Directions

From Oakland Airport:

Follow signs to I-880 south. Take I-238 to I-580 East, go about 30 miles. Take I-205 East towards Tracy/Stockton. Merge onto I-5 North. Almost immediately take Hwy 120 East towards Oakdale. Go a few miles then get on Hwy 99 North. Go about 10 miles, then take Hwy 4 East (Farmington Road). Stay on Hwy 4 for a long time (1.5 hours). Note that when you go through Angels Camp Hwy 4 makes a jag right, goes along a cute main street, and then turns left at the end of town. Hwy 4 continues to wind up the hill and eventually gets to Arnold.

From San Francisco Airport:

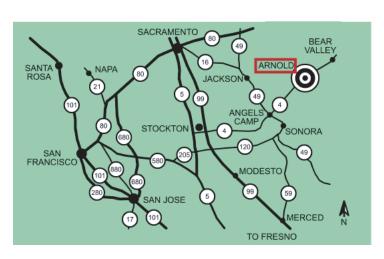
Take Hwy 101 South, go about 7 miles. Take the Hwy 92 exit towards Hayward and cross over San Francisco Bay. On the other side, get on I-880 North towards Oakland. After a few miles take I-238 towards I-580 and follow the rest of the Oakland directions.

From Sacramento Airport:

Take I-5 south. Go 10 miles. Take the Hwy 50 exit and go east a short distance. Get on Hwy 99 South. Near or just past downtown Stockton, take Hwy 4 East and follow the rest of the Oakland directions.

From Southern California:

Take I-5 north many hours. Take Hwy 120 East in Manteca and follow Oakland directions from there.

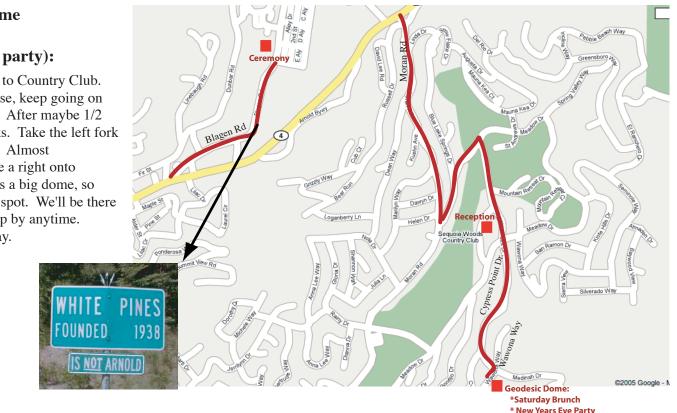


To Ceremony (Independence Hall):

From Hwy 4 turn north on Blagen road (left if you're heading uphill), in the heart of 'downtown' Arnold, near the Ace Hardware. Independence Hall is technically in the town of White Pines, not Arnold, a fact they are a little touchy about (see sign below). 1445 Blagen Rd.

To Reception (Sequoia Woods Country Club):

From Hwy 4, drive a couple miles north (uphill) out of downtown. Before you get to Big Trees State Park, make a right (south) on Moran Rd into the Blue Lake Springs neighbourhood. Follow signs for Sequoia Woods Country Club. After going downhill about a mile on Moran Rd, make a sharp left onto Blue Lake Springs Dr. At the fork in the road, bear right onto Meadow Dr. Make your first right onto Cypress Point Dr. The clubhouse is on your right. 1000 Cypress Point Dr. Parking across the street.



To Geodesic Dome (Sat. brunch, **New Year's Eve party):**

Follow directions to Country Club. From the clubhouse, keep going on Cypress Point Dr. After maybe 1/2 mile the road forks. Take the left fork onto Medinah Dr. Almost immediately make a right onto Wawona Way. It's a big dome, so should be easy to spot. We'll be there all weekend. Drop by anytime. 1678 Wawona Way.

Schedule

We've set up a variety of activities that you may join us for as your interests dictate. Beyond those listed below, there are lots of opportunities for skiing, snowshoeing, golf, shopping, wine tasting and more. See our website for details or contact us.

Thu Dec 28	6:00 pm	Welcome dinner for everyone at Independence Hall
Fri Dec 29	2:30 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Wedding ceremony at Independence Hall Cocktail hour at the Sequoia Woods Country Club Dinner, dancing, and cake
Sat Dec 30	10:00 am 1:00 pm	Brunch at geodesic dome Sledding expedition for anyone interested. Conditions permitting. Details to be decided.
Sun Dec 31	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Skiing at Bear Valley from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm (downhill, cross-country, or backcountry) New Year's Eve party including an informal dinner

Other notes

Car rental: If you want to share a rental car, email us your arrival airport and date and time of arrival and departure. We'll put you in touch with others arriving at a similar time.

Tire chains are required for all cars. Two wheel drive cars are usually required to put chains on just before or after Arnold depending on road conditions (1-800-427-7623). Chains are vehicle specific and can be purchased for about \$30 from most gas stations or auto parts stores (e.g. Napa Auto Parts, Parts Plus) along the way. They are straightforward to put on, but if it's snowy outside there are often people along the road who will help you put them on for about \$20. Four wheel drive (4WD) or all wheel drive (AWD) cars are only required to put chains on the tires in exceptional circumstances, but you are still required to carry chains in the car (rarely enforced). Hertz rents AWD Subaru cars for about \$260/week and such cars may be available from other rental companies.

Lodging: There are lots of possibilities in the area, check our website or give us a call for suggestions.

Weather: Temperatures will be below freezing at night and there may be snow on the ground. Snow may also be falling.

Children: Let us know if you need a high chair or anything else. We'll set up play areas at all events for kids to enjoy and share their toys.

Shopping/Food/Drinks/Internet: At the south end of Arnold there's a big shopping plaza near the Meadowmont golf course and the Snowshoe Brewery. The plaza has a regular sized supermarket selling food and all manner of drinks. Internet access is available at some shops (Bistro Espresso, Just Delicious Cafe, and Foothill Printing) and at the Arnold Library on Blagen Road near Ace Hardware.

Telephone: Cell phone reception in this area is poor or nonexistent. During the weekend, we can be reached at the following numbers:

* MacKinnon cabin (Jen's family): 209-795-6247

* Geodesic Dome (Jen and Shaun after Dec 29th): 209-795-9813

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

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Wedding website: http://www-pord.ucsd.edu/~jen/wedding/