



Montecito Lake Resort 2007-2008

WINTER TRIP INFORMATION

LODGE: 559-565-3388 and 800-843-8677

www.mslodge.com

PLEASE READ
CAREFULLY -
CARRY IN CAR
WITH YOU

Welcome to Montecito Lake Resort! We want to make your trip a pleasant one. During the winter, especially during snowy conditions, you need to plan to meet our Auto Escort Schedule from Grant Grove. A warm car blanket and board games can make your trip more enjoyable if you have any delays due to weather.

The **CHECK LIST BELOW** will be helpful in making your ski trip to "snow country" a more successful one. Please carry this with you in the car. If we have heavy snows, we will advise you of driving and winter conditions.

- * **Reservation Enclosed:** Please check it over carefully to be sure everything is correct.
- * **IMPORTANT!** Fill up with Gas in the Valley - Absolutely no gas for sale in the Park during winter.
- * **Car chains & Rubber Grippers : Required for ALL VEHICLES**, including 4x4's, from Nov. to May.

Purchase Chains: Check with PEP BOYS or any automotive store.

RENTALS: Sunny Side Shell, Fresno. 180 & Clovis. 559-252-3379. Please call them for details.

- * **Call Trans Road Conditions: 800-427-7623** Gives HWY Numbers for route to the Lodge
- * **Call Montecito Sequoia before leaving home 800-843-8677** Give front desk estimated arrival time. If you plan to arrive after 7:30 P.M., tell the Front Desk when you call to save you a dinner plate.
- * **Call the Lodge AGAIN 800-843-8677** and update us on your arrival time from Fresno. Pay the \$20 National Park entrance fee when the station is open. If it is not open you can pay when you depart.

Road Access and Auto Escort Service - Normally, the Generals Highway is open for you to drive directly to Montecito. However, during or immediately after a storm, the Park Service plows the road to the "Y" (2 miles past the Kings Canyon Nat'l Park Entrance). Next, the Park plows a single "administrative lane" from the "Y" to Montecito. When there is an "administrative lane" our staff will meet you at the Grant Grove Coffee Shop parking lot and ESCORT you and your vehicle, in our 4x4 vehicle(s), to the lodge. The Park Service stops plowing the roads after 4:30 P.M. During storm conditions plan to arrive for the 6:00pm escort because the National Park Services wants no one in the roads after 6:00pm.

Usual Escort Times:	INTO ML	11:00 A.M.	3:00P.M.	Approx. 6:00 P.M.
	OUT of ML	10:00 A.M.	2:00 P.M.	Approx. 5:00 P.M.
(These are approximate times; they are dependent on the Parks plowing schedule - Please be Patient, Thanks!)				

When you arrive at Grant Grove, use the coffee shop Pay Phone to let us know of your arrival. We will keep Grant Grove Lodge posted if there are to be any delays. During this waiting period your reservation remains firm as long as the road is accessible within a 24 hour period.

Pack compactly and in sturdy bags to make loading and unloading easier. Use plastic NOT paper bags. Have jackets, mittens, "after-ski" boots, snacks, and warm car blankets handy. If there has been a recent storm and you think you'll be waiting for auto escort, bring a book to read or playing cards, OR plan to enjoy playing in the snow or skiing at Grant Grove.

Blizzard Conditions - Who knows? In the past, we've had better road access than the Tahoe area during the winter blizzards. However, at times there may be delays. Access depends on size and length of storm. Be sure you and your family are prepared for delays and other inconveniences that may occur during storms. It is important to wait for our escort service. We recommend that children be over 4 years of age; be sure younger children are dressed properly for the snow.

Night Arrival - When the road is open to through traffic, our front desk is open until 10P.M.; if you arrive later, keys and a note with your room assignment will be left at the Front Desk. Dial the Manager on duty if you do not understand the note left for you. However, when there has been a recent snow storm, we do not encourage people to be on the road after 6:00 P.M. Dinner service usually ends around 7:30P.M.; if you plan to arrive later, you may want to eat before your arrival or give us a call to save dinner for you.

Driving Tips - As you reach the first snow, watch for icy spots. Go into 2nd or low gear. USE YOUR BRAKES VERY CAUTIOUSLY - **Braking causes skidding.** Coast and drive slowly - Do not be in a hurry. Safety Speeds: 15m.p.h.

