

Camp Hinds 2005 Winter Camp
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Greetings Unit Leaders and Youth members,

Happy New Year! May your endeavors during this season be safe and satisfying. As you and your scout units look towards planning for the 2005 season, I would encourage each of you to consider Winter Camp as a valuable and fun part of your year-round program. Winter Camp is unlike ANY program offered through the Pine Tree Council or any other council in the United States of America. It is a safe, fun, effective, fulfilling, and exciting weeklong resident camping program run in the dead of the Maine winter!

Winter Camp has so many great opportunities for your youth. Campers are split into provisional patrols, under the leadership of youth staff who are assigned as the Winter Camp leadership for the week (SPL, ASPL, PL's etc – all under the watchful eye of an adult SM and their assistants), and get exposure to working and living, as a team, with scouts from all over New England. During their stay, campers will be able to earn up to 4 merit badges, build and stay over night in a winter shelter they build, ice fish on Panther Pond, participate in a successful hike up Tumbledown Mountain, enjoy a field trip to the International Jetport in Portland and snow tube in the afternoon, plus much more! This is a great program for newer scouts to learn the ropes, and for older scouts to earn those needed merit badges to help them along the trail towards Eagle Scout.

Winter Camp will run 1 week this year – from February 20th to 25th (School vacation week). The cost to participate is \$220. Eligible youth need to be First Class or above in rank, and at least 13 years old in age. The program has only enough space to accommodate 32 scouts, and space fills up fast! As you and your families recover from the Holiday rush and January settles in, approach your unit youth and encourage each eligible individual to consider signing up for Winter Camp – it is one of the most fulfilling experiences they will probably enjoy during their time in the scouting program!

Have a great holiday season and I will see you all at Winter Camp!

Yours In Scouting,

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