

Troop 212 Calico Triathlon

Meet at the Church Parking lot on Friday November 16th at 7:00 PM and plan to leave no later than 7:30 PM.

The last 1.5 miles to camp will be on a BLM maintained dirt road. Motor homes and trailers should be able to make it. We will be leaving Calico on Sunday around 12 noon and we will be stopping for lunch along the way home. We should arrive at the church parking lot close to 3:30 PM. As always, traffic may play a role in the time we arrive so please check Spot for travel updates.

Travel maps will be made available on line.

The 3 events of the Triathlon will be running, shooting and biking.

* The running portion will be 1.5 miles on a slight uphill grade on hard packed dirt and loose gravel. Bring appropriate footwear.

* The shooting portion will be based on accuracy. Each scout will have 5 shots with a BB rifle with a time deduction and/or penalty for hits and misses. Eye protection and BB rifles will be provided. Since boys scout rules mandate that scouts may not personally transport BB rifles, the troop will provide BB rifles for this event. **No scout is to bring their own BB rifle.**

* The biking portion will be a 2-3 mile course on a combination of hard packed dirt, loose gravel and sand, with up hill and down hill sections. A mountain bike or BMX style bike is recommended. **A bike helmet will be mandatory to participate.**

The winner will be determined by who ever has the shortest overall time to complete all 3 events.

*Afternoon activities will be scout skill reinforcement utilizing your map and compass skills using triangulation, knots and lashings and first aid. **Bring your compass pen or pencil and scout handbook.**

We will be camping "Randsburg Style" in the Calico Mountain range north of the ghost town. Therefore, we will need the attending adults to bring ice and water. The troop's water jugs will be available at the Monday night meeting before the trip. Adults attending this trip must attend the parent planning meeting on Tuesday 11/13. We also need Firewood for this trip.

The trip cost is \$20/\$10. Send money and a signed permission slip with your son to the Troop meeting on Monday November 12th. The Patrol Leaders will collect the money and 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 as well as field preparations and clean up.

Food shopping is scheduled for Thursday, November 15th, 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 fall camping trip so pack for warm days and cool evenings. The weather is forecasted for lows of 31 and highs of 67.

The minimum camping equipment is as follows:

Personal flashlight, first aid kit, 10 foot rope	Bike, helmet, gloves
Personal eating utensils, bowl, mug, & plate	Canteen, sunglasses, sun block
Insulated pad or air mattress	Pen, pencil, notebook, compass, matches
Sleeping bag & ground cloth	Soap, comb, Chapstick
Scout handbook, money for lunch on the way home	Tooth brush, tooth paste, small towel
Jacket for evenings, long underwear, poncho in case of rain	Wide brim hat, insect spray
Pocket knife, whistle	Day pack (Camelback), or bike water bottle

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. Please contact John Douglas, the adult trip leader Fred Rawling, or the Senior Patrol Leader, if you are available to assist in any way.

**Yours in Scouting,
John Douglas
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