



**BEARPAW 2009-2010**  
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### **BEARPAW 2009-2010 Is Alive and Well!**

BEARPAW is Santa Clara County Council's introductory snow camping, or winter experience program.

#### **There are two parts to the BEARPAW experience**

- 1) The indoor training session teaches junior leaders and adults basic skills related to cold weather camping so they are better prepared to teach their fellow Scouts in their home units on what to expect and to have fun while being warm, dry and safe.
- 2) The outdoor camping experience allows everyone to put into practice what they have learned, camping in the snow in a safe environment accompanied by a couple of hundred fellow Scouters.
- 3) Our traditional wilderness snow trek for more experienced Scouts and Venturers will, after several years of being dormant, be held in 2010. Details will be provided in a separate mailing and flyer.

#### **Indoor Session, Saturday, November 14, 2009, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm**

LDS Church, 925 Cera Drive, San Jose (near Williams and Saratoga Ave.)

Training topics include: *How To Dress For Cold Weather Camping, Building Snow Shelters, What and How To Pack For Cold Weather Camping, Orienteering, Traveling On Snow, Menu Planning and Cooking In Snow, Winter Emergency Care, Leave No Trace, Driving In Snow Country, and other topics.*

Cost for the Indoor Session (including patch, rocker, a CD containing all training material, and lunch): **\$14.00.**

#### **Outdoor Session, Friday through Sunday, February 19-21, 2010**

Cisco Grove Campground, just off Highway 80 five miles past Emigrant Gap.

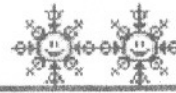
- Friday morning: Check-in, set up camp, leaders' campfire and orientation meeting Friday night.
- Saturday activities may include the following demonstrations: *Building Snow Shelters* (tents, snow caves, and igloos), *Snow Travel* (snowshoes and x-country skis), *Winter Emergency Care* (ice rescue, avalanche rescue, hypothermia, frost bite, bandaging and splinting, emergency transport), *Menu Planning and Cooking*, *Fire Building*, etc., in addition to a Saturday night campfire program. All units are requested to participate.
- Sunday morning there will be a Scout's Own, free play and check-out. Cost is **\$16.00** per participant (includes campground fees, unit ribbon, and patch with rocker for each participant, plus an additional **\$10.00 "per car"** parking fee (paid to Cisco Grove through us). Parking pass handed out during check-in.

Participating Troops and Crews are expected to host a demonstration related to advanced winter camping or a related topic of interest to everyone. Please inform the Event Director which demonstration you would like to host. In the past, the outdoor program was based on a Camporee model where patrols competed to earn ribbons and awards. Beginning last year at the 2009 BearPaw, the Camporee style games were eliminated and participants were encouraged to experience cold weather camping doing activities that the unit chose and prepared for.

For more information, and to register for both the indoor and outdoor sessions, go to the Council website at: <http://www.scccbsa.org/html/program/training/bearpaw.html>. There is also an updated Leader's Guide posted (revised from past issues with new information). For additional details, contact Mark Montrose, Event Director at [mmontrose@earthlink.net](mailto:mmontrose@earthlink.net) or call (408) 247-5715.

Hope to see you at BearPaw!

*Mark J. Montrose*  
Event Director - BearPaw



# “BEARPAW” 2009-2010



**WINTER CAMPING EXPERIENCE**

**INDOOR SESSION**

**Preparation for Winter Camping**

**A Winter Camping Seminar Intended for**

**Adult Leaders, Junior/Senior Youth Leaders, and Any Interested Person**

**Local Indoor One-Day Training Seminar - \$14.00 per person**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2009 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

Price includes training, 143-Page Winter Camping Manual on CD and Lunch

**LDS Church, 925 Cera Drive, San Jose**

280 to Saratoga, South on Saratoga to Williams

Right on Williams to Cera Drive, Right on Cera

**Outdoor Session: FRIDAY-SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19-21, 2010**

**Registration and Details Provided in a Separate Informational Flyer**

Indoor Sessions Include: DRESSING FOR COLD WEATHER \* PACKING FOR SNOW \*  
CAMPING IN SNOW \* TRAVELING ON SNOW \* MENUS AND COOKING FOR SNOW  
CAMPING \* WINTER FIRST AID \* DRIVING IN WINTER CONDITIONS \* LEAVE NO TRACE

### **Group/Individual Registration Form \* Indoor Session Only**

Unit No. \_\_\_\_\_ Troop/Team/Crew (Circle One)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

No. Youth \_\_\_\_\_ plus No. Adults \_\_\_\_\_ equals Total Participants \_\_\_\_\_ X \$14.00 = Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Online Registration is now available: <http://www.scccbsa.org/html/program/training/bearpaw.html>  
This registration form and payment can also be either turned into the BSA Council Office or mailed to:  
Santa Clara County Council - BSA, 970 W. Julian, San Jose, CA 95126  
Please identify on check: EVENT CODE 0075