jan 29 - 31,
2016

This is your information packet for the 2016 Pack 1015 Winter Camp at Camp Richardson Lodge. Hopefully many of your questions are answered in this packet, as well as driving directions, information about the Lodge, schedule of events, things to do, and nearby restaurant info for Friday night dining.

INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET IS:

- Important information about Camp Richardson Lodge
- Schedule of Events
- Fun Things to do during the day.
- Directions
- Restaurants

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you volunteers. Thanks, seriously, for everyone who signed up to help with various aspects of our weekend. You'll have seen the request for a few more volunteers in critical yet easily satisfied roles. We will post the Google Doc at the Lodge in case you forgot what you signed up to do.

CAMP RICHARDSON ROOMS AND CABINS

Please **do not request a room or cabin change** with the Lodge personnel. All rooms have been assigned to a specific family and the Lodge doesn't make changes at this point. We will post the room list in the Lodge so you can find your friends.

Also, hey, all room payments have been submitted to the Lodge so no further charges need to be paid at check-in time. Staying extra days? Make that payment directly to Camp Richardson.

EXPECTED BEHAVIOR AND RULES

Quiet time and quality time. Your help is needed in keeping children (and adults) from talking loudly and running through the hallways after 9:00 pm or before 7:00 am. Help us preserve quiet time. We are also asking that **all electronics for kids be left in the car and not be played in the lodge.** Adults this is a great opportunity to disconnect and enjoy your kids.

Let's be green: Bring your own reusable cup for coffee, hot chocolate, and drinks. We encourage all adults and kids to participate to reduce trash. Please write your names on your cups to reduce excess cost and waste of people using a cup and setting it down and losing it only to take more cups and make more trash. We are a large group and it takes a lot of work to keep things under control. Thanks!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CAMP RICHARDSON LODGE:

- Camp Richardson Lodge,
1900 Jameson Beach
Road, South Lake Tahoe City, phone number (800) 544-1801.
- Check-in time begins at 3:00 PM on Friday. If you're running early, give them a call they might be ready for you.
- Roll-Away-Beds are only available for rooms 214 and 216 and can not be used in any other rooms (Lodge policy). Room occupancy should not exceed the number that can fit in the beds (again, Lodge policy).
- Limited parking is directly next to and behind the Lodge. If the lot is full, ask where additional parking is after checking in. If you're in a cabin, you can park down by your cabin once you're checked in.
- All rooms have made-beds (linens & blankets) bath towels, wash cloths, soap and shampoo. If you run cold, you may want to bring your coziest blankets as it can sometimes be chilly depending on the room / cabin.
- There is no maid service; your room will not be cleaned on Saturday morning.
- Lodge rooms do not have refrigerators, so it is a good idea to bring an ice chest for drinks, snacks and breakfast foods for the mornings. The Lodge does not have a kitchen. Cabins have basic kitchens. Bears are pretty smart. Just mentioning this...
- We have full, exclusive use of the Lodge main room/lobby. Bring games, books, funny stories to tell, etc. Encourage kids to invite kids on their own to join in games.
- Breakfast and lunch is on your own. Families can gather if they choose in the Lodge main room/lobby to eat breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Coffee pots, hot water pots and toaster ovens will be available for all to use for breakfast (**you bring toast, bagels, cereal, milk, or any foods that your kids will eat**). Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be provided. **Guests of ALL AGES are expected clean up after themselves.** This event is run completely on Scout Steam.
- There is a small café at the General Store next door to the Lodge, at Camp Richardson, that serves breakfast beginning at 8:00 am. Across the street there's a little espresso place.
- There is open space outside the Lodge for the kids to play in the snow and some small hills behind the cabins down toward the lake. If you bring your own sleds or snow toys, be sure to label them so they aren't confused with those of others!
- **Unfortunately, this year the HOT TUB IS OUT OF ORDER. :(Sorry, all!**

Schedule of Events

Friday, January 29th

- Check-in time 3:00 PM until whenever. If you are coming late at night, call the office and they can arrange to leave a key out for you.
- Dinner is on your own, list of nearby restaurants and their websites is included in this information packet. We think they are all still there, but check Yelp too, and look for places in South Lake Tahoe.

