

Cardigan Lodge Winter Weekend

March 2010 (Friday-Sunday)

Come join us for fun in the snow (snowshoeing, hiking and skiing) and inside the recently renovated lodge in NH's Lakes Region playing games, singing, conversing and enjoying delicious meals.

Play outside on Saturday. Go on a nature walk to Welton falls. Hike to the summit fire tower on Mt. Cardigan. Cross-country ski Cardigan's extensive trail network. Downhill ski at nearby Gunstock Ski Area. Sled on a hill near the lodge. Skate on the pond. Or, if you are hard core, ice fish on Newfound Lake.

Come inside to enjoy the ambiance of the recently-renovated, fully-heated Cardigan Lodge. Put your snow toys and wet clothes in the ground-floor drying room. Then visit in the first-floor common area: a living room with fireplace and couches connected to a dining room that seats 80. Available activities include reading, snacking, puzzles and board games. In the evening there might be opportunity to share music. Or, for the sleep-deprived, snooze in your bunk in one of the upper-floor guest rooms.

Guest rooms on the second and third floors of the lodge have bunk-style beds (2 to 6, depending on the room). Most bunks are single, some are double (one above the other). There are a limited number of standard double beds for couples. You may reserve a whole room for a group of friends (on a first-come-first-served basis and must fill room). Common men's and women's rooms are located on the second floor, including showers.

Those who have attended past years can testify that the food is fabulous. The AMC crew provides five hearty meals: Friday supper (optional, served buffet style from 6 to 8 pm); Saturday breakfast, (pack) lunch and supper; and Sunday breakfast. The chef takes pride in meeting any individual dietary requirements (just provide your specifics on the registration form). Hot drinks (tea, cocoa, coffee and water) are provided. Bring your own beverages and snacks for happy hour on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Registration forms will be available at coffee hour, or you can print one off the Cardigan Weekend page (www.uunashua.org/cardigan) of the church website. If the lodge is full there may be overflow rooms available at the Inn at Newfound Lake (25-minute drive). For more info talk with Michelle or Chuck Rehberg.

