



The Adventure West Council is proud to offer an amazing Scouts BSA Winter Camp Program for your Scouts. The 5-day camp begins just after Christmas and ends at noon on New Year's Eve, so everyone can make it home for the festivities.

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Adventure West Council

# Campers!

On behalf of The Adventure West Council, it is our honor to welcome you in joining us for an amazing week of winter fun at Camp Laramie Peak!

We are confident that you will be impressed with our friendly staff, amazing facilities, and outstanding program.

Camp Laramie Peak has an amazing history dating back to 1920 when a group of volunteers purchased the land as a place for Scouts to experience the wilderness. It is believed to be the 7<sup>th</sup> oldest Scout Camp in the United States, and it is located at the base of Black Mountain near Wheatland Wyoming at an elevation of around 8,000ft.

This guidebook is a resource to help you, as the leader, plan and prepare for your Troop's upcoming winter adventure. The guidebook is designed for Senior Patrol Leaders, Scouts, and parents, to help them plan and prepare for camp.

Get the hot cocoa ready, dust off your mummy bag, and dig out your winter gear because WINTER IS COMING! We are excited! And we hope that you are too! Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have.

Yours in Scouting,

Nathan Dutson  
Scout Executive  
Adventure West Council, Scouting America

## Camp Overview

Winter Camp offers a unique and exciting experience. It will be cold, so come prepared. The star gazing is amazing!

- 25+ Merit Badges
- Top-notch Trail to 1<sup>st</sup> Class program
- Program Pavilions will be heated
- All meals provided in the heated dining hall
- Great afternoon activities!
- The PEAK Winter Olympic Competition!
- Movie Nights and more!
- This will be a **rustic experience**.
- No flushing toilets.
- Showers will NOT be available.



# Winter Camp Info

Winter Camp is a 5-day, 4-night merit badge camp experience held at Camp Laramie Peak. Scouts will work on 5 merit badges and enjoy fun afternoon and evening activities.

Dates: December 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>

## Location:

Camp Laramie Peak  
65 Forest Service Rd #633  
Wheatland, WY 82201  
**307-322-3324** (During Events)

## Camp Registration:

\$300 Scouts  
2 Free Adults (additional adults \$100)

## ADVENTURE WEST COUNCIL

Camping Department:  
970-584-2202  
[Jeanene.gage@scouting.org](mailto:Jeanene.gage@scouting.org)



## REFUNDS

Planning and purchasing for camp happens long before camp begins and is based on pre-registration. If the unit or a Scout cannot attend camp, please review the Council's refund policy and submit a refund request through our online portal, both found at [www.awbsa.org/refunds](http://www.awbsa.org/refunds).

If, for weather reasons, the camp cannot be held, 100% refunds will be provided.

## Pre-Arrival Check List

Submit the following through the registration system:

- Make Payments
- Register each person attending camp.
- Special Needs & Dietary Restrictions
- Merit Badge Class Registration

## ARRIVAL CHECK-LIST

Check-in begins at 9:15am. Park at the main parking lot and our staff will be there to guide you through the check-in process.

## Paperwork

Please have 1 adult ready with:

- Official BSA Roster, exported from my.scouting.org.
- Mark all youth and adults that will be attending camp.
- For adults, mark the days they will arrive and depart from camp.
- Health & Medical Forms for all campers (parts A, B, & C)
- ATV Release (if taking ATV program, 14+)

## SPECIAL NEEDS

If a Scout or Adult needs some extra help to enjoy the camp experience, please let us know! This includes anyone with special dietary, health, and mobility needs. Special requests are submitted as part of the registration process. If you have any questions or need something added please reach out to us.

CPAP: Electricity is not available near the campsites, participants should come prepared with batteries which can be recharged at the camp office.

MEDICATIONS: An Adult leader from your group must keep any medications in a secure, protected container under their control. A medication log sheet will be provided and must be filled out and returned to the camp medic.

## ADULT LEADERS

Consistent leadership throughout the full week of camp is strongly recommended. When it is necessary, adult leaders may rotate in/out and share a single leader fee in order to provide leadership to the youth in camp. Using the official BSA roster from my.scouting.org, please notify the camp office during check-in on what days each leader will be in camp.

# CAMP PROGRAM

Winter Camp offers a great balance between merit badge instruction and fun afternoon and evening activities.

## SCHEDULING

Wintercamp programs are split into three sections:

- Merit Badge Classes (50-minute daily sessions)
- Afternoon Open Program Time
- Evening Events

## FLAG CEREMONIES

The camp will assemble twice daily for opening and closing flag ceremonies (7:00am & 5:45pm). Units can sign up to lead flag ceremony at the Sr. Patrol Leader Meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Scouts should wear "Class A" field uniform when performing any flag ceremony as the honor guard. Buglers are encouraged to play!

