

# Troop 212 – Primitive Beach Camp on Catalina

June 2013

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

This month we are trying something new, and different, as you can tell from the title block above. So far this year, each of the monthly trips have been more High Adventure than the prior one, with an eye towards “being prepared” for the Great Survival Challenge in August...our June trip is no exception.

We will be using the Long Beach Sea Scouts boat, The Conquest, captained by Mr. Carkey, for transport to Parsons Beach on the far side of Catalina. We will be loading personal gear and troop gear onto the Conquest, on Friday, June 21 at 7:00 PM. We will be departing for a three hour boat ride, the next morning, Saturday, from the same Long Beach dock, at 6:00 AM SHARP.

Please pack all gear with the expectation your bag will fall into the water and then be dragged across the sandy beach upon landing, because there is no loading dock at the beach site.

The uniform for this event is Class B t-shirt, hat, swim trunks, sunscreen, and water shoes. All participants should expect to get very wet when departing the boat for the beach shoreline.

Food shopping is scheduled for Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, at Stater Bros. Scouts are reminded to shop for food that can be prepared at a primitive campsite similar to the version rehearsed on the last trip. In fact, each 8 person patrol should plan on receiving just the minimum equipment required, similar to last month’s trip, to include one cooking mess kit, one cooler, one black canvas bag for food carry, one of the two burner stoves with one propane tank, and two 5 gallon jugs of fresh water. There is no place to refill these water jugs, so water usage for cooking/washing should be kept to an efficient level.

We will **not** be providing troop tents, lexan food boxes, wood cook boxes or any other gear from troop storage....just what is listed above. More detailed shopping instructions will be shared with the boys during the Monday meeting for ease of menu planning decisions.

**Loading Meeting: Friday, June 21<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** – Boy Scout Sea Base lot. For gear loading, please be prompt.

**Boat Departure: Saturday, June 22, at 6:00 AM** – Same parking lot. Please arrive before departure time.

**Return Arrival: Sunday, June 23, at approximately 2:00 PM** – Same parking lot

**Cost:** **\$55.00** per person to cover the cost of camp fees, boat fuel, ice, food for three meals, to include 1 lunch, 1 supper, and 1 breakfast. **Please bring \$55.00 CASH or CHECK to the troop meeting on Monday, June 17 with the standard permission slip which can be found on the website. There is no extended deadline past the 17<sup>th</sup> for both the money and Permission Slip.** All checks need to me made out to “BSA Troop 212”.

Space on this trip is limited to 24 participants, which is why the sign up list for all interested in attending was announced and made available during the Court of Honor. Since the Court was a “whole troop in attendance” expected event, it gave all interested scouts equal opportunity to sign up. If you did not place your name on the sign up list a few weeks ago, but still want to attend this trip, you can request to be placed on the “stand by” list, on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup>, in the event of any last minute cancellations. Adults are requested to not attend this trip, in order to make more room for qualified, interested Scouts.

Scouts on this sign up list will be given first option to attend, only if these scouts attended the Pioneer Weekend, since this Catalina trip is an intense skills required spin off from the Pioneer Weekend, as indicated on the top of the Catalina Trip Sign Up List. If two scouts are tied with equal qualifications to attend, then the Rating Chart will be used to break any ties.

And of course, as in any BSA water event, for safety, an additional qualification to attend this trip is having passed the BSA swim test given during the April 29th troop meeting at the Belmont pool, or equivalent swim capable certification, as determined by the Scoutmaster

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate clothing<br>( <b>Day high ; 86°/Night low; 54°</b> ) | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Spray                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brim Hat, Wide   | <input type="checkbox"/> Matches   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Towel  | <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable Mess Kit (utensils,<br>bowl, mug, etc) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit, personal  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Knife                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight   | <input type="checkbox"/> Poncho  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Cloth   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rope – 10 Feet                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handy-wipes  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hydration pack or Canteen<br>(FILLED at home)                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Dry cloths for evening                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen and Chapstick  | <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter or tent, no troop tents<br>provided       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag and Pad                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jacket   |  |

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

Fishing gear on this adventure is allowed, as long as you have your proper California Fishing License with you.

As is the tradition of Troop 212, this will be a very safe outing. We will have a five watt radio with us to be in touch with the Sea Scout boat, and we will have SPOT with us, so families can monitor our return transport progress for timely Sunday pick up in Long Beach. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Scouting,

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