

# Camp Sawtooth

## WINTER Use

October 1 – May 21

Snow begins to fall in October and is often deep by Thanksgiving. The camp is only accessible by snowmobile, snowshoe or cross country ski. When the snow begins to melt in late April through May; the camp, as well as access to the camp, become extremely muddy and difficult to access.

### Winter Reservations:

1. Every effort should be made to submit your group's reservation request to the Snake River Mission Area office as soon as possible.
2. Presbyterian groups may reserve open time slots on a first come, first served basis.
3. Non-Presbyterian Groups who rented the camp the year before may be given first priority if not already reserved by a Presbyterian group.
4. If a Non-Presbyterian group's date was usurped by a Presbyterian group, the Non-Presbyterian group has first priority in selecting open dates.

### Procedure: for reservations, availability & fees contact:

Snake River Mission Area office  
Attn: Debby Sandborgh  
201 W. Ustick Rd  
Meridian, ID 83642-5425

Questions pertaining to the facility or camp rules contact the Camp Director: [campsawtoothid@aol.com](mailto:campsawtoothid@aol.com)

**Cost:** The rental charge is based upon a per person/per night fee; the day use fee is also per person/per day. There is no charge for children 3 years old and under.

- Presbyterian groups: Overnight is \$8 per person/per night, Day use only is \$6 per person.
- Non-Presbyterian groups: Overnight is \$10 per person/per night, Day use only is \$8 per person
- RV/Tent fee for Presbyterian groups: \$8 per RV/Tent per night.
- RV/Tent fee for Non-Presbyterian groups: \$10 per RV/Tent per night.
- Between Sept 1<sup>st</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> there may be a \$40 per day User Fee to cover the cost of a Camp Representative if the Director(s) is not in resident. The Forest Service requires a Camp Representative be in resident whenever the camp is in use.

**Final Payment:** As soon as the rental period has ended, the Group Use Report Form and the Check-in/Check-out form (attached) are to be submitted to the SRMA office along with final payment. Additional forms are available on our website, [campsawtooth.org](http://campsawtooth.org), or from the SRMA office.

**Sharing the Camp:** If your group consists of fewer than 35 people, your group may be asked to share the camp, if another small group wishes to lease the camp during the same time period. In this rare occurrence, both groups will need to work together in sharing the use of the facilities. Both groups will be notified prior to their camp date if they will be sharing the camp.

**Group Size:** Maximum rental capacity of Camp Sawtooth is 60 during winter use. In the case that two groups are sharing the camp, the total of both groups will not exceed 60 people. This includes those who bring tents, campers or recreational vehicles.

**Meal info:** Groups will need to bring their own food & water. The kitchen is equipped with a commercial propane stove/oven and microwave. However, be prepared in the case of power failures. There is also a portable propane gas grill for cook-outs. Do not use the gas grill inside or under the porch covering.

There is a spring box on the northwest side of Hawley lodge near the fire ring. Use the west kitchen sink to dispose of all waste water. Do not use any other sink as the water will be off and all pipes & drains winterized with antifreeze. Before your group leaves you will need to winterize the west kitchen sink.

**Directions:** Starting from Interstate 84 at Twin Falls, take Exit 174. Drive North on Hwy 93, at Shoshone, after crossing the railroad tracks, 93 turns east. Do not turn. Continue north on the same road which is now Hwy 75, until you reach Ketchum, approximately 75 miles. Continue North through Ketchum on Hwy 75. Eight miles north of Ketchum, just over the North Fork of the Big Wood River, turn right at the Sawtooth National Recreation Area Hdqts (SNRA). Notify the SNRA office that you will be taking a group to Camp Sawtooth before beginning your trek to camp.

If the road has not been closed for the winter, drive 1.5 miles (the road will change from paved to gravel); turn left crossing over a bridge into Camp Sawtooth.

If the road has been closed for the winter, park your car at the barricades near the end of the paved road. Do not park in the SNRA parking lot.

If you plan on using the Blaine County Recreation groomed trail you will need to purchase a permit in the SRNA office. The cost is \$10 plus taxes per person for a day pass. If you do not use the groomed trail there is no fee. Also, notify the SNRA if you will be using a snowmobile to take supplies into camp.