## AFTERNOON PROGRAMS

We expect the following programs to be available during the afternoon, subject to weather.

- Archery & Rifle
- Board Games & Competitions
- GaGa Ball
- 9-Square
- Hawk & Knife Throwing
- Extra Merit Badges (Offerings announced daily)
- Mountain Biking (Subject to weather)
- Mountain Boarding (Subject to weather)

## EVENING PROGRAMS

- Opening & Closing Campfires
- The Peak Winter Olympic Competition
- Movie Nights with snacks!
- Board Games, GaGa Ball, & 9-Square
- Glow in the dark range activities

## AWARDS

- Black Mountain Lookout Hike Award
- The PEAK Winter Olympic Competition
- The Winter Camp Tundra Challenge Award

## TRAIL TO FIRST CLASS

This program is for new Scouts that need to complete rank advancement. The program focuses on items that are harder for local units to complete at normal troop meetings.

## ATV PROGRAM

Extra \$60. Must be 14+. Participants will complete the certification. The ATV program continues during open program time.

## TRADING POST

Come visit the trading post for supplies, souvenirs, snacks, and more! It's also a warm place to hang out! Credit Cards are accepted.

## SUNRISE SCOUT SERVICE

Join us for a Scout's Own Service at 6:30am on the 29<sup>th</sup> at the Chapel.

## BLACK MOUNTAIN HIKE

This is a strenuous hike that takes about 3 hours to complete. Units must start right at 3:30pm. Let the camp staff know you are doing the hike and they'll make sure to have dinner ready for you on your return.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

Winter Camp is a rustic camping experience. It will be cold. Seasonal temperatures are normally between -10°F and +15°F. Participants will bring their own camping gear including tents, pads, sleeping bags, etc. Please plan accordingly.

- Meals are served in the HEATED Dining Hall
- Showering facilities will NOT be available.
- Restrooms will be outhouses and portables.

## VEHICLES & PARKING

Weather depending, Troops may be able to pull vehicles closer to their campsite for loading and unloading. **All vehicles must be parked in a designated camp parking area by 5:30pm on the 27th.** Vehicles should not be driven into camp during the event, and roads through campsites and program areas are restricted to authorized camp vehicles only.

### TRAILERS

Weather depending, Troops may be able to park a trailer in the campsite or in other areas designated by the Ranger but must not block any roads or trails. Trailers must be disconnected from the tow vehicle and the wheels must be chocked and the tongue must be secured on a block or stand to ensure the trailer is safe and secure.

## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Camp Laramie Peak has written plans for emergency response such as severe weather, fire, or a lost Scout, etc. Details will be shared at check-in. Adult leaders should always carry a unit roster and vehicle keys on them while in camp in case of an emergency or evacuation.

### Buddy System

The buddy system of having two or more campers together is used during camp and is important. Please ensure your Scouts use this system and that everyone has a buddy.

## INTERNET

Internet service is available for adults around the dining hall and A-frame. There is some cell service in the area depending on your provider.

## ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Electronic devices such as cell phones are allowed but a Scout may be asked to not use their device during program time.

## ALCOHOL, TOBACCO & DRUGS

Alcoholic beverages and controlled substances are **absolutely prohibited.** Possession or use will be reported to local law enforcement. Scout Camps are smoke-free. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, vaporizers, or systems which simulate tobacco smoking. A designated smoking area is available.

## PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Pets (Service animals must be pre-approved)
- Fireworks and pyrotechnic devices
- Personal Firearms, Air-Pistols, Bows, Ammunition, Slingshots
- Bikes / Unicycles / Skateboards
- ATV's, UTV's, or ORV's

## ADDITIONAL POLICIES

- Behave in a Scout-like manner
- Do not throw rocks.
- No food in tents.
- No clothing with inappropriate graphics.
- No items which are in violation of BSA policy.
- See Guide to Safe Scouting for all policies.



# CAMP LARAMIE PEAK - ADVENTURE WEST COUNCIL

# PREPARING FOR WINTER CAMP

## UNIT - WHAT TO BRING

Below is a list of general equipment often needed at wintercamp. Some troops may wish to bring other items to enrich their experience or to cook special meals or desserts.

- Paperwork - Official BSA Roster exported from my.scouting.org.
- Paperwork - Med Forms
- Tents and Camping Gear
- Body Wipes (Bring extras as an alternative to showering)
- Troop First-aid kit
- Duty Roster
- Lock Box
- Lanterns
- Extra blankets/sleeping bags

### Optional:

- Flags - Patrol, U.S., State, etc.
- Fire starter & wood for campsite
- Rope, Twine or Nylon Cord
- Axe, Hatchet, Saw, Hammer
- Repair kit, Tools & Duct Tape
- Dining fly's or canopy's
- Tarp(s)



## SCOUT - WHAT TO BRING

Below is a list to serve as a guide. Use your own discretion and refer to your Scout Handbook.

