

## Winter White Out

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The Ore-Ida Council's TLC hosted its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winter White Out in the mountains of Idaho City, Idaho, at the local airstrip that was closed for the winter. Winter White Out is open to all Venturing crews interested in attending. The event began with a campout Friday night and continued with activities on Saturday morning.

Some of the activities in which crews participated were:

- Pancake Race. Crew members cooked a pancake then carried it on a spatula around a specific course.
- Avalanche Awareness. Crews were taught how to check to see if they were in a high risk area for avalanches. Members cut into the snow and evaluated it for avalanche risk. This productive station benefited winter sports aficionados.
- Web. This team-building activity challenged crews to get all members through a rope web extended between two trees. Individual strengths and weaknesses were recognized as members lifted and maneuvered through small and irregular shaped holes.
- Mine Field. Crews selected a leader who led the remainder of the blindfolded crew through a series of obstacles. The leader provided verbal commands and directions, but could not touch the blindfolded members.
- Fire Building. Crews gathered materials and were timed as they started fires.

After the Venturing activities, members dined with participants of the Tablerock Klondike. Following lunch, the Venturers reassembled for a sled race. Each crew selected one rider while other members pushed or pulled their crew's sled.

Throughout the event, crews were awarded points at each station for their Scout spirit, teamwork, leadership and performance on the specific task. Prizes were awarded to the crews with the most points.

The Winter White Out was a lot of fun and I look forward to doing it again.

