

Troop 212 San Jacinto Backpack Trip June 2011

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

For the June trip we are heading to Mt. San Jacinto for a backpacking adventure. Our standard mandatory "bag check" on the Friday evening before will be in effect and we will be handing out food, stoves, fuel, and tents as usual. On Saturday morning we'll meet at 7am at the Church parking lot, and drive to Palm Springs. Please make sure to have had breakfast before we meet, since we will not be stopping along the way. When we arrive at Palm Springs, we will board the Aerial Tramway to the mountain station at an elevation of 8,516 ft. From here we will hike approximately 2.5 miles to our camp site at Tamarack Valley. We'll have lunch on the trail to the campsite and dinner in camp on Saturday night. Sunday morning we'll be getting up early, having a quick breakfast, and hiking to the peak of Mt. San Jacinto at 10,834 ft. All scouts are encouraged to participate on this hike with a day hike bag since we will be leaving the larger backpacks at camp. Lunch will be eaten at the summit. We'll then be heading back to camp, picking up our equipment and hiking back to the tramway for our descent down the mountain. While we do not plan on stopping for dinner on the way home, due to a full day's schedule, a quick snack stop may happen, so be prepared with some extra money.

Temperatures should be in the low to mid 70's during the day and a low in the low 50's at night.

Bag Check: Friday June 24, at 7:00 PM –We will meet in one of the Church meeting rooms to receive the final troop gear, food and then repack the backpacks accordingly.

Departure: Saturday, June 25, at 7:00 AM – Church parking lot. Please arrive promptly for final pack inspection and food distribution.

Return Arrival: Sunday, June 26, at approximately 6:30 PM – Church parking lot.

Location: Mt. San Jacinto via the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway
http://www.localhikes.com/Hikes/SanJacintoPeak_4472.asp
<http://www.pstramway.com/>
<http://www.troop212.net/letters/MtSanJacintoSPmap2.pdf>

Cost: \$45.00 / \$15.00 (\$45 includes aerial tram ticket, 1 dinner, 2 lunches, 1 breakfast, snacks, patch) (\$15 includes gas). Please bring \$60.00 cash to the troop meeting on Monday, June 20, with the standard permission slip which can be found on the website.

Food Shopping: Junior Leaders only will meet at 7:00 PM, at Stater Bros.on Thursday, for food shopping. This will be an easy and short shopping trip since the boys will be provided food lists, but we will then move the boys and all the food to the Church meeting room for repackaging in preparation for distribution on Friday.

Uniform: Class B or gray tee shirt.

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-70°/Night mid-50°) | <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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen and Chapstick | <input type="checkbox"/> Canteen filled with water | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils, Pens, Notebook |
| <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 the troop meeting on **Monday, June 20**. Other troop owned equipment such as tents, water filters, stoves and cook pots, will be available and distributed on Friday evening during the equipment check. Due to the chilly winds at night, all Scouts are expected to use either personal tents or troop tents. 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 scout carrying it.*

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 Russ or Camie before the trip (refer to the ScoutTrack directory for phone numbers).

Yours in Scouting,

Russ Turley & Camie Dean