### VERY IMPORTANT

- Current Medical Health Form Signed (required)
- Water Bottle
- Trading Post Money

### PERSONAL GEAR

- The Scout Basic Essentials (see Scout Handbook)
- Backpack or duffle-bag
- Clothing
  - FULL Uniform (shirt, pants, belt, OA Sash)
  - T-shirts (several)
  - Long Sleeve Shirts and Long Pants
  - Underwear
  - Extra Shoes / Boots
  - Warm Socks and Extra Socks
  - Winter Coat / Sweatshirts
  - Winter Pajamas / Stocking Cap
- Sleeping gear
  - Sleeping pad
  - Sleeping Bag rated for winter temps.
  - Pillow
  - Extra Blanket(s)
- Toiletries
  - Body Wipes
  - Toothbrush / Toothpaste / Floss / Comb
- Personal Items
  - Day Pack
  - Camp Chair
  - Flashlight
  - Scout Handbook / Merit Badge Books
  - Pocket Knife / Notebook / Pen / Pencil
  - Sunscreen
  - Totin' Chip / Firem'n Chit
  - Watch / Alarm clock
  - Medications / eyewear
  - Camera
  - Mess Kit (for any troop specific things)

# TUNDRA CHALLENGE AWARD

Prove yourself in the face of extreme conditions by achieving the Camp Laramie Peak Winter Camp Tundra Challenge Award!

## POINTS!

Achieve 70+ points to receive the award.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Points</u>
Attend Opening Campfire	5
Attend all merit badge classes	20
Troop participates in The PEAK Winter Olympics	10
Attend 4 free time activities during the week	15
Attend 3 evening activities during the week	15
Visit the Trading Post	5
Attend the Sunrise Scout Service	5
Troop leads a Flag Ceremony or Grace at meal	5
Plan to attend the Closing Campfire	5

## AWARD FORM!

Scoutmasters, please submit this form at dinner on the 30<sup>th</sup>. One form per Troop. Both Adults and Scouts can earn the award.

Troop Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2025 Winter Camp Schedule

Time	Saturday 12/27	Sunday 12/28	Monday 12/29	Tuesday 12/30	Wednesday 12/31
6:30 AM	Camp Check-In		Sunrise Scout Service		
7:00 AM		Morning Assembly			
7:15 AM		Breakfast			
8:30 AM		MB Session 1	MB Session 1	MB Session 1	MB Session 1
9:30 AM		MB Session 2	MB Session 2	MB Session 2	MB Session 2
10:30 AM		MB Session 3	MB Session 3	MB Session 3	MB Session 3
12:00 PM	Lunch				
12:45 PM	Sr. Patrol Leader Meeting @ A-frame				Pick-up Advancement
1:30 PM	MB Session 4	MB Session 4	MB Session 4	MB Session 4	Depart
2:30 PM	MB Session 5	MB Session 5	MB Session 5	MB Session 5	
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	<b>Open Program Activities</b> (Archery & Rifle, Board Games, GaGa Ball, Hawk & Knife Throwing, Mountain Biking, Mountain Boarding, Black Mountain Hike, Extra Merit Badges, and more!)				
5:45 PM	Evening Assembly				
6:00 PM	Dinner				
7:30PM - 9:30PM	8:00PM Opening Campfire	The PEAK Winter Competition @ Dining Hall - 8:30PM Movie with snacks @ Dining Hall	Glow in the Dark Range Activities @ Ranges - Board Games @ A-frame - 8:30PM Movie with snacks @ Dining Hall	8:00PM Closing Campfire	
10:00PM	Scoutmaster Minute - Quiet Time				

Happy  
New  
Year!!!  
Drive  
Home  
Safe!

# 2025 Winter Camp Merit Badge Schedule

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5
Nature	Environmental Science	Environmental Science	Environmental Science	Environmental Science	Weather
	Mammal Study	Mammal Study	Weather	Astronomy	Astronomy

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5
Humanities (A-Frame)  (Dining Hall)	Cit in the World	Cit in the World	Cit in Community	Cit in Community	Public Speaking / Communications
	Cit in the Nation	Cit in the Nation	Public Speaking / Communications	American Business	American Business

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5
Range & Target Activities	Rifle	Rifle	Rifle	Rifle	Rifle
	Shotgun	Shotgun	Shotgun	Shotgun	Shotgun
	Archery	Archery	Archery	Archery	Archery

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5
Handicraft	Art	Chemistry	Game Design	Leatherwork	Leatherwork
	Photography	Movie Making	Movie Making	Woodcarving	Woodcarving