

Troop 212 Camping and Fishing Trip Mammoth Lakes, Ca. June 27-29, 2014

PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT COMPLETELY

Dear Scouts and Scouters:

This trip letter is very detailed for the camping and fishing trip to Mammoth Lakes, Ca. Mammoth Lakes is a spectacular destination for camping, hiking, fishing and sightseeing. On this trip, as part of our standard base camp program using Pine Glen Campground, we will fish the nearby streams and lakes, Saturday, and early Sunday in small groups. In addition to this standard base camp program, we will offer a high adventure option that includes backpacking to Duck Lake to fish, spend the night, and return the next day.

This backpacking option is limited to 14 qualified people (10 Scouts and 4 Adults) total due to permit availability. If you wish to go on the backpacking trip, be prepared to attend the practice qualifier hike on Saturday, May 31st, as announced in last weeks "Save this Date" e-mail. Please note; his is not a good first time backpack trip.

Also, this is a fishing trip, so you will need to bring your fishing gear with you. Having fishing gear is not a requirement to attend this trip, but it will be more interesting with fishing gear. The troop owns 6 fresh water fishing rods, and will be made available to any scout that reserves before the departure date.

In order for this trip to be fun and safe for all participants, careful considerations of the following details for the trip may be found on the following pages.

1. There will be several demos, covering topics that you will find useful on this trip. In addition, there will be a fishing field technique class on Saturday, May 31st, covering fish finding and tracking on Saturday, May 31st. See details below on the following pages for information.
2. Prizes will be awarded for various fishing criteria. More details on this will be provided at the time of the event.
3. There will be a fish fry dinner Saturday night in the Pine Glenn base camp. Please have the fish you have caught prepared (cleaned) and in the camp by 4pm so that dinner preparations can be finalized. Please note that fish cleaning is not allowed in the Pine Glenn campground.
4. In preparation for this and our 60th anniversary trip to Jackson Lake this August, there will be a Bear awareness class for the entire troop at the meeting on June 23rd.
5. Please visit the Troop web site for additional information, including directions to the camp ground, the campground map, and a fishing gear checklist.

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 Fred or Moses before the trip (refer to the ScoutTrack directory for phone numbers). Parents that wish to track the troop on the return trip may do so by checking the SPOT information on the troop website. Scouts will also be encouraged to call their parents when they get close to the church.

Please note there are 3 sections to this information document. Please review each section completely.

Section 1: June Fishing Trip Schedule and Information

Section 2: June Fishing Trip Packing List Information

Section 3: June Fishing Trip Preparation Day Schedule & Information

Section 1; June Fishing Trip Schedule and Information

Meeting: Friday, June 27th at 5:30 AM - Church parking lot with gear ready to go. **Please be prompt.**

Departure: Friday, June 27th at 6:00 AM – to avoid traffic and to get up there at a reasonable hour. We expect all participants to have had breakfast prior to departure, and have a bag lunch with drink packed for this trip. The trip is roughly 6 hours.

Return: Sunday, June 29th estimated 7:00-8:00 PM - Church parking lot (assuming noon departure from Mammoth) Lunch will be at the Pine Glen Campsite with noon departure. Please bring some money for a quick dinner stop on the way home Sunday night.

Gas stops will be made in Mojave and Bishop.

Location: Pine Glen Campground, Mammoth Lake, Ca., campsites 7 and 9
Just beyond Shady Rest Campground at Main Street (Highway 203) and Sawmill Cutoff Road in Mammoth Lakes. We are limited to 8 vehicles per campsite (16 cars total, troop trailer rig counts as 3 cars) This campground has potable water and flush toilets, but no showers. Showers are available at a different facility across the street for \$6.

Preparation: Fishing demos will be given on the following dates.
Saturday May 31 (field training: stream fishing techniques, East Fork, San Gabriel River)
Monday, June 2 (bring your fishing gear, troop gear will be available on a limited basis)
Monday, June 9 (hook knots, rigging for stream or lake fishing, casting, bring your fishing rods)
Monday, June 16 (lake fishing techniques. leave no trace)
Monday, June 23 (Bear Aware Class for all Troop Members)

Backpacking practice qualifier hike Will be on Saturday, May 31. At the East fork, San Gabriel River, Bridge to Nowhere. This hike or equivalent evidence of experience is mandatory for participation in the backpacking portion of the trip. See below for more information.

Cost: \$38.00/\$20 per person. \$38 will cover Food/supplies/ice for 6 Meals (FriSup, SatBr, SatLu, SatSup, SunBr, SunLu), Camp Fees and other costs. \$20 will cover fuel costs. Carpooling required due to campground parking limit of 13 vehicles and 1 troop trailer.

Backpacking additional cost: \$10 per person to cover backpacking food and permits.

If plan on attending, bring \$58.00 P/P (\$68 if you are backpacking) and our standard signed permission slip to the Troop meeting on deadline day of Monday, June 22nd. The Patrol Leaders and Patrol Scribes will collect the money and permission slips from their patrol members. NO COLLECTIONS AFTER MONDAY.