(9pm - 7am = Quiet Hours)

Saturday, January 30th

- ❖ **Breakfast on your own. Coffee is available in the Lodge.**

(Wolves tidy up beverage table and lodge area, clean table spills.)

A day to go downhill or cross country skiing, snowshoeing, sledding, touring the Lake Tahoe area or sitting by the Lodge fireplace. A list of activities follows. Think about coordinating with friends. Check for easels posted in the common area of the lodge. If you know that you are going to be joining a group in an activity, please make note of that on the easel so that others can join as well. This is especially helpful for first timers!

- ❖ **Lunch is on your own.** Bring a cooler of picnic foods or visit the many restaurants in the area.

Saturday Night Dinner will be coordinated by the Pack. There will be pizza, burritos, salad and drink for all to share. Ice cream for dessert.

- ❖ **4:00pm Dinner Preparation (help needed!)**

We need adults to help set up dinner tables and chairs in the lodge, and prepare salads for dinner. We need additional help picking up the pizza, burritos, and ice cream from local stores!

- ❖ **4:00pm Pack Snow Games & Outdoor Play**

Traditionally there is a much anticipated snow ball fight for the kids near the lodge. **If you are not signed up to set-up or prepare dinner, please be available to supervise the snowball fight.**

Additionally, for those hoping to keep it cozy, we will be offering face painting and a “nail salon” during this time.

- ❖ **5:00pm Pack 1015 Dinner Seating for Tigers, Wolves, and Bears**
(Bears will be responsible for table cleanup on this service. Den parents please help to supervise.)

**If you have two scouts, this is the preferred seating for your family as it will be less crowded. Your older scout is welcome to eat with their friends.

- **Webelos I and Webelos II:** hangout with your family and friends until 6:15. Perhaps practice your skit. Please stay out of the Lodge Great Room until your seating time.

- ❖ **6:15pm Pack 1015 Dinner for Webelos I and Webelos II**
(Webelos I will be responsible for table cleanup on this service.)

Tigers, Wolves and Bears: Skit practice.

- ❖ **7:00pm Games and fun and socializing in the lodge.**
(Webelos II will be responsible for the set up of the chairs for bingo, moving tables and handing out cards.)

There will be a huge game of **bingo** and prizes for the winners. Also, after dinner theater will be provided by the dens, who, by then will have come up with hilarious skits for your amusement, if they can stop giggling. New skits! No, not really, but classics!

- ❖ **8:30 p.m. Cartoons in the Lodge.** Back again, the real deal! Don't miss this opportunity to show your kids what a cartoon is supposed to look like. No moralizing superheroes allowed! Maximum 10 pretty good cartoons will be provided. May also include a Three Stooges short, so hide the hammers!

(9pm - 7am = Quiet Hours)

Sunday, January 31st

- ❖ **Breakfast on your own. Coffee is available in the Lodge.**

(Tigers tidy up beverage table and lodge area, clean table spills before heading out)

- ❖ **8:00 a.m. Cartoons in the Lodge Again!** The exact same show! So if you decide to retire early on Saturday, you can tell them it will be on in the morning. And it will! If they watched it the night before, you can tell them don't bother to get up just keep sleeping. Or send them down for another dose while you pack, it's up to you. Or they could read a book! (ha, as if.) There is bound to be lots of leftover pizza sitting about, and I don't know what to tell you about that, though it seems popular with the dads.
- ❖ Check-out time is 11:00 AM. There is no flexibility here as there is a large group coming in right after our pack leaves.

DISCLAIMER: We are fortunate to have been able to pass this document on year after year. That being said, please be aware that the information herein may have changed over the years. Please be sure to check with lesser known proprietors before heading out on adventure.

If you should find any information on this sheet to be obsolete, please alert Sara Ward or Bonnie Wehmann when you return to Alameda.

Fun Things To Do During The Day:

Play in the snow. We've had some big snow years, and it looks like we may be lucky this year. Temps are set to be cold this week, and there should be snow falling. We'll see how the week progresses. There is always snow at the ski resorts and tubing spots.

