

**** NOTICE OF TROOP #212 UPCOMING CAMPING TRIP TO RANDSBURG ****
READ CAREFULLY... (NEW LETTER)
MONEY COLLECTED ON MONDAY, April 20th. !

Dear Scout and Scouters (adults);

We will meet at the Church parking lot at 7 PM, on Friday, April 24 16th and plan to depart at 7:30 PM SHARP. We plan to return from this trip on Sunday evening, April 26th between 5 & 6 PM. The theme of this trip is Rifle/Shot-Gun Safety, so Scouts and Scouters need to bring along their own firearms and will need to be shared on the fire line. If a Scout does bring his own firearm, and he has no parent taking responsibility for the fire arm, it must be turned over to the Scoutmaster Friday evening during vehicle loading. All firearms must be transported in a proper protective case that locks securely. Both the firearm and the case must have an owner's name tag on it. Standard ammunition will be provided by the Troop. Scouts are not to buy their own ammo for this trip!

There will be only one stop Friday night for restrooms and gas. This is not a supper stop. All trip participants are expected to have supper on Friday before we meet at the Church parking lot. For safety reasons, we would like to arrive at our campsite as early as possible, in order to ensure everyone has the proper amount of sleep.

As is the tradition of Troop 212, this will be a very safely planned outing, due in no small way to the adult leadership support. In order to reduce the wait time for the boys, the adults need to bring as many of their firearms as possible for sharing in 12 g and 20 g shotgun as well as 22g rifles. We expect most of the adults to assist with creating the Fire Range very early Saturday morning, while a few other adults, as outlined on the Duty Roster completed Friday night, remain in the kitchen preparing breakfast for all the adults.

Our plan is to have all the boys and adults assemble around the large red safety flag at 9 AM on Saturday to begin the program. This assumes the range is safely assembled, and everyone has completed breakfast, along with proper clean up. Scouts are scheduled to shoot through rotations during the day Saturday, until 4 PM, when the Range is closed. After a brief rest period, the Range will reopen for adults only at 4:30 PM until 6 PM. During this time (4:30 PM to 6PM) Scouts (except the Scout Trip Leader and the Theme Leader) are not allowed in the Range area. Scouts are expected to be in their Patrol areas preparing for supper. All adult shooting activities for Saturday are completed at 6PM, sharp. Sunday activities will be announced during the Saturday night campfire.

All registered Troop 212 Scouts may attend this outing but only those who have attended the proper number of safety sessions held during the Monday night troop meeting and pass the safety quiz, may actually use the shooting range. We have scheduled 4 safety sessions, as noted well in advance on the Program Calendar on our web site. We would like to encourage everyone to attend all 4; however, we have announced the requirement to be new Scouts to attend 3 out of 4. The forth safety session on May 20th is mandatory for all and the Final Mandatory Safety Quiz will be completed that evening as well..

Full uniform will be worn during auto travel on Friday and Sunday. All Scouts should pack, as a MINIMUM, the following items.

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| - Extra socks & sturdy shoes | <u>Ear plugs & Safety glasses</u> (If you have) |
| - Sun Block-out | Scout Handbook & Emergency phone dimes |
| - Warm Jacket for evenings | Personal Flashlight & First Aid Kit |
| - Shorts for daytime use | Compass, Poncho, Canteen, and sunglasses |
| - Pens, Pencils, Notebook | Soap, Comb, Chapstick, tooth brush, & paste |
| - Wide Brim Hat | Extra money for Sunday evening meal. |
| - Sleeping bag & ground cloth | Insulated pad or air mattress |

The cost of the trip will be reduced to \$45.00, no checks please. This to be divided as follows:

Food/supplies for 4 meals (2 Breakfasts, 1 Lunches, 1 Supper)...\$15.00

Event Fees & Patches & Ammo, Ice, & other costs... .. \$30.00

Gas fees.....\$ 00

If you wish to attend, bring \$45.00 and the signed permission slip (you must use the “special” Randsburg Trip permission slip available at the troop meeting) to the Troop meeting on Monday, April 20th. The Patrol Leaders will collect the money and slips that evening from their patrol members, as usual. Since we will be eating on a Patrol Basis, all Patrol Members are responsible for assisting in food shopping and field preparations. Please plan for hot desert camping! Food lists, menus, and duty rosters for 4 meals will be approved by the Senior Patrol Leader before the Patrol Leader can be given the food shopping money. Although we plan to bring plenty of our own fresh water from Long Beach, the Patrols should still plan to have easy to prepare, easy to clean up and nutritious meals, while still keeping a watchful eye on any water wasting procedures.

Our Camping Policy is to support the BSA Low Impact Camping Initiative by following the procedures outlined in the Scout Handbook. The most important of these is not to leave any of our garbage at the site. Secondly, we only burn paper products in our Saturday night campfire. Our troop policy has always been only one assigned adult will place these paper products in the campfire. We will announce that adult assignment when the campfire program begins.

Important assignment for all attending adults: Please bring 3 to 5 gallon water filled containers, and coolers with extra ice, please bring them full of water/ice on this trip. These containers should have a nametag and a secure cap & seal. We will need tables for this trip, and don't forget to bring folding chairs, easy pop up shade canopies, gun cleaning supplies, staple guns, bright spray paint, cordless electric drill, . If you have any fire wood, bring that as well.

We plan to return from this trip on Sunday evening, between 5 & 6 PM. The exact time is unknown because trip return times are always influenced by things beyond our control, such as how efficient we are during Sunday pack up time, general weather conditions, and even traffic conditions. Please remember to bring some extra money for a meal stop along the way home on Sunday.

We will be updating our arrival time to the Church parking lot on the TRIP RETURN HOTLINE, 310-816-3510.

Yours in Scouting,

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