

Description of Trip:

Students will travel North of Ketchum into the Smoky Mountains and snowshoe 1.5 miles into the Boulder Yurts. There are two yurts and each has a wood burning stove and there is a shared kitchen set up. The trip will include classes in snow science, avalanche safety, winter first aid, and building winter shelters. Students will also have full participation in cooking and camping chores.

Wednesday-Before leaving.

8:00-8:20 A.M.: Students bring their overnight backpacks with personal trip items to buses on north side of WRMS

7th Grade Lunch: Divide group gear into individual packs (Multipurpose Room)

Day 1 Thursday

8:30AM:: Meet in Multi purpose Room, students bring two individual lunches and snacks. Load food into packs and packs into personal trucks and vehicles.

8:45AM: Bus Departs (cell phones and electronics will be collected before getting on the bus)

10AM: Arrive at parking area (near Russian John/Billy's Bridge). Learn how to put on snowshoes, turn on and wear beacons.

11AM. Start Hiking to Yurts

11:45AM: Pick a spot for lunch and **Beacon Search class**.

12:45PM: Continue on to Yurts

1:45PM: Arrive at yurt: Establish Base Camp and rules:

Pick Bunks, Start fire, Establish Fresh Snow zone, Privy use rules, etc.

12:15PM: Phase one of **Winter Shelters class**: Pile snow for Quinzee's/Trenches

1PM: Group Game

2PM: **Snow Science Class**

3:30PM: Down Time: Sledding, Exploratory hike with staff, Board games in Yurts

5PM: Begin dinner prep by student Group 1

6PM: Dinner

6:30PM: Dinner clean up by Group 2 (washing station intro for all groups)

7PM: Complete **Winter Shelters class**: 2 Quinzee's, 2 Snow Trenches

Optional: **Star Gazing class** (if it's clear enough)

8 PM: Personal Care and sleeping prep; Group reflection

9PM: Everyone in their bunks

9:15PM: Lights out

Day 2 Friday

7 AM: Wake up

7:30 AM: Breakfast by students (Group 3)

8 AM: Breakfast clean up by students (Group 3). Other students pack.

8:30AM: **Winter First Aid class**

9:30AM: Final Yurt Clean up (Group 4). All others pull packs out of Yurts

9:45AM: **Solo Reflection**

10:30AM: Leave Yurts for return hike: Lunch en route (student responsibility)

12:30PM: Arrive at Parking lot; Remove shovels, beacons and snowshoes

1PM: Bus leaves for School (Staff in personal vehicles to drop off beacons and shovels (SAC) and snowshoes (Hemingway))

2:30PM: Arrive at Wood River Middle School (MultiPurpose Room). Complete survey online (in computer lab); group gear collection; group reflection