The BSA says monitor the NOAA closely, so here you go: <http://www.noaa.gov>. Plug in "south lake tahoe" in the little search box. Also, the Caltrans webcams are fun to check out. <http://www.video.dot.ca.gov/>. The Ski Resorts at higher elevations always get more snow. I usually take ski resort claims with a grain of salt, but watch the weather, and always check snow conditions for the various venues listed before driving to them.

Also check sign-up sheets in the lodge and do an activity with other scouts...

- The Mountain Sports Center, right across the street from Camp Richardson Lodge, has equipment, lessons and trails for cross country skiing and snowshoeing. IF the snow is there.... You can contact them ahead-of-time for information and rental/lesson costs at (530) 542-6584. Open 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Mention you are with Cub Scout pack 1015 staying at Camp Richardson and you might get a discount on trail passes and rentals (we hope).

Downhill skiing

For discounts on ski resorts, check Costco, Liftopia.com or Shell Ski for Free when you buy 10 gallons of gas before you go.

- Heavenly Valley Ski Resort, www.skiheavenly.com, approximately a 15 minute drive from the Lodge. 1-800-heavenly. Can be crowded, plan to arrive early.
- Sierra At Tahoe, www.sierratahoe.com, approximately a 20 to 30 minute drive from the Lodge. 1-530-659-7453.
- Homewood Ski Resort, www.skihomewood.com, approximately a 30 to 40 minute drive from the Lodge. 530-525-2992.

Sledding, Tubing, and Snow Play (snow permitting)

- There is an unofficial (meaning people use this open area) snow play area approximately a mile up the road on Hwy. 89 from the Lodge. You can use your own saucers and sleds or build snowmen and throw snowballs. A parking area is off the main road, Emerald Bay Road/HWY 89. **WARNING: do not park your car along Hwy 89; it will get ticketed.**

- Another sledding hill is located near Sierra Tahoe ski resort. It is two miles east of Sierra Tahoe on Hwy 50. They have some concessions and port-a-potties. Sounds great! The charge last time we checked was \$5/carload, so load 'em up.
- Check out Hansen's Snow Tube and Saucer Hill, 1360 Ski Run Blvd. Off Hwy. 50 on Ski Run & Needle Peak, 3 blocks from Heavenly Valley, 530-544-3361, approximately 15 minutes from Camp Richardson. All Equipment Furnished (No outside equipment allowed). Banked Turns and Packed Runs, Open 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM <http://www.hansensresort.com>. I recall this place was cash only and about \$10 per person per hour. Because you hike the tube up the hill after you slide down, many find the hour is just enough...
- Heavenly Snow Play area. Ride the gondola to the top of Heavenly and sled in their snow play area. Sleds are provided. Not real cheap but loads of fun and a beautiful ride up and back. Outdoor lunching. http://www.skiheavenly.com/mountain/adventure_peak.
- Snowmobiling at Zephyr Cove – again, not cheap but loads of fun. Make reservations on-line ahead of time as they sell out in advance for weekends during the winter. <http://www.zephyrcove.com/lake-tahoe-snowmobiles.cfm>

Ice Skating

- Heavenly Village has a small outdoor ice skating rink but can get crowded. <http://www.theshopsatheavenlyvillage.com/skating/>
- The City of South Lake Tahoe also has a wonderful skating rink on Rufus Allen Blvd (behind the Campground on the Lake on Hwy 50). You need to check the schedule because they host a lot of tournaments and may not be open to the public. For younger kids, they have plenty of ice walkers to help kids stay on the skates. The snack bar isn't bad either. There is also a fun playground near the ice rink if it's not too covered in snow. <http://tahoearena.com/>

Other Activities

- Just up the road from Camp Richardson, near the unofficial sledding area, are stables that offer sleigh rides. We went several years ago and it was very fun.
- South Lake Tahoe City is within 5 minutes of Camp Richardson where there are stores and other sights to see.
- Vikingsholm - for those wanting outdoor exercise, the hike down to Vikingsholm in Emerald Bay in winter is spectacular and far from crowded. There's a mansion there that's impressive. Then, hike back up. Then down again. Up! Down! You get the idea. There are those who love it. <http://www.vikingsholm.com/>

- If Highway 89 going North is open (sometimes they close it during the winter) you can drive up to Tahoe City, about 45 minutes, and look at the beautiful views of Lake Tahoe. Check with the front desk or Caltrans before you commit though.
- Hang out at the Lodge, enjoy the hot tub, or sit by the Lodge Room fireplace.
- Walk along the Tahoe beach, beautiful with snow or without! Just head down the road toward the lake, turn left when you hit the water.

