

NOTICE OF TROOP 212 UPCOMING RAPPELLING TRIP

September 19 – 21 2014

Dear Scout & Scouter;

This has always been a fun and safe outing, so we expect it to be so again this year. We will meet at the Church parking lot on Friday, September 19th at 7:00 PM, and plan to depart at 7:30 PM SHARP for Joshua Tree – Indian Cove Campgrounds (site G4 and G5). Even though the theme is Climbing and Rappelling, all other rank advancement opportunities will be encouraged. We expect the daytime temperatures to still be mild in the mid 80's, and the nights quit cool in the mid 50's. Please plan accordingly.

Full uniform will be worn during travel on Friday and Sunday. All Scouts should pack, as a MINIMUM:

- Extra socks & sturdy shoes
 - Sun Block-out,
 - Warm Jacket for evenings
 - Short pants for daytime use
 - Pens, Pencils, Notebook
 - Wide Brim Hat, Work Gloves
 - Sleeping bag & ground cloth
 - Personal eating utensils, bowl, and mug.
 - Scout Handbook , Water Bottle
 - Personal Flashlight & First Aid Kit
 - Compass, Poncho, Canteen, sunglasses
 - Soap, Comb, Chapstick
 - Tooth brush & paste
 - Insulated pad or air mattress
- **The price per person for this trip is \$ 30/ \$15,** (\$30.00 will be used for campsite and food and the \$15.00 will be used to create a funding pool for gas reimbursement to the drivers). We will be collecting full payment and the standard troop permission slip for this trip during the Troop meeting on Monday September 15th. The standard permission slip may be downloaded from the Troop web site.
 - **The troop provides major components of climbing gear** to include rope, and safety helmets. Scouts will provide the webbing and carbiners.
 - **Each Scout needs to purchase 15 to 19 feet of one inch webbing for a personal climbing harness and a locking carabiner...**as detailed during the troop meeting with the Scouts.
 - **Please plan on bringing water and water containers filled in advance by picking up a 5 gallon troop container at the Monday, 15 September meeting.** There is water near the campsite area, but the one water source is a drive from our camp site.

We plan to depart from the campground on Sunday, at about 12:00 PM and stop for lunch on the way home. We will arrive at Long Beach at about 4:00 PM. Return times are always influenced by things beyond our control, such as how efficient we are during Sunday pack up time, and general weather conditions. Therefore, I encourage you to check SPOT frequently for updates. 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.

Yours in Scouting,
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