Backpacks: All backpackers will need to have a backpack. Troop backpacks will be available on Friday, May 30th from the Scoutmasters house, alley way garage entrance, for anyone needing to borrow one from 7 PM to 8 PM. After 8 PM the Scoutmaster will not be home.

Backpackers meeting: Backpacking stoves, tents, bear canisters and food will be checked out to backpackers at the mandatory **Backpackers meeting on Thursday, June 26, 7pm** at the church.

Troop Meals: Our meals will be prepared Troop style, rather than Patrol style on this trip, so everyone is expected to pitch in where needed. Backpackers will be split up in groups of 3 for gear and food storage sharing.

Food Shopping: Troop Feed shopping team will meet Wednesday, June 25, 7PM at Costco in Lakewood.

Uniform: Class A uniform will be worn during auto travel to and from Mammoth on Friday and Sunday.

Fishing License: Adults and Scouts that are 16 years or older are required to purchase their own fishing license. A two day license may be purchased in Mammoth on Friday or you may purchase one locally.

Section 2; June Fishing Trip Packing List Information

Weather: Expected Daytime temperatures up to 80°/Nighttime low temperatures down to 30° at Base Camp. Backpackers should expect night time temperatures as low as 20°. Prepare accordingly.

PINE GLEN CAMPERS (Base Camp) :

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate clothing | <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"/> Fishing Gear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Day pack | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag and Pad | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Small towel | |

BACKPACKERS:

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> Poncho/Rain Gear | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Spray !! |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack | <input type="checkbox"/> Small baggy of Handy-wipes, | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brim Hat (suitable for rain!) | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush & paste | <input type="checkbox"/> Matches or Flint |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Knife | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper & trowel | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils, Pens, Notebook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight (small is best) | <input type="checkbox"/> water bottle filled with water | <input type="checkbox"/> Rope – 10 Feet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen and Chapstick | <input type="checkbox"/> Mess Kit (utensils, bowl, mug, etc) | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Sleeping Bag and Pad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Small towels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking boots, extra socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comb | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire starter | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing gear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Bear Canister (shared) | <input type="checkbox"/> Trash bag/Ziploc bags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ace bandage | <input type="checkbox"/> trail snacks | <input type="checkbox"/> biodegradable soap |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mole skin | | <input type="checkbox"/> aluminum foil |

Note: all items are either worn or carried on your back, so there is a premium for packing light

Section 3; June Fishing Trip Preparation Day Schedule & Information

The Saturday, May 31st **Fishing Preparation Field Training Trip** and the **Backpacking Practice Qualifier Hike** will start at the East fork of the San Gabriel River. Both groups will meet and depart at the same time. Each group will have a different return times. See the appropriate section below for more detailed information on each group.

The Stream Fishing Field Training is open to scouts and scouters who are planning to stream fish on the Mammoth trip.

The Backpacking Practice Qualifier Hike is open to the scouts and scouters who are planning on backpacking to Duck Lake.

Permission slips are required for both groups, and will be collected on the morning of departure.

Meeting: Saturday, May 31st at 6:30 AM - Church parking lot
Departure: 6:45 AM sharp - Church parking lot.

Stream Fishing Field Training

Return: 1:00 PM - Church parking lot.
Food: Bring trail food for snacking and bring \$10 for lunch on the way home.
Uniform: Class B uniforms

The goal is to physically teach stream fishing techniques such as stalking and fish finding using a 2-3 mile stretch of the San Gabriel River as our teaching aid. Attendees will be required hiking along the river and through brush over uneven ground while the instructors teach you how to read the river. Do not bring any fishing gear. You will need a day pack with the 10 essentials, trail snacks and 2 liters of water minimum. Hiking boots and walking sticks are recommended. You may also get wet so plan accordingly.

Backpackers Practice Qualifier Hike

This is a **mandatory** hike for the scouts and scouters intending to backpack to Duck Lake. This hike is intended to be an evaluation opportunity for the real trip. The hike to Duck Lake is very strenuous and given the short amount of prep time, should be only be attended by experienced backpackers who are physically capable of a 5 mile one way hike starting at 9,000 feet and ending at 12,000 feet. The hike to the Bridge to Nowhere is a low elevation hike but will be a total of 10 miles (5 up and 5 back) with only 800 feet of elevation gain.

Return: 5:00 PM - Church parking lot.
Location: East fork of the San Gabriel River hike to the Bridge to Nowhere
Food: Bring trail food for snacking and a sack lunch to eat at the bridge. Bring some money for a food stop on the way home.
Uniform: Class B uniforms
Gear: Bring backpack that is packed so that it weighs close to what you expect to be carrying on the June trip. Please bring fishing gear to check for adequate stowage. Bring 3 liters of water so we can avoid having to filter water. Also, the extra water can be counted as weight in your pack. There are several stream crossings, so a hiking stick is recommended.

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