

Troop 212 Scout Skills – April 11th – 13th 2014

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

This year's scout skills weekend will include an introduction for new Scouts to the many valuable skills necessary in scouting and life. All experienced Scouts should see this as an opportunity to get refreshed on these skills, and may be called upon to teach. The Saturday afternoon will feature a contest to test the Patrols on skills learned this weekend and over the last year, in addition to winning Scout Coins, the best Patrol will earn a special prize. This trip in April could prove critical for all scouts.

Meeting: Friday, April 11th at 7:00 PM – Church parking lot. For gear loading, please be prompt.

Departure: Friday, April 11th at 7:30 PM – Church parking lot. There is a 90minute drive to the camping location, depending on traffic.

Return Arrival: Sunday, April 13th, at approximately 3:00 PM – Church parking lot.

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

Cost: **\$29.00 / \$10.00** (\$29 will cover the cost of 1 dinner, 2 lunches, 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 \$39.00 CASH or CHECK to the troop meeting on Monday, April 7th with the standard permission slip. Permission slip can be found on the website.** All checks need to be made out to " BSA Troop 212".

Preparation: Troop meeting, Monday, April 7th Demo

Food Shopping: Thursday, April 10th, Stater Bros at 7:00 PM. Scouts need to plan Sunday lunch and be able to feed their patrol plus adults. Adults will be assigned to a patrol for Sunday Lunch. Please make sure you buy enough food for 1 Dinner, 2 lunches, and 2 Breakfasts. This is to help those Scouts who are working on their Cooking Merit Badge.

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"/> Bacon Stretcher |
| | <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, Fire Building, and First Aid.

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 Shawn 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

Shawn F, Adult Theme Leader

Andrew A., Scout Trip Leader

Joseph S. & Fred B. Co-Theme Leader