

# Snow Valley

On a beautiful sunny Californian day, 18 boys from Troop 209 made the trip over to Snow Valley for the troop's yearly snow sports trek. We arrived to Snow Valley around 7:30AM and were out on the slopes shredding it up within an hour. The snow was perfect because they had just had a massive snow storm the week before, yet the day we arrived was sunny and a cool 60-something degrees, which is fantastic to snowboard/ski in. Within the first hour after check in, there was quite a scare. Jared Duran was doing what he does best which is doing insane tricks on the freestyle courses, when he apparently had lost his balance mid jump and fallen on his head. He was able to ride safely down to the base patio on his own power where he recovered for a bit. Lucky he had been wearing his helmet, so a more serious injury was avoided. This incident is a great example that wearing a helmet in dangerous sports might not be the "cool" way to go, but it could be the device that saves your life. The rest of the day from that point went on without a hitch. Everybody went home that day with heads bursting with stories of wipeouts, newly learned tricks, and exaggerated statistics of their top speeds and jump heights. Everyone had a great time and said they couldn't wait until next year to do it all over again. All in all, the Winter Sports Trek was a successful mission in both fun and safety.