

Troop 212 Scout Skills – April 12th – 14th 2013

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

This year's scout skills weekend will include an introduction for new Scouts to the many valuable skills necessary for the upcoming May Pioneering competition weekend. All experienced Scouts should see this as an opportunity to get refreshed on these skills, in order to do well in the May competition. The best performing patrols in May, in addition to winning ribbon awards, will also win more Scout Coins for their patrol to use later in the year, this trip in April could prove critical for all scouts.

Meeting: Friday, April 12th at 7:00 PM – Church parking lot. For gear loading, please be prompt.

Departure: Friday, April 12th at 7:30 PM – Church parking lot. There is a 90 minute drive to the camping location, depending on traffic.

Return Arrival: Sunday, April 14th, at approximately 4:00 PM – Church parking lot.

Location: **Rancho Jurupa Park - Riverside Campsites 1 and 2.** <http://www.riversidecountyparks.org>

Cost: **\$25.00 / \$10.00** (\$25 is reduced for the originally announced \$30 which will cover the cost of 1 dinner, 1 lunch, 2 breakfasts, camp fees, patch, and other program costs. Your successful Fund Raisers efforts will be used to support this price reduction. / \$10 for gas). **Please bring \$35.00 CASH or CHECK to the troop meeting on Monday, April 8th with the standard permission slip which can be found on the website.** All checks need to be made out to "BSA Troop 212".

Preparation: Troop meeting, Monday, April 8th Demo: proper compass & the ten essentials, knots and rope work.

Food Shopping: Thursday, April 11th, Stater Bros at 7:00 PM. Scouts are not to buy the main course meat for their Saturday night dinner at food shopping; however, they are still responsible for purchasing the remaining items of their Saturday dinner (vegetables, bread and beverage).

Uniform: **Full uniform during auto travel on Friday and Sunday.**

At a minimum, the following items should be packed with owners name on them;

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate clothing
(Day high ; 80°/Night low; 40°) | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Spray | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap and Comb |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brim Hat, Wide | <input type="checkbox"/> Matches or Flint | <input type="checkbox"/> Sturdy hiking boots and extra socks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass, approved as per demo | <input type="checkbox"/> Mess Kit (utensils, bowl, mug, etc) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit, personal | <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"/> Small can of spotted paint |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag and Pad | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Small towel | |

We expect the days to be quite warm, but the nights will be chilly. Please bring warm clothes for the evening

Selected Junior Leaders, in order to earn some Troop 212 Scout Coins, and all 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, Kitchen Set Up, Fire Building, and First Aid.

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

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

Yours in Scouting,

John Douglas, Scoutmaster

Jo Ann B, Adult Trip Leader

Steve D, Adult Theme Leader

Michael S, Scout Trip Leader

Andrew A. & Fred B. Co-Theme Leader