

# Troop 212 Silver Moccasin Trail Backpack Trip – June 2009

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

Troop 212 will be conducting a Backpack trip on the Silver Moccasin Trail this month. This is a continuation of a series of trips that started in 2008 for our high adventure backpacking program and will allow our Scouts and Scouters to test their skills and endurance over 53 miles in 5 days! The trip is open to individuals that completed the prerequisite qualification hikes in April and May and will feature a 2-day option for those that are unable to complete the full 5-days.

The trip will start at Chantry Flat and proceed to West Fork, Chilao, Cooper Canyon / Buckhorn, Little Jimmy, and finally Vincent Gap via Mt Baden Powell. For those that wish to exercise the 2-day option, we will have drivers available at Chilao Campground that can shuttle them home Sunday. Since the start (early Saturday morning) and end points (Wednesday evening) of this trip are not the same, we will need drivers to shuttle us to and from the trailheads as well as the intermediate pick-up point at the end of the 2 day portion on Sunday. Families of trip participants are likely candidates for the drivers, but others are encouraged to volunteer if you have the time.

**Gear Distribution:** Friday, June 12, at 7:00 PM – Church Fellowship Hall. Please arrive promptly for gear (tents, water filters, stoves and cook pots) and food distribution.

**Departure:** Saturday, June 13, at 6:00 AM – Church parking lot. Please arrive promptly so we can load up and drive to the trail head to start our first 10 mile day. [http://www.troop212.net/images/Chantry\\_Flat.JPG](http://www.troop212.net/images/Chantry_Flat.JPG)

**Pick-up on Day 2:** Sunday, June 14, at approximately 5:00 PM – Chilao Campground. <http://tinyurl.com/chilaovc>

**Pick-up on Day 5:** Wednesday, June 17, at approximately 5:00 PM – Vincent Gap at the base of Mt. Baden Powell. Cell phone coverage is limited in this area so we will use the troop hotline at 310-816-3510 if possible and we will also use SPOT to track our progress. [http://www.troop212.net/images/Vincent\\_Gap.JPG](http://www.troop212.net/images/Vincent_Gap.JPG)

**Full 5 Day Route:** Early Saturday morning departure from Chantry Flat trailhead to trail and parking lot Wednesday evening at Vincent Gap along the Silver Moccasin Trail in the San Gabriel Mountains.  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Silver\\_Moccasin\\_Trail](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Silver_Moccasin_Trail) | <http://picasaweb.google.com/Troop212p2009/SMTRearch#>

**Cost:** **5-DAYS: \$70 / \$15** (\$70 = 4 dinners, 5 lunches, 4 b-fast, 5 snacks, stove fuel, patch, and CG fees).

**2-DAYS: \$25 / \$15** (\$25 = 1 dinner, 2 lunches, 1 b-fast, 2 snacks, stove fuel, patch, and CG fees).

**Please bring \$85.00 (or \$40 for the 2-DAY trip) cash to the troop meeting on Monday, June 8, with the standard permission slip.** [http://www.troop212.net/forms/Troop212\\_Trip\\_Rel\\_GEN\\_2005.pdf](http://www.troop212.net/forms/Troop212_Trip_Rel_GEN_2005.pdf)

**Food Shopping:** NOT REQUIRED – Adults will purchase and distribute food Friday at gear distribution meeting.

**Uniform:** **Class B** or suitable backpacking clothes. Class A uniforms will not be required on this trip.

**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 (85°/40°) | <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Cloth                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Jacket                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brim Hat                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Small baggy of Handy-wipes, Toothbrush & paste  | <input type="checkbox"/> Matches or Flint              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Knife                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper & trowel                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Poncho or rain jacket & pants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight (small is best)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Canteen(s) filled with water – 2 liters minimum | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil or pen & small notepad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen and Chapstick        | <input type="checkbox"/> Mess Kit (utensils, bowl, mug, etc)             | <input type="checkbox"/> Rope – 10 Feet                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag and Pad          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Spray                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Small towel                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking boots and socks         |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses                    |

The troop owned backpacks will be available by appointment at John Douglas' house on Wednesday, June 10. Other troop owned equipment such as tents, water filters, stoves and cook pots, will be distributed on Friday evening. Please keep in mind that a full backpack should weigh no more than one-fourth the weight of the person carrying it.

Adventure Passes are required for each vehicle parked at the trail heads and campgrounds 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 John or Dan before the trip (refer to the ScoutTrack directory for phone numbers).

John Douglas and Dan Bass