Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where can I find directions to Hidden Valley Four Seasons Resort?
Hidden Valley's website:  http://www.hiddenvalleyresort.com/directions

2. Can I bring my pets to the retreat?
NO, pets are not allowed at Hidden Valley.

3. What if the first-years have a question about the retreat?
They should ask Eric Yttri.

4. What should be the main goal of the first-year students?
All the first-year students are encouraged to interact and network with the faculty and other graduate students to learn about the department.

5. Do I need to stay for the entire retreat?
Yes. Besides being an extremely useful opportunity, it is a waste of departmental resources to have a paid slot go unused or only partially used unless unavoidable.

6. Do I need to attend all the planned retreat events?
You are expected to attend all of the scientific talks and the poster session.

7. What happens if I have a problem that needs attention while I am at the retreat?
Please see Eric Yttri.

8. What does the poster session entail?
The poster session provides students an excellent opportunity to learn about the research being done in the department in an informal way. Various members of the department present their recent work.

9. Will there be alcohol at the retreat?
Yes, beer and wine will be available during the bonfire as well as non-alcoholic options.