

## **BSA Troop 212, Bike Rodeo and Camping Trip at Firestone Camp, BSA.**

**We will meet for the Bike Rodeo on Friday March 9, at 7:00 PM in the Church Parking lot.** We will be camping at BSA Firestone Campground in Brea. Travel maps will be available while we are pacing the cars in the parking lot. Although having a bike will allow the Scout to participate in the events, it is not a requirement in order to go on this outing...and there may be bikes available for borrowing during some of the events. The troop owns two bikes, but they need to be serviced before the event, so if anyone has time to perform this duty, please make arrangements with the Scoutmaster. The Junior Leaders running the troop events promise this to be an especially exciting weekend of challenges, to include; slowest rider on steroids competition, Extreme uphill ride, team relay race, and of course the famous "Fear Factor" event with a special "twist" to challenge the skills of our scouts. Event ribbons and troop money awards will be given out on Sunday before we depart for home. We will be departing the camp and heading home on Sunday around 12 noon and since we will **NOT** be stopping for lunch, we should arrive at the church parking lot about 1:00 PM. As always, traffic may play a role in the time we arrive so please check Spot for travel updates.

**We also have some other events available to the boys at a minimal cost** –Firestone will provide instructors for Archery, Tomahawk Throwing and Sling Shot shooting. These events cost \$2 each for all day Saturday. The boys who would like to participate in these events will pay for an armband at "The Outpost" store. The events will be open from 9am to 12pm, and 1pm to 5pm. The Junior Leaders will organize the time for the weekend to enjoy both the camp provided event and the Troop Rodeo events.

**If you wish to participate on this trip, bring \$25.00/\$10.00 and the signed permission slip to the Troop meeting on Monday March 5<sup>th</sup>.** The Patrol Leaders will collect the money, permission slips, and prepare menus that evening with their patrol members. Since we will be eating on a Patrol Basis, all Patrol Members are responsible for assisting in food shopping for meals and field preparations.

**Food shopping is scheduled for Thursday, March 8th, 7:00 PM at our usual Stater Brothers location** near Palo Verde Ave & Spring Street. The Senior Patrol Leader will approve food lists, menus, and duty rosters before the Patrol Leader can be given the food shopping money.

**This is a spring camping trip so pack for warm days and cool evenings.** The minimum camping equipment is as follows:

Extra socks & sturdy shoes	Personal flashlight, first aid kit, 10 foot rope
Personal eating utensils, bowl, mug, & plate	Poncho, canteen, sunglasses, sun block
Insulated pad or air mattress	Pen, pencil, notebook, compass, matches
Sleeping bag & ground cloth	Soap, comb, Chapstick
Scout handbook	Tooth brush, tooth paste, small towel
Jacket for evenings, poncho	Wide brim hat, insect spray
Pocket knife, whistle, sunglasses	Day pack (Camelback), or bike water bottle

**Additionally, all participants in the bicycle ride must bring a DOT approve bicycle helmet**  
**NO HELMET = NO BIKE RIDING**

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. In addition to Adults required to camp with us, we might need a few drivers to get us to camp and return trip pick-up as well. Please contact the adult trip leader Tami Campbell, or the Senior Patrol Leader, if you are available to assist in any way.

**Yours in Scouting,  
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