How To Get To Camp Richardson – Driving Directions:

- Take Interstate 80 East to SACRAMENTO
- Take U.S. 50 EAST to SACRAMENTO/SOUTH LAKE TAHOE
- U.S. 50 takes you into South Lake Tahoe City and merges onto Emerald Bay Road/HWY 89 North, heading North to Tahoe City. Do not turn right onto HWY 50 South.
- Drive approximately 3 miles and Camp Richardson Lodge is located on the right side of the road on Emerald Bay Road at the intersection of Jameson Beach Road.
- In other words, go to the Y, bear left, look for the signs in 3 miles.

Driving time from Alameda to Camp Richardson is approximately 3 hours, depending upon traffic, maybe quicker, maybe longer.

For snow/traffic conditions, call Caltrans Road Information Hotline, (800) 427-7623.

Miscellaneous Info:

- Even if you do have mud/snow tires on your car/van/SUV, bring chains. You were wondering when I'd say that, weren't you. In fact, no matter what you drive, I'd haul those chains or cables out and look at them, maybe see how they work. Sometimes if the snow conditions are extreme, or during heavy snow fall, the highway patrol may require chains on mud/snow tires. Trying to find a set of chains that fit your vehicle when you're half-way up the mountain is a real drag. Make sure you've got tensioners, if your cables require them. Often there are large, well-insulated people at the chain installation points along the highway who (for a price! Think \$30) will put on your chains and then when you're over the hill take them off (also for a price- like \$15). Tipping? Probably. Yipes!
- You can find a lot out more about Camp Richardson by looking at their website, www.camprichardson.com, or about South Lake Tahoe City by looking at the visitor centers website.

Restaurants For Friday Night Or Whenever:

In the past, we listed out places that we... hadn't actually been to. And that doesn't seem right. The first couple are fancy, but the rest seem pretty down to earth. Also try yelp for up to date local spots.

But first, local favorites:

- BEACON BAR & GRILL
Right on the premises of Camp Richardson on the lakefront. Drive straight down the driveway road.
Pricier entrees, but discounted drinks and specials Friday night (3-6pm) (530) 541-0630
- PASSARETTI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT
181 Emerald Bay Rd.
South Lake Tahoe, CA (530) 541-3433 web page: www.passarettis.com
Dinner served until 9:30
Family-run, traditional Italian restaurant, soup and salad bar with dinner. Also, chicken, fresh seafood, steaks, beer, wine and children's menu.
- STEAMERS BAR & GRILL
2236 Lake Tahoe Blvd.
South Lake Tahoe, CA
(530) 541-8818
web page: www.steamersbar.com
Pizzas, and other food that goes well with beer. We just like this place.
- BURGER LOUNGE
717 Emerald Bay
South Lake Tahoe, CA (530) 542-4060 www.burgerloungetahoe.com

2 miles down the road toward town.

Has a huge beer mug on a pole in front of it.

Cash only. Good burgers, and famous garlic fries.

Last year from Yelp: You get a huge basket of fries with GARLIC RELISH allll over. Pretty sure they crush the garlic fresh for every basket, because it tastes like [insert hot celebrity crush of your choice] grabbed a bunch of garlic JUST FOR YOU, smashed it in a bowl with a teeny bit of salt, fresh parsley and a hunk of their hotness, lovingly spooned generous amounts of it onto your fries and used it to propose to you. And you take a bite and say "No I think I'll marry these instead, but thanks anyway". I could hardly get them into my mouth fast enough.

Popular Lake Tahoe Restaurants – all 4 dots or above on TripAdvisor.com

... recently. No, I didn't recheck this year.

