

Troop 212 Scout Skills – April 20th-22nd 2012

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

This year's scout skills weekend will include a shakedown training hike and introduction to many valuable skills. A limited number of boys will be on a backpacking skills hike at the same location.

Departure: Friday, April 20th at 7:00 PM – Church parking lot. This is a 4-hour drive, please be prompt.

Arrival: Sunday, April 22nd, at approximately 4:30 PM – Church parking lot.

Location: **Anza Borrego State Park, Borrego Palm Canyon Group Campsites 1 and 2.**

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

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

Cost: **\$30.00 / \$20.00** (1 dinner, 2 lunches, 2 breakfasts, trail snacks, camp fees, patch, and other program costs / \$20 gas). **Please bring \$50.00 CASH to the troop meeting on Monday, April 16th with the standard permission slip which can be found on the website.**

Preparation: Troop meeting, Monday, April 9th, packing, hiking, desert camping demo, distribution of backpacks.

Food Shopping: Thursday, April 19th, Stater Bros at 7:00 PM Patrol boxes will be used, except for Saturday's trail lunch and snacks (plan and shop accordingly). For those backpacking, food will be bought in advance and distributed at food shopping.

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"/> Backpack for backpackers | <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, Knots, Lashings, Cooking and Sanitation, Packing, Kitchen Set Up, 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 daypack 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 mandatory as parking spots are limited and this is a 140 mile drive. No RV or trailer parking.

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

Yours in Scouting,

John Douglas, Scoutmaster

Duane Jones Adult Trip Leader

Matt Ankley, Adult Theme Leader