

Snow Job

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GENERAL MEETING

The December general meeting is the annual potluck dinner meeting. It will be Monday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at Granlibakken. Bring your favorite dish, and enough for everyone to sample. Drinks will be provided (beer, wine, soft drinks) but if you have a favorite drink, bring it along. Bring utensils, too.

There will be a short business meeting, but the emphasis will be on eating lots of good food, socializing, doing rain (or snow) dances or showing home movies (bring your own projector).

Slide projectors will be available for people to show their favorite skiing slides. Since we don't have any snow (at least as this is being written) we may as well look at pictures of it so we'll remember what it looks like.

This is a great meeting to bring prospective members or friends so they can meet the rest of the team. And we all expect a good showing from the Education Committee, which has been having potluck dinner meetings for the past few years.

TRAININGS

The next official training is Thursday, Dec. 11 at Sierra Ski Ranch with the El Dorado County Sheriff's Department. It will be a mock search exercise in the Huckleberry Flat area. Nordic skiers, snowmobilers and possibly snowshoers will be involved.

The training begins at 8:30 a.m. at Sierra Ski Ranch, located off Highway 50 near Echo Summit. Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team members who would like to participate in this joint training can either show up at the appointed time and place at Sierra Ski Ranch or meet at the Lucky Store parking lot in Tahoe City at 7:15 a.m. to car pool to South Lake Tahoe.

Bring along search packs, lunch, skis, hats, etc. All abilities of skiers invited to attend and participate in the training. If interested, please check for confirmation of the times at the general meeting Dec. 1 at Granlibakken or call training committee chairman Scott Schroepfer.

The next training after that is on Sunday, Dec. 28 at Martis Peak. Meet at the Martis Peak trailhead with light search packs, and dress for the weather. There is a possibility skiers will be towed to the summit behind snow-cats, but be prepared to ski up. This training will involve checking possible search routes in the Martis Peak area.

There is some question of whether parking will be allowed at the trailhead. If it's not allowed, park at the top of Brockway Summit and walk down. Carpooling is recommended. For more information call Dave Fenimore at 546-4149.

Mike Hogan will be organizing the Jan. 8 training. The Thursday training will be a mock search at Squaw Valley. Scoop Remenih will be conducting the Sunday, Jan. 25 training. Details will be given out at the general meeting Dec. 1 at Granlibakken. There are no details yet for the Thursday training in February, if anyone would like to take this one, call Scott. Scott said the Feb. 22 training may feature Norm Wilson, with avalanche awareness the topic. We'll keep you posted.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

You've heard of the library committee, but do you know what the committee does?

Under the leadership of Susan Antipa, the committee finds books related to search and rescue, winter survival and the outdoors and purchases them for donation to local libraries.

Susan maintains a bibliography of these books as well as other related books that are available at the local libraries. Susan is updating the bibliography right now, and it is available by contacting Susan.

The books can be checked out at the Tahoe City, Kings Beach, Truckee and Incline libraries. If anyone has any suggestions for books to be added to the list or if you have a book you would like to donate through the search and rescue team, contact Susan.



EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Education Committee will be meeting Dec. 4 at 5 p.m. at the Hogan's residence in Tahoma; and yes, it's a potluck dinner meeting. Besides all the work the committee is doing, they will be having turkey with all the trimmings at its meeting. Contact Mike Hogan for details at the general meeting.

FIRST AID TRAINING A SUCCESS

Even though there was no snow for the training, Tod Lloyd and a group of about 15-20 team members hiked up to the meadows below Mt. Rose and conducted a first aid training.

The group broke up into three teams and were given different first aid problems to solve. Tod was assisted in the training by two nurses. Injuries such as broken legs and head injuries were faked and the teams treated the injuries, discussed the treatment and the options they would be faced with if evacuations were to be made.

Let's hope there will be snow for the next training.

