

Troop 212 Soaring – May 2010

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

This trip will give Scouts the opportunity to soar in a glider and earn much of, or the remainder of, their aviation merit badge. There will be a ground school in the morning for flying basics review and to discuss the requirements for the merit badge. Glider rides are only \$100 for Scouts (which is a generously discounted rate) and \$150 for adults for a 20 to 30 minute flight.

If you are not soaring, there is an opportunity to relax at camp or go hiking at Devil's Punchbowl Natural Area.

IMPORTANT: We will be camping in the high desert, therefore:

1. Make sure to bring, as a minimum, sunscreen, brimmed hat, canteen, or hydration pack.
2. The only shade will be the shade we bring. Adults, if you have an 'Easy Up' canopy, please bring it.
3. Since campfires are permitted, adults will need to bring some firewood.
4. Water is available at camp, but it is a bit of a walk. Therefore, we need some empty 5 gallon containers for truck transport from the spigot to the camp.

Meeting: Friday, May 21st at 7:00 PM – Church parking lot. Please arrive promptly to assist with vehicle loading. All hands assisting will ensure “on time” departure.

Departure: Friday, May 21st at 7:30 PM – This target must be met to ensure we not arrive in camp late.

Return: Sunday, May 23rd, at approximately 3:30 PM – Church parking lot. Please keep an eye on the troop Spot page to follow our progress to better estimate our arrival.
<http://share.findmespot.com/shared/faces/viewspots.jsp?qlld=0VT5i3oNbaOT5Sqd4eJeRBn8gaG2DdEX>

Location: **Southern California Soaring Academy, located at the Crystallaire Airport in Llano, CA**
<http://www.soaringacademy.org>

Cost for Scouts: \$15.00 / \$15.00 camping only (First \$15 covers 1 dinner, 1 lunch, 2 breakfasts, patch, and other program costs / second \$15 is for gas).

Scouts: Please bring \$30.00 CASH if you are *not* soaring, OR \$130 CASH if you *are* soaring, to the troop meeting on Monday, May 17th, with the standard permission slip which can be found on the website at http://www.troop212.net/forms/Troop212_Trip_Rel_GEN_2009.pdf

Cost for Adults: \$15.00 / \$15.00 camping only; (First \$15 covers 1 dinner, 1 lunch, 2 breakfasts, patch, and other program costs / second \$15 is for gas only if adult is not driving a vehicle).

Adults: Please bring \$30.00 CASH if you are *not* soaring or \$165.00 CASH if you *are* soaring to the troop meeting on Monday, May 17th.

Preparation: Troop meeting, Monday, May 17th, Desert Safety Review must be attended by all participating Scouts.

Food Shopping: Thursday, May 20th at 7:00 PM, Stater Bros at 6501 E Spring St near Palo Verde Ave.

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

Sunday Lunch: As usual, this will be fast food on the way home. Please make sure to have money.

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At a minimum, the following items should be packed:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate clothing
(Day Hi-80°/Night low-45°) | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Spray | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap and Comb |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wide Brimmed Hat | <input type="checkbox"/> Matches or Flint | <input type="checkbox"/> Sturdy shoes and extra
socks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass | <input type="checkbox"/> Mess Kit (utensils, bowl, mug, etc) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils, Pens, Notebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen and |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Knife | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapstick |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Cloth | <input type="checkbox"/> Poncho | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handy-wipes | <input type="checkbox"/> Rope – 10 Feet | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush & paste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hydration pack or Canteen | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Handbook | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking Boots | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag and Pad | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day pack for hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> Small towel | <input type="checkbox"/> Daypack |

As is the tradition of Troop 212, this will be a very safe outing, due to the diligence of all our adults during program time. The Buddy System will be employed during this outing for all Scouts and Adults during hike times and other “away from camp” activities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mike or John before the trip (refer to the ScoutTrack directory for phone numbers).

Yours in Scouting,

John Douglas, Scoutmaster
Mike Morse, Adult Trip Leader