

**\*\* NOTICE OF TROOP #212 UPCOMING CAMPING TRIP TO RANDSBURG October 1-3\*\***

**READ CAREFULLY...**

**MONEY COLLECTED ON MONDAY, Sept 27<sup>th</sup>, during the Court of Honor**

Dear Scout and Scouters (adults);

**We will meet at the Church parking lot at 7 PM, on Friday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and plan to depart at 7:30 PM SHARP. We plan to return from this trip on Sunday evening, between 5 & 6 PM.** The theme of this trip is 22 rifle and shotgun safety. Adults with 22 caliber rifles and 12, 20 and 410 gauge shotguns are encouraged to bring their firearms as they will need to be shared on the firing line. Please bring firearms in good working condition.

**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! If you don't want anyone other than your son to use your/his firearm, please mark the name tag on the firearm as "scouts name only"

**There will be only one stop Friday night at Kramer Jct. (395/58) 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, chambered in 12 and 20 gauge shotgun and 22 caliber rifles. We expect most of the adults to assist with creating the firing range very early Saturday morning, while a few other adults, as outlined on the Duty Roster completed Friday night when we arrive, remain in the kitchen preparing breakfast for all the adults, which will be served about 7:30 AM

**Our plan is to have all the boys and adults assemble around the large red safety flag at 8:30 AM on Saturday to begin the program.** This assumes the range is completely assembled, and everyone has eaten breakfast, along with proper clean up. All Scouts will have two name tags on; one on the front of their shirt, and the other on his back. 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 the 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.

**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 &amp; Safety glasses</u> (If you have) | - Personal mess kit w/mug |
| - Sun block-out               | - Scout handbook                                      | - Toilet paper            |
| - Warm jacket for evenings    | - Personal flashlight & first aid kit                 |                           |
| - Shorts for daytime use      | - Compass, poncho, canteen & sunglasses               |                           |
| - Pens, pencils, notebook     | - Soap, comb, Chap-stick, tooth brush & tooth paste   |                           |
| - Wide brim Hat               | - Money for lunch stop on Sunday                      |                           |
| - Sleeping bag & ground cloth | - Insulated pad or air mattress                       |                           |

**The cost of the trip will be \$45.00 for event and \$15.00 for gas, no checks please.** This is to be divided as follows:

Food/supplies for 4 meals (2 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 1 Supper).....	\$15.00
Event Fees including ammo, supplies and patches.....	\$30.00

**If you wish to attend, bring \$45.00/\$15.00 and the signed permission slip (you must use the “special” Randsburg Trip permission slip indicating permission for your Scout to shoot)** The Patrol Leaders will collect the money and slips that evening from their patrol members, just before we open the Court of Honor, so please arrive a bit early for this, so as not to delay the Court. 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 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 secure cap & seal. Everything you bring should have a name tag on it. We will need tables, easy pop up shade canopies, staple guns/staples, bright spray paint, cordless electric drills and fire wood.

**We plan to return from this trip on Sunday evening, between 5 & 6 PM.** Please watch our web site and check “SPOT” for updates and be aware there is about a 15 minute delay between the location presented and the actual location. The exact return 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.**

Yours in Scouting,

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