

NOTICE OF TROOP #212 UPCOMING RAPPELLING TRIP

October 9 - 11 2009

Dear Scout & Scouter;

This has always been a fun and safe outing, so we expect it to be so again this year. We will meet at the Church parking lot on Friday, October 9th at 7:00 PM, and plan to depart at 7:30 PM SHARP for Joshua Tree – Indian Cove Campgrounds. Even though the theme is Climbing and Rappelling, all other rank advancement opportunities will be encouraged. This will also be a good trip to practice your Scout Craft Skills in preparation for the upcoming Pioneer Weekend. We expect the daytime temperatures to still be mild in the mid 80's, and the nights quit cool in the mid 50's. Please plan accordingly.

Full uniform will be worn during travel on Friday and Sunday. All Scouts should pack, as a MINIMUM:

- Extra socks & sturdy shoes
 - Sun Block-out,
 - Warm Jacket for evenings
 - Short pants for daytime use
 - Pens, Pencils, Notebook
 - Wide Brim Hat, Work Gloves
 - Sleeping bag & ground cloth
 - Personal eating utensils, bowl, and mug.
 - Scout Handbook , Water Bottle
 - Personal Flashlight & First Aid Kit
 - Compass, Poncho, Canteen, sunglasses
 - Soap, Comb, Chapstick
 - Tooth brush & paste
 - Insulated pad or air mattress
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- **The price per person for this trip is \$ 30 / \$15,** (the \$15.00 will be used to create a funding pool for gas reimbursement to the drivers) which we will be collecting during the Troop meeting on Monday October 5th. There will also be a cooking demo during Monday's meeting so all the attending scouts will be informed how to prepare Saturdays supper.
 - **The major components of climbing gear,** to include rope, webbing, carabiners, and safety helmets.
 - **Each Scout needs to purchase 15 to 19 feet of one inch webbing for a personal climbing harness and a locking carabiner...**as detailed during the troop meeting with the Scouts.
 - **Please plan on bringing water and water containers filled in advance.** There is water near the camp site area, but the one water source is a drive from our camp site.

We plan to depart from the campground on Sunday, at about 12:00 PM and stop for lunch on the way home. We will arrive at Long Beach at about 3:00 PM. Return times are always influenced by things beyond our control, such as how efficient we are during Sunday pack up time, and general weather conditions. Therefore, I encourage you to check the trip return hot line frequently for updates at **310-816-3510**. As is the tradition of Troop 212, this will be a very safe outing, due in no small way to the adult leadership who will assist by attending this trip.

Yours in Scouting,
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