

Troop 212 Jr. Leader Backpack – May 2009

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

Troop 212 will be conducting a Jr. Leader Backpack on Mount San Gorgonio over Memorial Day weekend. This is a continuation of a series of trips that started in 2008 for our high adventure backpacking program and will allow our Jr. Leaders to test their skills above 10,000 feet on the highest peak in Southern California!

Departure: Friday, May 22, at 7:00 PM – Church parking lot. Please arrive promptly for gear (tents, water filters, stoves and cook pots) and food distribution.

Arrival: Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day), at approximately 3:30 PM – Church parking lot.

Please call the troop hotline at 310-816-3510 for updates on arrival.

Location: Mt. San Gorgonio via the South Fork Trail near Camp Tahquitz in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/contact/millcreek.shtml> | <http://www.sgwa.org/>

Cost: \$45.00 / \$15.00 (\$45 includes 2 dinners, 2 lunches, 3 breakfasts, trail snacks, patch / \$15 includes gas). Please bring \$60.00 cash to the troop meeting on Monday, May 18, with the standard permission slip which can be found on the website.

Food Shopping: NOT REQUIRED – Adult trip leaders will purchase all food and distribute it Friday night.

Uniform: Class A for auto travel only; Class B or gray tee shirt for backpacking.

ACTIVITY	START	FINISH	HH:MM	MILEAGE SEGMENTS						SUM
Circle Up	<u>Fri 5/22 7:00 PM</u>	Fri 5/22 7:30 PM	0:30							
Drive from LB to Camp Tahquitz	Fri 5/22 7:30 PM	Fri 5/22 9:30 PM	2:00							
Camp	Fri 5/22 9:30 PM	Sat 5/23 7:00 AM	9:30							
Breakfast and pack up	Sat 5/23 7:00 AM	Sat 5/23 8:30 AM	1:30							
Drive to South Fork trailhead	Sat 5/23 8:30 AM	Sat 5/23 9:00 AM	0:30							Sat
Backpack 6.6 mi to Dry Lake (Lunch on trail)	Sat 5/23 9:00 AM	Sat 5/23 3:00 PM	6:00	1.5	1	1.8	0.3	1.8	0.2	6.6
Camp (Dinner in camp)	Sat 5/23 3:00 PM	Sun 5/24 7:00 AM	16:00							
Breakfast	Sun 5/24 7:00 AM	Sun 5/24 8:00 AM	1:00							Sun
Hike 6.6 mi to summit (Lunch at peak)	Sun 5/24 8:00 AM	Sun 5/24 12:00 PM	4:00	0.2	0.2	1.3	0.7	3.8	0.4	6.6
Hike 6.6 mi to camp	Sun 5/24 12:00 PM	Sun 5/24 3:00 PM	3:00	0.4	3.8	0.7	1.3	0.2	0.2	6.6
Camp (Dinner in camp)	Sun 5/24 3:00 PM	Mon 5/25 7:00 AM	16:00							13.2
Breakfast and pack up	Mon 5/25 7:00 AM	Mon 5/25 8:30 AM	1:30							Mon
Backpack 6.6 mi to cars	Mon 5/25 8:30 AM	Mon 5/25 12:30 PM	4:00	0.2	1.8	0.3	1.8	1	1.5	6.6
Drive from trailhead to A&W to LB	Mon 5/25 12:30 PM	<u>Mon 5/25 3:30 PM</u>	3:00							

At a minimum, the following items should be packed in a backpack (NO black duffel bags):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate clothing
(Day mid-60°/Night low-40°) | <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Cloth | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Spray |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brim Hat | <input type="checkbox"/> Daypack | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Knife | <input type="checkbox"/> Small baggy of Handy-wipes, Toothbrush & paste | <input type="checkbox"/> Matches or Flint |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight (small is best) | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper & trowel | <input type="checkbox"/> Poncho or rain jacket & pants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen and Chapstick | <input type="checkbox"/> Canteen(s) filled with water – 2 liters minimum | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil or pen & small notepad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Mess Kit (utensils, bowl, mug, etc) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rope – 10 Feet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Handbook | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag and Pad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking boots and socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle | <input type="checkbox"/> Small towel |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses |

The troop owned backpacks will be available at John Douglas' house at 7 PM on Tuesday, May 19. Other troop owned equipment such as tents, water filters, stoves and cook pots, will be available and distributed on Friday evening. There is no need to purchase a backpack or other special equipment for this event, as the troop owns more than enough. Please keep in mind that a full backpack should weigh no more than one-fourth the weight of the person carrying it.

We plan to stop at A&W in Mentone on the way home so bring some cash for lunch on Monday. Also, Adventure Passes are required for each vehicle parked at the trail head so drivers are encouraged to bring them if you've got one.

As is the tradition of Troop 212, this will be a very safe outing. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dan or Ron before the trip (refer to the ScoutTrack directory for phone numbers).

Yours in Scouting,

Dan Bass and Ron Brisson