Montecito Lake Resort - Winter Trip Check List

SKIS, SNOWSHOES, SLEDS, SNOWBOARDS, SKI BIKES, and TUBE RENTALS

Rent your equipment at Montecito and enjoy interchangeable rentals. Choose from 12 different models of Fischer cross country skis as well as our complete line of Yuba sport snowshoes. Avoid the hassle of transporting your rental skis from home. We carry snow tubes, ice skates, and pulk sleds for touring with small children. We allow only plastic sleds, saucers, no wood or metal permitted. We do not rent sleds, but sell them.

AUTOMOTIVE CHECK LIST

- ___ Standard Tire Chains & Chain Grippers - Gloves - Check tire size and Front/Rear drive (Please - No Hoop Chains or Traction Spiders)
- ___ Ice Scraper, Jumper Cables, Road Flares, Shovel, and Flashlight
- ___ Anti-freeze (coverage to "0" degrees)
- ___ Games, snacks, blankets, and "Snow Adventure" Spirit

READING MATERIAL

___ Magazines and Books
Suggestion:
Bring any old fiction paperbacks you may have to donate or trade with our ML library. ML is a great place to relax and read!

CLOTHING CHECKLIST

For XC Skiing and Snow play Activities, warm, loose, water resistant pants, non-binding at the knees are recommended. Remember, winter in the Sierra can be both COLD and HOT - it is often warm when the sun is out. Layered non-cotton clothing is best, as you can "take off and put on" depending on the weather that day. We suggest synthetic or fleece garments. Cotton does not provide insulation for outdoor weather and takes a long time to dry!

Label everything for ready identification (* These items sold in our Mt. Top Shop)

- ___ Sunglasses with UV protection*
- ___ Water resistant Parka* - lined or unlined hooded jacket recommended
- ___ Ski Pants - water resistant shell pants* and stretch pants
- ___ Warm sweater or sweatshirt - synthetic or fleece recommended*
- ___ Light turtleneck for layering*
- ___ Mittens or lined gloves and glove liners*
- ___ Headgear - snow cap or hat to protect head and ears*
- ___ Goggles with replacement lenses for changing conditions - Anti Fog*
- ___ "Long Johns" and underwear - polypropylene is fantastic*
- ___ Heavy Socks - non cotton - at least 4 pairs for the weekend - wool or synthetic recommended*
- ___ After ski boots - lined and waterproofed for walking in the snow
- ___ Gaitors - These cover your pants and shoes to keep out the snow
- ___ Comfortable clothing for indoor and evening wear
- ___ Toilet articles and plastic bag for laundry

HOT TUB

OPEN YEAR-ROUND!

- ___ Bathing Suit
- ___ Beach Towels
- ___ Sweats or Loose Clothing
- ___ After Ski Boots

MISCELLANEOUS

- ___ Plastic Saucers and plastic sleds are available for sale at the Mt. Top Shop or bring your own! ONLY PLASTIC personal sleds allowed - No wooden or Metal Sleds Allowed! Please do not bring Toboggans, they are too difficult to control!
- ___ Snowboards (Use at your own risk)
- ___ Games & Puzzles - chess, cards, cribbage, etc. - We have games but we may not have your favorite!
- ___ Hand Warmers & Boot Warmers, if you tend to have cold hands and feet.

These items are recommended for half or full day skiing trips

- ___ Water bottle - Qt size*, Compass*, Fanny/Day Pack*
- ___ Sunscreen, Matches or Butane Lighter, Chapstick or Lip Balm*
- ___ Camera and plenty of film - glare & polarized filter may be useful

ACCIDENT INSURANCE NEEDED FOR EVERYONE

___ Accident Insurance is required for everyone. **If you are covered by family medical insurance that is all you need.** If you do not have this type of coverage, check with a travel agent for travel insurance. It is usually very reasonable and covers your entire trip from doorstep to doorstep. This insurance also covers trip cancellation coverage for illness.

Buffet Meal Times

Breakfast 8-9:30am Lunch 12:1:30pm Dinner 6-7:30pm
(These are approximate times & might change without notice at any time)