

## Alumni Trips

For those who complete the full training series (you must participate in both Training Series trips to qualify), Alumni Trips offer more opportunities to practice your skills with others who share your love of winter camping. The trips vary in difficulty, destination, and theme.

## Alumni Trip Dates

Unless otherwise stated, Alumni Trips cost \$25 for Sierra Club members, \$30 for non-members.

Snow Camping on Skis—Try it! . . . Jan. 14–15  
Crocker Point . . . . . Mar. 10–12  
Glacier Point Ski Hut . . . . . Mar. 10–11  
Mt. Shasta Snow Camp . . . . . Apr. 27–29  
Cut & Gloo . . . . . TBA

Additional Alumni Trips will be scheduled soon, so for more trip listings and information visit [www.snowcamping.org](http://www.snowcamping.org).



## Important Dates

November 30, 2011 . . . . . Early Bird deadline  
December 19, 2011 . . . . . Applications due  
January 7, 2012 . . . . . Orientation Day

## Free Clinics

Learn more about the Snowcamping Training Series at one of our free informational clinics at an outdoor store near you. There is no reservation needed for these clinics—just show up and join us!

### Sports Basement:

San Francisco (Bryant). . Monday, 11/14, 6:30–8:30pm  
San Francisco (Presidio) Tuesday, 11/22, 6:30–8:30pm  
Sunnyvale . . . . . Monday, 11/28, 6:30–8:30pm  
Walnut Creek. . . . . Thursday, 12/1, 6:30–8:30pm

### REI\*

Berkeley . . . . . Wednesday, 12/7, 7:00–8:30pm  
Corte Madera . . . . . Wednesday, 12/7, 7:00–8:30pm  
San Francisco . . . . . Wednesday, 12/7, 7:00–8:30pm

*\*Primarily led by an REI presenter.*

## To Apply

Apply online on our website: [www.snowcamping.org](http://www.snowcamping.org) or call Anne Good (510-526-6792).



Sierra Club

# SNOWCAMPING

Training Series 2012

## Training Series & Alumni Trips



- \* Want to extend your summer backpacking season?
- \* Wonder how that lawyer lost in the Sierra snow survived for three days?
- \* Worried that you're not prepared when you go cross country skiing or backcountry snowboarding?

Learn how to be safe and enjoy winter travel under the guidance of our experienced leaders.

Snowcamping Section  
San Francisco Bay Chapter Sierra Club  
[www.snowcamping.org](http://www.snowcamping.org)

Does winter's first snowfall leave you mourning the loss of your backpacking season, or worrying about being stranded in an unexpected snowstorm? If so, the annual Sierra Club Snowcamping Training Series is for you. Sign up now to learn how to stay safe and warm during overnight snow trips, and make the most of the upcoming winter season.

### Something For Everyone

While the Training Series isn't for wimps, anyone with backpacking experience and in good physical condition may apply. Both families with children over seven years old and youth in youth groups can join the Family & Youth Group while graduates of the Training Series can enjoy a variety of Alumni trips.

Whether your favorite aspect of summer camping is the scenery, the hike, or a cozy tent at night, snowcamping provides it and more. For example, snowcampers may elect to sleep in tents, or custom-build their own shelters complete with shelves, candle holders, and even en suite bathrooms. The Training Series will teach you the basics of shelter building, winter navigation, and of course, how to stay warm and comfortable in winter conditions. The training trips are highly participatory and fun. Your experienced leaders share their skills and tips while encouraging group participation.

### Snowcamping Training Series Includes:

- \* Orientation Day—one mandatory full day of indoor training
- \* Two weekend trips to experience snowcamping first hand (one 2-day trip and one 3-day trip)

The six adult groups offer a number of trip dates, so select the dates that work best for you. Sign up fast as popular dates fill quickly.

### You will learn how to:

- \* Choose appropriate clothing and equipment
- \* Hike on snowshoes through various terrains
- \* Build a variety of snow shelters
- \* Stay warm and dry
- \* Find water and prepare meals in a snow kitchen
- \* Navigate in winter
- \* Prevent and recognize hypothermia

### You will receive:

- \* One day of classroom training
- \* Five days and three nights of hands-on snowcamping experience
- \* A snowcamping student manual
- \* The opportunity to make great friends and enjoy spectacular winter scenery
- \* A snowcamping "reward"

### Training Series Fees

- \$115.00 each Adult Sierra Club member
- \$125.00 each Adult non-Sierra Club member
- \$20.00 each Child (Family Group only)
- \$50.00 each Youth (in Youth Group)

**Early Bird Special:** Apply by November 30<sup>th</sup> and deduct \$10.00 from the Adult fee (*does not apply to Family & Youth Group Children/Youths and Alumni Snowcampers*).

A limited number of scholarships are available. For more information, please email John: [jsedlander@gmail.com](mailto:jsedlander@gmail.com) or Jodi: [jdi\\_bly@yahoo.com](mailto:jdi_bly@yahoo.com).

### Training Series Trip Dates

- Group 1 . . . . . Jan 28–29 & Feb 25–27  
Backup dates: Mar 17–19
- Group 2 . . . . . Feb 4–5 & Mar 2–4  
Backup dates: Mar 9–11
- Group 3 . . . . . Jan 21–22 & Feb 4–6  
Backup dates: Feb 18–20
- Group 4 . . . . . Jan 21–22 & Feb 18–20  
Backup dates: Feb 25–26
- Group 5 . . . . . Feb 4–5 & Feb 24–26  
Backup dates: Mar 2–4
- Group 6 . . . . . Feb 11–12 & Mar 9–11  
Backup dates: Mar 16–18
- Family Group . . . . . Jan 28–29 & Feb 18–20  
Backup dates: Mar 3–4

NOTE: If trips have to be rescheduled due to severe weather, the backup dates will be used.