You will then snowshoe or cross country ski to Camp Sawtooth. You are allowed one snowmobile to carry supplies. Approximately 1.5 miles from the SNRA, just past Murdock Campground, turn left, crossing a bridge into camp.

**Weather Conditions:** Snow may begin falling as early as October 1st or as late as December 1st. The weather will be cold and possibly snowy. Dress warm and in layers. Always check with the Forest Service on the avalanche conditions. Do not ski on the steep slopes on either side of the canyon. Know where your people are at all times. Dusk comes early in the winter, so plan to

arrive with enough time for the trek to camp. Allow time to familiarize yourself with facilities before dark.

**Mail & Deliveries:** There is no US Mail, UPS, Fed EX, etc. deliveries during the winter season. All US mail is forwarded to the Snake River Mission Area office.

## Facilities

**\*Depending on snow conditions all facilities may not be accessible.**

### Camp Sawtooth Provides...

**Song Books:** Available in the Mary Popma Chapel.

**Cooking Equipment:** The kitchen is fully equipped to prepare and serve meals for approximately 150. The commercial size propane stove will be available. Please use the propane with care to insure safety and availability for other winter camps.

**Bunks & Mattresses:** Each cabin. Denim mattresses in Greeling Hall can be used on the floor. Please return mattresses to Greeling Hall before leaving.

**Firewood:** Available for campfires or for use in the Hawley Lodge fireplace and wood burning stoves. Please be conservative in order that other winter campers will have adequate firewood upon there arrival.

**First Aid:** A kit for minor injures is located in the Turner's Rest restroom located.

**Phone:** The main camp phone number is **208-726-1155**. It is available year round and is limited to emergency use only. Long distance calls require a calling card. Some cell phone services are active at the camp. A public phone is located outside the Northfork Store on Hwy 75. Do not ask to use the phone at the SNRA offices.

### Camp Sawtooth Does Not Provide...

**Office Equipment or Crafts Supplies:** Please come prepared as Camp Sawtooth does not provide office supplies, office equipment or craft supplies, no exceptions. Supplies and equipment are solely for the needs of our resident camps.

**TV / VCR / Audio Equipment:** There is none available during winter months.

## Camp Sawtooth Winter Rules

1. Forest Service regulations require all motor vehicles be backed into parking spaces for safe, fast emergency evacuation.
2. The camp will be clean when you arrive. It is your responsibility to leave the camp in the same, or better, condition upon departure. A check list is provided to insure the proper care of the camp.
3. Whatever you packed in, you must pack out. Empty the refrigerator, freezer and all food items. Also, pack out all garbage. Please do not use the dumpsters as there is no trash removal service in the winter months. Any trash left in dumpsters will attract bears as they come out of hibernation. Bears are destructive to the camp.
4. Do not slide off the roofs of the buildings.
5. Use only the west kitchen sink. Do not use any other plumbing or pour anything down the drain of other sinks. All pipes and drains have been winterized with antifreeze. You will have to winterize the west kitchen sink before you leave.
6. Furniture and mattresses are not to be removed from the buildings. If you rearrange the furniture or bunks, please put them back in place before you leave. We do not have a house keeping crew. Denim mattresses in Greeling Hall may be moved and used. Please return to Greeling before leaving.
7. No trail bikes, motorcycles, ATVs or snowmobiles on campus. A snowmobile may be used to bring in supplies.
8. No pets allowed. Do not bring your dogs, cats, fish, horses, llamas, goats, or animal of any kind. The only exception is the Camp Director who is in residence all summer and may have a family pet.
9. No alcoholic beverages and other controlled or illegal substances.
10. No smoking in the buildings or on the camp grounds. Smoking is allowed only in the fire ring area.
11. No weapons are permitted on campus; firearms, bows & arrows, hunting knives, slingshots, etc.
12. Quiet hours are from 10pm to 7am daily. Please be respectful of our neighboring campers. These hours are set by the Forest Service.
13. All Forest Service rules and regulations are to be followed.
14. Report all power failures to the Idaho Power. 262-788-8000
15. Check with the Director or the Forest Service to see if there is a "No Burn" fire restriction

