

Troop 212 Scout Skills – March 2011

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

This year's scout skills weekend will include a shakedown training hike and an introduction to many other valuable skills scouts will need to survive and get the most fun out of upcoming campouts on the Troop 212 calendar.

Departure: Friday, March 18th at 7:00 PM – Church parking lot. Please arrive promptly.

Arrival: Sunday, March 20th, at approximately 4:30 PM – Church parking lot.

Location: **Anza Borrego State Park, Borrego Palm Canyon Group Campsites.**

http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=638

http://www.desertusa.com/anza_borrego/du_abp_camp.html

Cost: \$25.00 / \$20.00 (1 dinner, 2 lunches, 2 breakfasts, trail snacks, camp fees, patch, and other program costs / \$20 gas). **Please bring \$45.00 CASH to the troop meeting on Monday, March 14th with the standard permission slip which can be found on the website.**

Preparation: Troop meeting, Monday, March 7th, packing, hiking, desert camping demo.

Food Shopping: Thursday, March 17th, Stater Bros at 7:00 PM Patrol boxes will be used, except for Saturday's trail lunch and snacks. (Plan and shop accordingly)

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
(Day low-60°/Night low-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 hiking boots 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 Chapstick |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Knife | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Cloth | <input type="checkbox"/> Poncho | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush & paste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handy-wipes | <input type="checkbox"/> Rope – 10 Feet | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hydration pack or Canteen | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Handbook | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag and Pad | <input type="checkbox"/> Daypack to carry trail lunch and ten essentials |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Small towel | |

The nights will be cold. Please bring warm clothes.

The Junior Leaders and Scouters will be assigned to help with each of the program events. All Scouts should expect to work on the following scout skills: Compass & Long Distance Measurements, Trail Finding, Knots, Lashings, Tent Care & Set Up, Cooking, Packing, Kitchen Set Up, Day Hiking, Fire Building and First Aid.

We will be in Day hike mode following Saturday's breakfast. All should be wearing sturdy boots and have a day pack to carry their own water and trail food. The hike is an easy 3 mile round trip up a canyon to a natural spring oasis.

Sunday lunch will be on the road in Temecula. Please send your scout with cash. There are showers for those who remember to bring quarters.

(Carpooling is a must as parking spots are limited and this is a 140 mile drive.)

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, Duane, Fred, or Matt before the trip (refer to the ScoutTrack directory for phone numbers and or email information).

Yours in Scouting,

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John Douglas, Scoutmaster

Duane Jones, Adult Trip Leader

Fred Rawling and Matt Ankley, Adult Theme leaders