

Winter Expedition 2008

Notes for Home

General information for your use while we are gone.

Departure: **Saturday**, Feb 21, 7:30 AM sharp

Meet in the front lot at SES. Your sled will need to be packed and tied. Bring what you will need for the van rides including money for a road meal on the way home and a snack on the way up. Students can leave a car in the SES front lot for all or part of the time we are gone. You must let us know at departure that you intend to do this to prevent a tow.

Note that the vans are parked in an isolated USFS lot while we are on trail. We carry no liability for items left in the vehicle during our expedition and electronics are not to be brought on trail..

Return: **Thursday**, Feb 26, sometime in the early evening. Our return time will vary with weather. We have returned as early as 3:00 and as late as 8:00. Most years we drive into the SES lot around 5:00. The school will be open for students to make phone calls for rides if needed.

During our week in the wilderness it will be very difficult to reach us. There is little or no cell phone service in the region and travel is slow. The best way to get an emergency message to us would be to contact the school at 952-431-8750. They will try to find a way to get in touch with us. We will leave our proposed tour route with Nathan Nelson at the school (952-431-8750). In an extreme emergency the Forest Service may be of help in Ely (218-365-7600). We are putting in on Snowbank Lake and will be traveling in the Disappointment Lake/ Boot/ Ima Lake area

On Thursday, February 26 we will hike out of the BWCAW and go to Smitty's Lodge on Snowbank Lake (218-365-6032) for showers. If you need to get a message to us before we return one can be left with Smitty's to be delivered when we pull out- but there is no guarantee that they will remember to get the message to us during our short visit there on Thursday...

Yet another great group of students this year! It should be an exciting time in the Boundary Waters. Stay warm...

Brad and Bear (Ted)