1. Evan's American Gourmet Cafe

Price range*: \$20-40

Cuisines: American, Seafood

Recommended For: Local cuisine

Address: 536 Emerald Bay Rd, Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 - 2.2 miles from city center

Tel: 530 542 1990

Reviews:

Nov 23, 2009: ["Excellent wedding dinner"](#)

Nov 8, 2009: ["#1 Rated for a Reason - Hands Down!"](#)

2. Sprouts Natural Foods Cafe

Cuisines: American, Vegetarian, Californian, Healthy

Recommended For: Breakfast/Brunch

Address: 3123 Harrison Ave, Lake Tahoe, CA 96150-7925 - 0.7 miles from city center

Tel: 530 541 6969

Reviews:

Dec 30, 2009: ["Most Delicious Health Food..."](#) Oct 8,

2009: ["Delicious, wholesome food."](#)

3. Cafe Fiore

Price range: \$31-40

Cuisine: Italian

Recommended For: Outdoor seating

Address: 1169 Ski Run Blvd, Lake Tahoe, CA 96150-9011 - 1.7 miles from city center

Tel: 530 541 2908

Reviews:

Nov 16, 2009: ["When visiting the south shore you..."](#) Nov 4,

2009: ["Wonderful Romantic Italian..."](#)

4. Tahoe Java Cafe

Address: 2540 Lake Tahoe Blvd Ste 7, (formerly Tahoe Spirit Coffee Cafe), Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 - 0.6 miles from city center

Tel: (530) 542-1474

Reviews:

Aug 19, 2009: ["A Wonderful Little Cafe"](#)

Aug 10, 2009: ["Best local coffee shop in Tahoe."](#)

5. Driftwood Cafe

Cuisine: American

Address: 1001 Heavenly Village Parkway, Suite 1A, Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 - 2.7 miles from city center

Tel: 530 544 6545

Reviews:

Jan 9, 2010: ["Great spot for breakfast"](#)

Dec 27, 2009: ["Great for a quick breakfast spot"](#)

6. Freshies Restaurant & Bar

Address: 3330 Lake Tahoe Blvd,
Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 - 1.1 miles from city center

Hawaiian style, famous for fish tacos and good vegetarian stuff. Small, tucked into strip mall.

Tel: (530) 542-3630

Reviews:

Jan 12, 2010: "[Tropical Oasis in the mountains](#)" Dec 14,

2009: "[Best Fish Tacos](#)"

At the strip mall, but supposed to be real good

7. The Brewery at Lake Tahoe

Cuisine: American

Address: 3542 Lake Tahoe Blvd., Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 - 1.5 miles from city center

Tel: 530 544 2739

Reviews:

Jan 5, 2010: "[Great beer and food, try it!](#)" Dec 29,

2009: "[Must go](#)"

8. Mazatlan Grill

Cuisine: I'm guessing this is Mexican

Address: 3051 Harrison Ave, Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 - 0.5 miles from city center

Tel: (530) 541-5421

Reviews:

Dec 13, 2009: "[The Bomb](#)" Nov 3,

2009: "[Great Place!](#)"

9. Dory's Oar Restaurant

Price range*: \$5-28

Cuisines: English, Hamburgers, Seafood, Steakhouse, Tapas

Address: 1041 Fremont Ave, Lake Tahoe, CA 96150-8137 - 1.0 miles from city center

Tel: (530) 541-6603

Reviews:

Dec 28, 2009: "[Neat, yet reasonably priced](#)"

Dec 14, 2009: "[One of my favorites in south shore](#)"

10. Red Hut Cafe

Average price: \$20

Cuisines: American, Hamburgers

Recommended For: Breakfast/Brunch

Address: 2749 Lake Tahoe Blvd, Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 - 0.3 miles from city center

Tel: 530 541 9024

Reviews:

Jan 12, 2010: "[Breakfast treasure.](#)"

Nov 16, 2009: "[Great spot for breakfast](#)"

If you have questions regarding the weekend schedule or lodge, please contact Chris Kelly at ckelly@vodafone.com (415) 408-8638 or Bonnie Wehmann at (510) 504-4351