

Troop 212
2015 Spring Backpacking Trip to Dollar Lake, San Gorgonio Wilderness Area
May 15th to 17th

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

Troop 212 is pleased to announce our Spring Backpacking trip to Dollar Lake near Mount San Gorgonio. This is a 6.6 mile moderately difficult trek through the San Gorgonio Wilderness, and is open to all scouts and able bodied adults. Time and weather permitting, there will be an option for a trek to the Mount San Gorgonio peak to elevation 11,499 on Saturday after the hike to camp. We will be spending Friday night at Camp Tahquitz, and then getting up early Saturday morning for a troop breakfast and then off to the trailhead. Lunch on Saturday and Sunday will be on the trail, and will be furnished **by each scout**, so plan accordingly. Due to water being scarce at Dollar Lake, we may camp down from the lake at the river crossing.

Meeting Time: **Friday, May 15, at 7:00 PM** – Grace Church parking lot. Please arrive promptly.

Departure Time: **Friday, May 15, at 7:30 PM** – This means loaded up and moving wheels at 7:30pm.

Return: **Sunday, May 17, at approximately 4:30 PM** – Grace Church parking lot.

Location: Dollar Lake via the South Fork Trail near Camp Tahquitz in the San Gorgonio Wilderness.

Cost: **\$16.00 / \$15.00** (\$16 includes troop breakfast Saturday morning, 1 freeze dried dinner for Saturday night, 1 backpacking breakfast, patch / \$15 includes gas). **Bring a lunch for Saturday and Sunday.**

Please bring \$31.00 cash to the troop meeting on Monday, May 11, with the standard permission slip which can be found on the website. **Because of the preparations involved, we will not be accepting late payments. Please have your money and permission slips on Monday.**

Bag Check: **Mandatory Bag check Thursday, May 14th 7pm** at the Church. Food and troop tents, stoves, and cooking pots will be distributed at this meeting. Please bring fully packed backpacks to this meeting.

Backpacks: A limited number of backpacks will be available at the Troop meeting **Monday, May 11th**.

Uniform: Class A uniforms for Friday night travel. Class B or gray tee shirt for backpacking.

Packing Tips: Be aware of the weight of the items you bring. Don't bring anything you do not intend to use (except the first aid kit and rain poncho). Don't skimp on the warm clothes as it may get cold at night. Remember Please keep in mind a full backpack should weigh no more than ¼ the weight of the person carrying it. Packs will be weighed at the mandatory bag check meeting on Thursday.

The following item should be packed in a backpack as a minimum. (No black duffels)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate clothing
(Day 50's-60s°/Night low 30s°) | <input type="checkbox"/> Compass | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Spray |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brim Hat & pull over hat | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking boots and 4pr socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm clothes and jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Knife | <input type="checkbox"/> Small baggy of Handy-wipes, Toothbrush & paste | <input type="checkbox"/> Matches or Flint |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight (small is best) | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper & trowel | <input type="checkbox"/> Poncho or rain jacket & pants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen and Chapstick | <input type="checkbox"/> Canteen or blatter filled with water – 2 liters min. | <input type="checkbox"/> Rope – 10 Feet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit with Mole Skin | <input type="checkbox"/> Mess Kit (utensils, bowl, mug, etc) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag and Pad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black plastic trash can bag | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle | <input type="checkbox"/> Small towel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 essentials | <input type="checkbox"/> Light weight gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Long underwear | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch for Saturday and Sunday |

Trip Notes:

We may stop at A&W in Mentone on the way home for lunch so bring some cash for lunch on Sunday. Also, Adventure Passes are required for each vehicle parked at the trailhead so drivers are encouraged to bring them.

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 Douglas, Ron Brisson, or Doug McIntosh before the trip (refer to the ScoutTrack directory for phone numbers).

Yours in Scouting,

John Douglas