

Recommended Equipment for Ostrander Ski Hut

While some of these items will not be needed at the hut, it is strongly recommended to be prepared for the possibility of emergency snow camping. Due to the weather conditions, it is possible that even the most expert skiers might not make it to the hut as planned.

Be Prepared!

Check List:

- **wilderness permit**-mandatory, get at Badger Pass Ranger Station (A-frame)
- **backcountry skis**-sturdy mountaineering-type with metal edges or **snow shoes**
- **boots**-good comfortable fit
- **poles**-adjustable
- **skins**-cannot rent inside park, get before you come
- **food**-for days staying and extra for emergency
- **water bottle**-preferably wide mouth, small mouths and camel backs can freeze
- **water treatment system**-filter, iodine pills, or enough fuel to boil water, no treated water available at hut
- **backpack**
- **sleeping bag**
- **sleeping pad**
- **fitted sheet for bunk bed mattresses**
- **headlamp** and **extra batteries**
- **wax kit**
- **tent** or **bivy sack**-incase of emergency snow camping
- **stove**-there are 2 propane stoves in hut, yet you should bring one per party, only propane stoves can be used inside the hut, white gas stoves can be used outside
- **first aid kit**-include mole skin
- **waterproof matches**
- **pocket knife**
- **ski repair kit**
- **map and compass**-know how to use
- **shovel**-for emergency use and pit toilet as traveling
- **utensils, bowl, plate, pot**

Clothing: **no cotton**; choose wool, synthetic or something that dries quickly

- **gaiters**
- **rain gear**-jacket and pants
- **warm layers**-wool or pile sweater, capilene
- **warm jacket**
- **pants**- for skiing and lounging
- **long underwear**
- **socks**-multiple pair
- **gloves**-two pairs capilene and one gore-tex over mitt
- **warm hat**
- **hat with brim**
- **sunglasses** and/or **goggles**

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- **sunscreen**
- **chapstick**
- **toiletries**
- **personal medications**
- **toilet paper**
- **garbage bags**-all garbage must be carried out and they are good for wrapping sleeping bags and clothes in to keep dry in your pack
- **lounging shoes**
- **ear plugs**- beneficial when sleeping in a full hut

Optional:

- **avalanche transceiver**-If you intend to ski some of the extreme slopes around Ostrander (ie. Bridalveil Peak) this may be something you want to consider. As long as you are on one of the marked trails going to the hut, avalanche danger is minimal (except the Merced Crest Trail) so a transceiver is not critical.
- binoculars
- daypack
- field guides
- camera

Some items available at the hut:

- bunk beds
- mattresses
- outhouse toilets
- games, cards
- books, maps
- limited cookware