

# Troop 212 Pioneering – November 2009

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

This will be the trip where the Scouts will be tested on their scout skills and ability to work as teams. The scouts will be given a scenario of being stranded in the desert following a major catastrophe. They will need to survive on their own at a patrol level as well as work together as a troop unit to overcome situations of survival emergency. They will move through a series of events designed to challenge them. Each patrol will build their own shelters and set up individual small colonies.

Scouts will pack their gear in backpacks for transport. They will have their camp stoves for breakfasts, and they will cook on fire Saturday night. Water is in limited supply on this outing. Each scout is required to show up with full canteens and hydration packs. The scouts will be using paper and disposables instead of washing dishes. Scouts will be required to carry their backpacks throughout the day. They should have their "Ten Essentials" readily available during the event rotations.

Patrols will be judged on their abilities, preparedness, scout spirit, teamwork, etc.

We will be hiking in the desert. Proper boots or sturdy shoes are a must. Desert weather is unpredictable. BE PREPARED

**Departure:** **Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** – Church parking lot. Please arrive promptly.

**Arrival:** **Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 3:30 PM** – Church parking lot.

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

**Location:** **Owl Canyon Campground, Barstow, Ca**

**Cost:** **\$21.00 / \$15.00** (1 dinner, 1 lunch, 2 breakfasts, camp fees, patch, and other program costs / \$15 includes gas). **Please bring \$36.00 CASH to the troop meeting on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, with the standard permission slip** which can be found on the website.

**Preparation:** Troop meeting, Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, Shelter building demo, Troop packs available.

**Food Shopping:** Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, Stater Bros at 7:00 PM

**Uniform:** **Full uniform during auto travel on Friday and Sunday.**

**At a minimum**, the following items should be packed:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate clothing<br>(Day low-70°/Night mid-40°) | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Spray            | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap and Comb                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brim Hat  | <input type="checkbox"/> Matches or Flint        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sturdy shoes and extra socks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass   | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils, Pens, Notebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Knife            | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen and Chapstick      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight  | <input type="checkbox"/> Poncho                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Cloth  | <input type="checkbox"/> Rope – 10 Feet          | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush & paste           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handy-wipes   | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Handbook          | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Jacket                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hydration pack or Canteen                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag and Pad    | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle                      |

The nights will be cold. Please bring warm clothes.

Members of the Badger Patrol will be assigned to each of the program events. All Patrols will be expected to demonstrate the following scout skills: Compass & Long Distance Measurements, Knots, Lashings, Shelter Building, Cooking on fire, Packing, Totin' Chip & Wood Splitting, Fire Building and First Aid.

Sunday lunch will be a stop in Barstow. Please send your scout with money to purchase their own.

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 Duane or John before the trip (refer to the ScoutTrack directory for phone numbers).

Yours in Scouting,

John Douglas, Scoutmaster, Theme Leader

Duane Jones, Adult Trip Leader